



SUMMER

23rd July 2024

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 an 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. Little Minster visited Cogges Farm earlier in the term. Last week, we had a great time with Year 6 on their residential to Grittleton Manor in Wiltshire. I'm not sure who was more exhausted by the end of it – them or us! It was really lovely to welcome you all for Country Dancing; great fun was had by all and the children excelled themselves.

Our Summer Fete was a huge success and the weather was kind to us. 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. Their fundraising, this year, has enabled us to be able to replace the very tired astro-turf and to spruce up the Trim-Trail ready for September. So an enormous *Thank you* to you all.

Thank you to everyone who supported our sponsorship event during Sports and Health Week. The final sum raised was an incredible £1,958.00. This along with the £6,000 raised by the SKSA will enable us to replace the entire astro-turf and add a new play surface under the monkey bars at the end of the Trim Trail.

During the holidays, we will also be ripping out and replacing the Key Stage 2 toilets. These have been in desperate need of refurbishment for a number of years and finally we have managed to accumulate the funds to do this.



Respect, Honesty, Friendship, Compassion, Thankfulness, Wisdom

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 is no exception. 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 Friday, Year 6 headed off to Swindon for bowling 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 2&3, (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!



Staffing

This term, we are sadly saying farewell to Miss Elling, Mr Monkhouse and Mrs Edmunds. We will miss them enormously and thank them for their hard work and commitment to St Kenelm's and for keeping our children safe and happy. Miss Elling is off to new pastures and we wish her much luck in her new role; Mr Monkhouse is moving on to university and Mrs Edmunds is retiring.



I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work throughout this year. Their commitment to our school is unstinting. 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 final thank you goes to Amanda Dingle and Lisa Pittick, who are both stepping down from the SKSA, as their children move on to secondary school. They have both been actively involved in the SKSA and we will miss their efforts greatly.

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

Commences on Tuesday 3rd September 2024. Please remember that the school day 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.

ATTENDANCE

The school's average attendance for this term is 95.31% and is 95.32% for this academic year.

Week Beginning	Little Minster	Dovecote	Wenrisc	Charterville	Cotswold	Lovell	Total %
03.06.24	96.25%	88.24%	94.53%	92.93%	97.5%	95.83%	94.67
10.06.24	93%	87.65%	98.75%	98.26%	98%	97.33%	95.96
17.06.24	88.5%	96.47%	97.5%	99.13%	96.33%	98%	96.18
24.06.24	97.5%	97.65%	98.12%	96.52%	91%	96%	95.66
01.07.24	95%	92.64%	100%	99.13%	95.36%	91%	95.22
08.07.24	92%	98.82%	98.75%	98.7%	91.79%	95.39%	95.54
15.07.24	96%	93.53%	98.75%	90.87%	90%	95.81%	93.85

The Department for Education has released statutory guidance for maintained schools, academies, independent schools and local authorities, which will come into force from 19 August 2024. This will mean that all absences must be explained and if they are not then they will be marked as unauthorised.

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