



# Kemble Primary School

19th November 2018

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James Dyson  
Foundation Project  
work—Years 5 and 6

23 November  
Parent Head Chat  
2.00pm

29 November  
Year 3/4 10 week  
block of Violin  
Lessons finishes.  
Music assembly for  
Y3/4 parents 11am—  
12pm

7 December  
Years 5 & 6  
'A Christmas Carol'  
at Deer Park School

10 December  
Aladdin Panto  
Everyman Theatre,  
Cheltenham

12 December  
4 Front Theatre—  
Baptist Church  
1.30pm (finish  
2.35pm)

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

**This Terms Assembly Theme is: Good to be me**

Dear Parents and Carers,

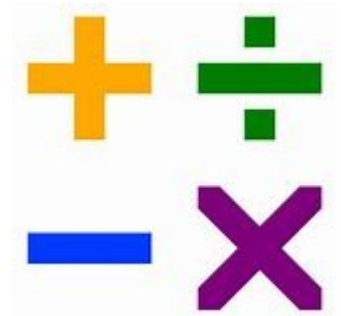
### Magical maths:

Part of our school development is to develop maths progress across all year groups. An analysis of the SATS papers and end of year and term assessments show that we have a few children who do still find the basics hard to grasp. In class, after lunch, children come in and are engaged in maths tasks for 10 minutes, which can include re-capping from the morning if they were stuck on the learning, going over times tables or number bonds, or working with a friend on a maths challenge. The times table testing is being initiated next May for Year 4 children and in order to prepare we are giving children lots of opportunities to play with number! I know that sometimes the Mathletics website struggles on certain tablets, but if you want to have a go at some new things, try these websites:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/mental-maths>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>

**Looking after children** - please can I remind parents that they are responsible for their children in the morning until they either leave the school site or the children are delivered in the line to the class teacher. Please can everyone make sure that their children are well behaved and respectful to others - thank you.



## FUNDRAISING



Thank you to those who purchased poppies. £32.83 was made for the poppy appeal.



Last Friday £154.12 was raised for Children in Need. Thank you very much.

Thanks to all those parents who purchased products relating to their child's Christmas card design. This has raised the school a total of £168.63 commission from Class Fundraising, which will go towards the purchase of Christmas crafts for your child to enjoy in class.

**2019/20 ACADEMIC CALENDAR** - We have issued the 2019/2020 academic calendar early this year and a copy is also on the school website. Please can we ask parents to only book holidays during the school holiday period as time booked off during the term time will not be authorised.



**PERSONAL PROPERTY** - Please can we remind parents to ensure their child's name and class is put onto all property. Please can we also ask parents to reinforce the message to children that we do not use or take other peoples things.

**KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE-** As children have access to screens, phones and tablets, often when they are on their own, it is vital that parents look into keeping the devices safe. All children can be curious about sex, nudity etc. and by making devices safe and talking to your children about what appropriate or not can really help make sure they only see things that are age appropriate.



Please use the ThinkUKnow website, an education and safety advice programme, and the parent & carer section for details. The best advice is to only allow children up to 12 to use devices in a room where an adult is present - that way you can check to make sure children only access age appropriate material and that they are not being groomed.

ThinkUKnow Website : <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

## Behaviour Policy

The Behaviour Policy is available on the website, but we are attaching with this newsletter a copy for your reference. If parents would like to give feedback on the policy, Mrs Dougill would be very happy to accept comments and suggestions to help behaviour improve.

## Parent Pay—Setting up an email alert for a low balance

It would **REALLY** help the school office if parents kept their ParentPay accounts in credit which meant that the Office did not have to chase parents. We know it is hard to keep a track on this but you can set up an alert as follows:

Login to account> communications> change alert settings> then from there they can tick to allow the alerts and then set the amount and save.

## Cirencester Foodbank

Cirencester Foodbank have written to thank us for the generous donation of 87.5kg of food from the harvest collection. The Foodbank said this will help families in crisis in Cirencester, Fairford and Tetbury and the surrounding villages to put food on the table. In October schools, churches, the WI and other groups donated an incredible 4.7 tonnes of food.



## Travelling Book Fair

Our recent Book Fair was a great success with a total of **£623.37** books sold. This gives us **£314.02** to spend on replenishing our books stocks across school and in the classrooms.

Thanks to everyone who supported it and a special thanks to the teachers and children who helped as "shopkeepers"!

Mrs Armstrong



**Gloucestershire**

## WILDLIFE QUIZ

Chestnut class have been invited to take part in the annual primary schools wildlife quiz but we need a parent to come in and help prepare the children. If you are able to do this, we would be so grateful as the children love taking part. Please contact the office if you can help.



### Collecting your Christmas tree - for charity !

Have your tree collected and recycled, just after Twelfth Night, and help a highly valued local charity.

Longfield will collect the tree from your home between January 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and recycle it for you, in return for a donation. All you need to do is register before 6.00pm on Sunday January 6<sup>th</sup> and make your donation, online or by phone.

The money raised will help to pay for Longfield's Hospice at Home nurses. They provide specialist support, day and night, on every day of the year (including Christmas Day !) and the service is completely free of charge. So please be generous in donating to Longfield this Christmas and support people in your community, when they need it most.

For more information or to register go to <https://www.longfield.org.uk/event/christmas-tree-recycling> or ring 01453 886868 (option 1).



### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Phoebe L, Theo P, Jacob L, Chance C, Matilda R, Ollie U

# HORSE CHESTNUT TRIP TO GREYSTONES



On the 12 of November 2018, Y3 and Y4 went on a school trip to Greystone farm to learn about rivers and wildlife. First we went over to the River Eye with our tour guide Cat. We all had a turn at Kick Sampling and some of us were lucky enough to find Bull-head fish and river shrimps. We even found fish leeches. Next, we had a picnic lunch in the meadow. When it rained, we saw a beautiful triple rainbow. After that, we went into the woods to learn about habitats and mini beasts. Beth and Lottie found a strange creature under a log. At first, not even Cat could identify it, but she thought it was a newt. We really all enjoyed the trip and can't wait to visit Greystones again.

Bella and Beth.