



Autumn

10th September 2021

Nurturing each and all. Guiding, Trusting, Inspiring and Celebrating

Dear Families,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely Summer break. It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back. We would like to extend a special welcome to all our new families; we hope you will soon become immersed in our lovely school community.

We are greatly encouraged by the way all the children have returned to school and how quickly they are all settling into their new classroom routines. It has been a very calm start to the new school year and we are very proud of all the children; they are a credit to you.

We have been busy planning and preparing for this term and there is lots to be done! Charterville class are discovering the secrets of Tutankhamun, Lovell are being transported back to Ancient Greece, Dovecote are taking a trip down Memory Lane, Wenrisc will be finding out about some of the amazing inventors who have shaped our world and Little Minster will be starting the term bird watching, particularly owl spotting! Termly topic webs will be on your child's class page on the website shortly. Please keep an eye on the diary for future dates and activities.



This term our value is *friendship*; always a good one to start the new year with! Throughout the school, we will be discussing and thinking about the importance of friendship and how we need to work at it and to accept that friendships change and challenges can arise. We have joined together for assemblies and it has been lovely to see our school community back together once more.

School Council elections will be taking place later this month and children are encouraged to put themselves forward. Class teachers will be organising this and Mrs Tudge will be supporting the School Council.

Lunchtime sports clubs will resume next week. Mr Smith will be leading these and the children are able to take up a place within school.

ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCE PROCEDURES

If your child is absent, please notify the school office each day that your child is away, either by email or telephone. All absences will be followed up. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date. Please do not send your child to school if they are poorly.

Respect, Honesty, Friendship, Compassion, Thankfulness, Wisdom

EASY FUNDRAISING

Please can I remind you about the site Easy Fundraising. This is a cashback site and, if you sign up using the referral link below, the St Kenelm's School Association will receive £5 for every person that signs up. Thereafter, every time you shop through the site, the SKSA receive a percentage, thereby helping to raise much needed funds for the school.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stkenelmsschool/?invite=7GL548&referral-campaign=c2s>

COMMUNICATION

If you have a concern, or need to speak to your child's class teacher, then please contact us through the following channels:

- Messages can be relayed via the staff member on the gate in the morning
- The best route, during the school day, is to email the school office. Messages can be passed on to teachers, who will then get back to you when they are not teaching. Please email: office.3125@st-kenelms.oxon.sch.uk
- You can phone on 01993 775394 and leave a message on the answerphone.

DROP OFF & PICK UP

Thank you for helping us at the start and the end of the day by using the appropriate gates. Using three gates enables us to avoid staggering the school day and has greatly reduced the amount of traffic on Wenrisc Drive. Please can I request that you park considerately and, if at all possible, walk to school to help reduce the traffic outside school. We will be reviewing our procedures at the end of this month.

COVID

Although restrictions nationally have lifted, we are still seeing positive COVID cases within the school community. NHS Test and Trace will be identifying and contacting families of children who may have been in contact with a positive individual from now on. We will be continuing to work with Public Health England to inform parents when there has been a positive case in school. Please remember that anyone, who develops any of the COVID-19 symptoms (high temperature, new continuous cough, loss of taste or smell), or has a positive test, should not attend school and should follow the public health advice on when to self-isolate:

NHS guidance on when to self-isolate: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

COVID-19 infection stay at home guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-homeguidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

MEDICATION

If your child needs to have medication during the school day, you are required to complete a consent form to enable us to administer it. Please email the office to obtain a consent form when required. We are unable to administer medicine unless it is in its original packaging.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

