



Kemble Primary School

1st October 2018

10 OCTOBER

Kemble Open Morning
9.15-11.30

12 OCTOBER

Harvest Festival
9.15am All Saints
Church
Interim Reports Out

15 OCTOBER

Parents evening 5-
7pm

15 OCTOBER

Start of Bike ability
Week for Year 6

17 OCTOBER

Parents evening
3.15-5.15pm

19 OCTOBER

Break up for Half
Term—End of term 1

29 OCTOBER

Return to school—
start of Term 2

Our Vision—To have fun, do our very best and to look after everyone in a caring community.'

This Terms Assembly Theme is: RESPECT

Dear Parents and Carers,

**WELLBEING & RESILIENCE
RESOURCES** - A message from
Mrs Morrogh-Ryan

We were lucky to be able to host a very informative evening last week addressing the issues around supporting your child. The focus was on our understanding of resilience and appreciating its importance for well-being, finding ways to encourage children to manage their feelings and exploring what they can do for themselves and helping them to realise when they need support. We know many of you were not able to attend and we are now able to share the resources given at the evening. I do hope you find them of interest and would be happy to discuss any concerns / questions you have. Please do keep an eye on the website for more PSHE resources and information. The handouts from the evening are attached with this newsletter.

ATTENDANCE - Please can we remind parents that taking time off during the term is not authorised unless families have an exceptional circumstance such as a death or serious illness in the family, services families who need to take time off together before or after a tour or other circumstances that are unusual. We cannot authorise holidays at any time during the term. The DfE set a target of 100% attendance and the normal time off for illness is usually only 3%, so children should be able to attend at least 97% of the time. It has been found that children who have time off over 5% may not do as well academically due to lost



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS - Please remember that secondary school applications should be made no later than 31st October 2018 and should be made online if possible.

PARENT HEAD CHATS - Feedback from both schools was gathered:

- Lots of praise for start of year etc Parents like the buddy system - Y6 & R
- Trips have gone down well so far and parent teacher chats. Teachers to put their topic webs on the classroom doors please.
- Parents liked the PHSCE conference (more like that please!)
- Parents like the fact that they can now consent on line. Parent pay is good - no issues so far
- Communication is better - they like the reminders! Shame when they are not given enough notice (wrong trousers!) - we are sorry about that Siddington parents.
- If teachers can give the nod to parents if their children are going to get an award that would be helpful - but not always possible.
- Please can the bell be rung on time - URGENT as parents need to get away for work.
- Please can teachers take the children in quickly when the bell is rung - R in first then they may not cry as much. Good point! Parents can leave children in the playground once staff are there.
- Office staff can you look at Eduspot APP and see if it can help school
- Governors to organise a parent gov meeting in year. Governor details are on our website.

Please remember that if you cannot attend the parent meeting, then please email or verbally feedback to the school office, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Hamlett or Mrs Dougill - we really do value your feedback and want to make sure that school runs as smoothly as possibly for everyone

In Kemble if you want to pass on any comments then you can also do so via Mrs Holly Wills R & KS1 or Mrs McKay KS2 who have kindly said they are happy to act as liaison parents.

HEALTHY EATING / PUBLIC HEALTH ENGLAND (PHE) - Each year the National Child Measurement Programme takes place. Children in the Reception class and in Year 6 are measured and the statistics from each school are noted. No children are named or mentioned, but this is a way for statistics to be gathered. PHE let schools know what our children are measured at compared to the National average. Our school cohorts were too small last year, but local statistics were:

23% of Reception children are obese or overweight in Gloucestershire compared to 22% in England

32% of Year 6 children are obese or overweight in Gloucestershire compared to 34% in England



In order to help children keep healthy, please try not to allow sugary snacks such as biscuits, cake or sweets in between meals - maybe keep them for a once per week treat. Teach children to carry out an active hobby such as daily walking, cycling or a sport. School helps with keeping children healthy by offering good quality meals that follow the school meal guidance, teaching children about healthy choices in PHSCE and by encouraging daily exercise (the daily mile or Wake & Shake type activities) and encouraging children taking up a sport through our after school clubs. If you think your child is overweight or becoming overweight and you need help to manage this, then please come and speak to a teacher or Mrs Rogers our PE lead or Mrs Morrough-Ryan our PHSCE lead.

MRS DOUGILL'S TIMETABLE - please be aware that there are times when Mrs Dougill has to swap schools or not be available due to meetings and conferences - Mrs Hamlett & Mrs Armstrong are available at all times.

