



I was very grateful today when a parent came in to talk to me about the communication from the school. They raised a concern about communication and newsletters not coming out to you often enough, so this will be our new fortnightly newsletter. There will still be a termly “Kennet Valley Voices” newsletter to fill you in with more about what the children have been up to!

As I have always said if you have any queries, positive or negative comments or concerns, I would welcome you to come into the school and speak either to a class teacher or to myself. As you know, all our staff are working incredibly hard to make the school the best it can possibly be, however we will always find time to talk to you, as we appreciate your input and believe that it is valuable and important. If I do not know how you are feeling then I cannot talk to you about the development of the school and cannot act to make more improvements

I am very proud of our open door policy and many parents use it and so I would encourage all of you to use it and let us know of anything that is important to you. So a big thank you to the parent who came to see me. I hope that you will enjoy the fortnightly updates.

Mrs Russell

Sport

FENCING

This term we have been very lucky to have a Fencing coach in to work with the Year 4 and 5 children for 4 weeks. They have learnt about the etiquette of fencing and how to have a simple assault (an assault in fencing refers to a friendly game between two fencers, where scores may or may not be kept). Children enjoyed these sessions and we will look to run more in the future.

KVH

This term the children have been learning skills in Rugby, Hockey, Netball, Football, and Badminton and have completed multi-skills sessions. Children are also continuing to build their stamina with running around the field, and in the morning during the 10-minute run, (staff are enjoying this fresh air and exercise too!)

In the next two week, we have guest coaches who will be teaching the children badminton and cricket skills.

SPORTS CLUBS

Sports clubs within the school continue every week. This term we have a lunchtime Dance club, and after school Rugby and Hockey Clubs. A big thank you to the parent volunteers who run these clubs.

Governors

The governors continue to be in school a great deal and work closely with me on school improvements. As you would expect they also attend a great deal of training sessions between them. We have two sub-committees at the school – Finance and Staffing, and Curriculum and Standards as well as a Data Committee and the Full Governing Board meetings every term. This term we have just welcomed two new Foundation Governors to the school – Mrs Beverley and Mrs Hughes. We are also pleased that we have two new Associate members of the governing body – Mr West-Oram and Mrs Humphries. I am very thankful that these members of our school community can give their time to us.

All of our Governors are linked to the classes in the school and have link subjects. This means that they are regularly in contact with either class teachers or subject leaders, attending teacher and TA staff meetings, completing learning walks and book scrutinies. They also come on educational visits with us such as to the Roman Baths and the panto trip. There will be a Governors Newsletter coming to you at the end of the term.

Key future events at school.

Full list of Dates overleaf

February

- Year 6 Residential Trip to Kingswood on the Isle of Wight.
- Badminton and All Stars Cricket Coaches at the Kennet Valley Hall
- Hockey and Netball Festivals
- Reception, year 1 and 2 educational trip to the Nature Discovery Centre

March

- Book Week and World Book day.
- Book Fayre
- Year 4 Residential Trip to New Barn
- Dance Festival



D A T E S F O R Y O U R D I A R Y

- Friday 31st January Kennet Valley Toddler Group 10.00am -11.30am
Wednesday 5th February - PE at Kennet Valley Hall including a visit from a badminton coach
Thursday 6th February - Little Angels Toddler Group 10.00am - 11.15am
Friday 7th February - Small schools TAG rugby (Y5/6) Kennet Valley Hall (more info to follow)
Monday 10th February - Year 6 Residential Trip to Kingswood, Isle of Wight
Tuesday 11th February - Year 5 & 6 Hockey Festival Marlborough College (more info to follow)
Wednesday 12th February - PE at Kennet Valley Hall including a visit from an All Stars cricket coach
Friday 14th February - Kennet Valley Toddler Group 10.00am - 11.30am
Friday 14th February - Year 6 children return from Kingswood, Isle of Wight

3.10pm Friday 14th February- End of Term 3

8.55am Monday 24th February- First Day of Term 4

- Tuesday 25th February - R, Y1 and Y2 Educational Visit to The Nature Discover Centre, Thatcham
(more info to follow)
Wednesday 26th February - PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Thursday 27th February - Little Angels Toddler Group 10.00am - 11.15am
Monday 2nd March-Friday 6th March School Book Week
Wednesday 4th March - PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Thursday 5th March - World Book Day
Monday 9th March - Bikeability Year 6 Students
Tuesday 10th March - Travelling Book Fair Arrives (opening times to follow soon)
Wednesday 11th March - Bikeability Year 6 Students
Wednesday 11th March - PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Friday 13th March - Dance Festival REHEARSAL (more details to follow)
Saturday 14th March - Dance Festival (more details to follow)
Tuesday 17th March - Book Fair departs from school
Wednesday 18th March - Year 4 Residential Trip to New Barn, Dorset
Wednesday 18th March - PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Friday 20th March - Year 4 children return from New Barn, Dorset
Wednesday 25th March - PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Wednesday 1st April - PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Friday 3rd April - Easter Service - St Michael & All Angels Church (W Overton) more info to follow

Friday 3rd April- End of Term 4

Monday 20th April- First Day of Term 5

Friday 22nd May- End of Term 5

Monday 1st June- First Day of Term 6

Friday 26th June - Teacher Training Day - School CLOSED to Children

Monday 29th June - Teacher Training Day - School CLOSED to Children

Wednesday 22nd July Last Day of Term 6