



SUMMER

19th July 2023

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

Dear Families,

This is the final newsletter for this year. It has been a fantastic year, with the school calendar once again filled with the our normal array of activities and events.

This term has been packed to the brim with learning, activities, fun and laughter – I don't think we could have squeezed any more in!

Our Year 2 children participated in the Partnership Singing Festival and performed brilliantly along with over 100 other children at Burford Secondary School. Year 6 had their residential to PGL, Liddington (special thanks to Lovell staff for accompanying the children). It was really lovely to welcome you all for Country Dancing; great fun was had by all and the children excelled themselves. Key Stage 1 have been to the Natural History Museum in Oxford to look at the dinosaurs! Reception have been to Cogges Farm and nurtured their caterpillars into butterflies.

It was fabulous to be able to hold our Summer Fete once again, which was a huge success. The SKSA work incredibly hard to raise funds for all the children in St Kenelm's and I would like to thank them all for their hard work and commitment. I would also like to thank everyone who turned up to offer their help on the day and for everyone who came and supported it. Please consider joining our School Association; I know that they are actively looking for new members to join their team. In the future, we are hoping to spruce up the outdoor play equipment, which all children benefit from, as well as continuing to fund external visitors and experiences to enrich our curriculum.



Farewell Year 6

Today, we have said 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. On Monday, Year 6 headed off to the cinema followed by lunch. Each child has received a leaver's hoodie, all of which has been very kindly provided for by the St Kenelm's School Association. We hope that, despite Covid in Year 3&4 (competing in numerous scavenger hunts), school closures, bubbles and online assemblies, they will take away many happy memories and will seize new opportunities with confidence. Good luck in your new schools!

Respect, Honesty, Friendship, Compassion, Thankfulness, Wisdom

Staffing

This term, we are sadly saying farewell to a number of staff. Last Friday, we said goodbye to Miss Reynolds, who has worked alongside Mrs McConville in Dovecote class and has brought much fun and laughter to St Kenelm's. Today, we held a special assembly for Miss Boyer and Mrs Blake, two of our lunchtime supervisors. Miss Boyer moves on to new adventures and Mrs Blake is retiring after 22 years of service. We will miss them both enormously and thank them for their hard work and commitment to keeping our children safe and happy. We are also saying good bye to Mrs Algar, who has worked throughout the school as a TA and lunchtime supervisor. Mrs Algar is heading off to new pastures and we wish her much luck in her new ventures.

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 5th September 2023. Please remember that the school day now starts at 8.45am and gates will open at 8.35am. The school day ends at 3.15pm and gates will open at 3.05pm.



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.



Little Minster would like to thank everyone who has donated items to their class from their wish list. They have been humbled by your generosity and kindness. If you still wish to donate, please use this link: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2ERZKCEH8QBZS?ref=wl_share



Speed Survey

We have been asked to remind residents of Minster to complete the traffic speed survey, which was delivered to every home in the village. Please either complete the online survey or return the form to the Spar by 31st July.

ATTENDANCE

The school's average attendance for this term is 93.9% and is 94.66% for this academic year.

05.06.23	82.81%	83.93%	98.56%	92.86%	96.02%	96.97%	93.37
12.06.23	95%	94.29%	92.31%	91.43%	88.64%	97.06%	93.31
19.06.23	91.87%	100%	94.62%	96.19%	91.82%	98.53%	95.64
26.06.23	98.12%	92.14%	97.69%	99.05%	97.73%	94.12%	96.47
03.07.23	93.12%	98.57%	92.31%	97.62%	95.45%	97.06%	95.64
10.07.23	85.62%	95.71%	95.77%	99.05%	85%	95.88%	93.31
17.07.23	85.42%	85.71%	87.18%	88.1%	96.21%	92.16%	89.72

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,
Catherine Souch