	Morning	Lunchtime	Afternoon
Monday	Siddington & worship	Kemble	Kemble & assembly
Tuesday	Kemble	Siddington	Siddington
Wednesday	Siddington - beg of day	CET work & DHT	Kemble- end of day
Thursday	Kemble	Siddington	Siddington & pupil worship planning
Friday	Siddington & Worship	Kemble	Kemble & Assembly

CET - Corinium Education Trust
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DHT - Dedicat-

Assembly / worship days were swapped to make it fair for parents in both schools (this was shared with parents last term - so sorry if you did not get the newsletter about this.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOTICE - Last week the planned fundraiser for our local defibrillator clashed with the school photographer so the school council would like to offer a non-uniform day planned for Friday 19th October. The children can bring in £1 if they wish to wear non-uniform. Any money raised will go towards the defibrillator in Kemble (opposite the school), along with the money that was raised selling the healthy smoothies last week.



HARVEST - Our harvest celebration and thanks is on Friday 12th October. We would love to pack All Saint's church and welcome all. Parents please make your way to the church after dropping your children off as normal for a 9:15am start. Please keep the first 2 rows of pews free for children. If you wish to drop off any items to be donated to Cirencester Food Bank, then we would be very grateful - please display these on and around the altar - thank you.



OPEN MORNING - Our annual open morning is on Wednesday October 10th. This is a chance for new / prospective parents and current parents to come and see the school in action. We would really like as many parents to come along as possible and tell your friends, especially those with younger children who maybe deciding which school they would like to choose. There will be a range of activities the children will be engaged in and you can see the forest school in action too! We look forward to seeing you 9:15am to 11:15am. If any parents would like to help serve teas and coffees during the morning and be there to chat to parents in the hall, then please let us know. If you cannot make the morning, but would like to help, then a donated cake would be amazing! Thank you.

FOOTBALL REPORT

Deer Park football tournament by Reuben Peacock

On Monday 17th September 8 children went to take part in a football tournament at Deer Park. The team was; Freya, Sienna, Matilda, Jasper, Oscar, Harry, Arthur and Reuben.

Matilda and Jasper pulled off some great saves in goal and we scored some cheeky goals. We were placed in a strong group with teams from Sapperton and two from Stratton and two from Powells. We ended the group stage 2nd having only lost one game. We were placed into the Gold cup where the winners and second placed teams played each other. Unfortunately, we lost to eventual winners Chesterton 1-0. In the third/fourth playoff game v Powells they scored a lucky goal and won the match.

Overall, we came 4th out of 16 and performed really well.



MESSAGE FOR BEECH PARENTS—BOOK BAND COLOUR SCHEME

We have recently re-banded our phonics reading scheme. Thank you for your patience whilst we have been transitioning. The colours are new (in line with the Nationally recognised book bands) and there are more bands. The new colours are in a small chart on the inside sleeve of your child's reading record, and are also attached as a document with this newsletter.

MATHLETICS AND SPELLODROME As you are probably aware all children in Years 1 - 6 have access to the online learning sites Mathletics and Spellodrome from 3P learning. These are both fantastic sites to encourage regular practise of key maths concepts and spelling patterns and key words. In order to help parents become more aware of how their children are doing, there is the option of setting up a regular weekly email update. This is free and easy to do and will send you a weekly report on progress, improvement and time spent online. In order to register you will need your child's log on details and visit the site www.mathletics.com/parent. If you are not sure of your pupils log in details please see their class teacher who can provide you with a copy of the log in card.

NEW GOVERNOR - We would like to welcome Mrs Emily Ball to our governing body / advisory board. Emily is a secondary school teacher, but is currently on maternity leave. Emily lives in Kemble and her family has lived in Kemble and locally for many years - welcome to the team!

MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

Please can parents and children take home their belongings at the end of each day and check thoroughly on Fridays as we seem to be collecting a range of lunch boxes and water bottles...

PARENT PAY—Thank you for all moving over to Parent Pay. We hope you are finding it easier to pay for trips and ASC and BC. Please note, if you were not aware, the system for ASC and BC works like the school dinners. You can deposit a sum for each of these items, say £25 into your ASC and/or BC account and then when each time your child uses ASC, or BC the relevant sum is taken from this amount. You do not have to pay for each session individually. BUT, you have to allocate the money to the right area, for example you cannot allocate one sum to cover dinners, trips, ASC and BC. If you are still a little unclear, please pop into the office.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

POPPY W, LOTTIE P, MILLA

