



Kennet Valley C of EVA Primary School Newsletter - 18th September 2020



Curiosity, Compassion, Courage

Its hard to believe that we are only at the end of the third week back - the children and staff are working so hard and it is great to see that the school is a wonderful vibrant place again. We were delighted to welcome Finley and Archie to the school this week and I know that our other children have been looking after them. We are starting to offer parents tours again, with the correct Covid precautions, so if you know of anyone looking for a school place please do not hesitate to give them our details. I am always so proud to show new people around the school which buzzes with happy joyful children.

I will be writing to you all in the coming weeks to give you more information about how we will be running Parents' Evening during the Autumn terms - as I'm sure you can imagine these will be quite different to our usual way of meeting together, We have already been meeting with some parents via TEAMS which has been working well. If you need an appointment with a teacher or with myself, please remember to contact Ruthie or Suzanne in the office and they will help to arrange this appointment.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend. Mrs Russell.



This week the following children were awarded star of the week;

- Reception - Ava**
- Year 1 - Joseph**
- Year 2 - Francesca**
- Year 3 - Erin G**
- Year 4 - Logan**
- Year 5 - Lola**
- Year 6 - Bella J**

Well done to all of these children for their great attitude, determination and hard work this week.

I hope that those of you who got a postcard from the school enjoyed reading it. We will be sending out more in the coming weeks in recognition of your children's fantastic work and learning.

Reading and Writing

As well as continuing to keep our progress in Maths going, the school is focussing on improving the reading and writing (in all subjects) of all our children this year. This is included on our School Development Plan and we will be letting you know more about it as the year goes on.

As I explained in a past newsletter we have new reading awards this year where children earn badges for each 25 home reads that they complete. Reading within school continues as before with the older classes having guided reading every day. Reading records will be stamped when your child has read in these sessions, so that you can talk to them about this. Individuals will also be heard by teachers and TAs as much as we can. We are not yet at the position of being able to ask for reading volunteers, but I will let you know when this has re-started.

We will also be continuing to award a Writer of the Month for each year group. This will be displayed outside of my office so that visitors to the school can see the children's wonderful work. Writers of the Month are not awarded only to the very best writers - but are based on the effort, creativity and joy that a child has had when writing in class. It may be a piece of writing from English, but equally could be from their topic work. September winners will be announced in a fortnight.

PE at KVH A HUGE thank you to all of you that gave your child a water bottle for Wednesday afternoon so that they can access water throughout the PE sessions. More children also had their High-Vis jackets which was great to see. Please could all children bring a water bottle from home and their high-vis jacket on a Wednesday for PE.

Can we ask that when you are collecting children from the back of the hall (Green Bubble at 3pm) that you walk around to the back of the hall and stand on the grass so that staff can easily see you.

Many thanks in advance - The KVS Team

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



School Year 2020 - 2021



Wednesday 23rd September - PE Kennet Valley Hall

Wednesday 30th September - PE Kennet Valley Hall

Wednesday 7th October - PE Kennet Valley Hall

Thursday 8th October - **GREEN** bubble (R/1/2/3&4) Harvest Festival service at West Overton Church, children will walk back to school afterwards *

Wednesday 14th October - PE Kennet Valley Hall

Wednesday 21st October - PE Kennet Valley Hall

Wednesday 21st October - Last Day Term 1

Monday 2nd November - First Day Term 2

Monday 2nd November - Nasal Flu Vaccinations R-Y6

Wednesday 4th November - PE at School (not KVH)

Tuesday 10th November - **BLUE** bubble (5&6) Service of Remembrance at West Overton Church, children will walk back to school afterwards*

Wednesday 11th November - PE Kennet Valley Hall

Wednesday 18th November - PE Kennet Valley Hall

Wednesday 25th November - PE Kennet Valley Hall

Friday 27th November - Teacher Training Day - School CLOSED to children

Wednesday 2nd December - PE Kennet Valley Hall

Monday 7th December - Nativity Rehearsal - drop off KV Hall 8.30am

Tuesday 8th December - Nativity Rehearsal - drop off Kennet Valley Hall 8.30am

Wednesday 9th December - Nativity Dress Rehearsal Kennet Valley Hall

Wednesday 9th December - Nativity Performance KV Hall 6.00pm

***GREEN** bubble Harvest Festival service & **BLUE** bubble Remembrance Service- we are waiting on Covid Guidance to clarify if one parent/family member for each child could attend their child's service, we will keep you informed. Children will need to be dropped off at West Overton church and not at school.

Nativity and Christmas productions will also have the same issue but Covid Guidance may well change again before December!