



SUMMER

19th July 2022

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

Dear Families,

With soaring temperatures, we have limped to the end of term and I believe we are all ready for the holiday. The term has been packed to the brim with learning, activities, fun and laughter – I don't think we could have squeezed any more in!

The highlight of this term has been welcoming you all back on site to join us for Sports Day. It was so lovely to see so many of you there. We had a super morning with all the children displaying our school values; supporting, helping and encouraging each other with a positive attitude to being competitive and yet immersing themselves in the spirit of the games. Children in Year 2 and Year 6 have completed their SATs; we are so incredibly proud with how they all stepped up to the challenge (Year 6 possibly helped by receiving a cooked breakfast each morning – Thank you Mrs Hill for starting the day so well for us). The Year 2 children participated in the Partnership Singing Festival (on another incredibly hot day) and performed brilliantly along with over 100 other children. Year 6 had their residential at Hill End (special thanks to Mrs Ayris, who stayed both nights and Mrs Tudge and Miss Boyer, who also supported us). Lovell class were lucky enough to be able to visit RAF Brize Norton and have a guided tour around a C17. Thank you to Mr Baldwin for arranging this. We were all disappointed to cancel Country Dancing but, at the point of making the decision, the temperature on the School playground was too high for us to keep everyone safe. However, every child in school has participated in learning new dances and skills and have had a great time. Key Stage 1 have enjoyed Bean Pot treats and cooling off in the paddling pool! Reception and Year 1 have taken great care of their caterpillars and nurtured them into butterflies. I believe, across the school, a few ice lollies and ice-creams have been consumed too!



Staffing

In the Autumn, we will be welcoming 2 new teachers - Miss Hannah Reynolds, who will teach in Dovecote class (Y1) Thurs and Fri, alongside Mrs McConville and Mr Mike Stuart-Clark, who joins us in Lovell, teaching Y5 and 6. Miss Katherine Osbourne moves into Key Stage 2 also teaching Year 3 and 4. Children have met their new teachers and visited their classes and everyone is very excited. Our new class will be called Cotswold.

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Farewell Year 6

And now it is time to say farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. Every year, I say that they are a credit to St Kenelm's, and this year they most certainly are. It has been a tough few years for them and yet they have never grumbled, they always engage, are polite, kind and thoughtful. They have blossomed into independent individuals who have been a joy to teach. We will miss them greatly. They are ready to move on to their next chapter and we are certain that they will thrive in their new schools. Yesterday, we held our Leaver's assembly and each child received a Bible from the St Kenelm's School Charity. Last week, we were able to reinstate the Year 6 trip and we headed off to the cinema followed by lunch. Each child received their leaver's hoodie, all of which has been very kindly provided for by the St Kenelm's School Association. We hope that, despite Covid, school closures and bubbles, they will take away many happy memories and will seize new opportunities with confidence. Good luck in your new schools!



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please refer to the school uniform list on the website before you purchase new clothing for September.

SCHOOL SWEATSHIRTS

If possible, please buy the sweatshirts with the school logo for the new term in September. Witney Shirts are also offering sweatshirt cardigans, fleeces and polo shirts with the logo. All these items are optional. Please note that the fleece should be worn as an outer layer on top of the sweatshirt and not instead of the sweatshirt. Witney Shirts now have a full selection of sizes of all garments. Please ensure that all uniform is named with a permanent marker.

AUTUMN TERM starts on Tuesday 6th September 2022.

ATTENDANCE The school's average attendance for this academic year is 95.37%

	Little Minster	Dovecote	Wenrisc	Charterville	Lovell	Total %
06.06.22	97.44%	96.15%	100%	96.05%	98.05%	97.31
13.06.22	96.92%	94.62%	98.42%	92.63%	97.06%	95.46
20.06.22	90.77%	95.38%	100%	97.37%	96.76%	96.54
27.06.22	93.85%	88.85%	98.95%	86.32%	70.29%	85.23
04.07.22	98.46%	89.62%	97%	93.51%	95.14%	94.2
11.07.22	95.38%	88.46%	96%	92.43%	95.43%	93.28
18.07.22	94.23%	69.23%	95%	86.49%	89.29%	85.88

I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work throughout this year. Their commitment to our school is unstinting and the strength of our team shines through. They are an amazing team and I am very proud and thankful to them all. I would also like to thank the Governing Body for their continued support and expertise, that ensures the smooth running of the school. A special mention and enormous thanks must go to our Chair of Governors, Mrs Sarah La-Porte Jones, who steps down from the Governors after 6 years of service. She has so ably led the Governing body and has seen the school through a number of significant changes.

And finally, thank you for your many kind words and the generous gifts that we have received. On behalf of myself and all the staff at St Kenelm's, we would like to wish you all a wonderful Summer holiday.

Best wishes,



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