



Kennet Valley C of E VA Primary School

Curiosity, Compassion, Courage

Thursday 1st April 2021

Fantastic being back together.

As we finish term 4 I have been reflecting on what an wonderful term it has been. We started off crossing our fingers that we would be able to reopen to all children on the 8th March but finished with



two bubble church services. It was amazing to see all of our children taking part from the youngest in reception (who were coming to church with us for the first time) to the oldest year 6. Throughout both services you could see that Maria was also delighted to see everyone back. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along and observed the rules well. We are looking forward to further church services before the end of the school year.

Of course, the end of the term was bitter sweet as we had to say goodbye and good luck to the magnificent Miss Chalker. I know that although she is looking forward to all the challenges of her new role, there were times that she wished that she was staying at Kennet for a bit longer. Miss Chalker joined us as a New Qualified Teacher in 2014 and has worked in several of the year groups in the school. She quickly grew to love school residentials, going to Kingswood and New Barn irrelevant of whether it was her class going or not – I was especially grateful of this when she took my year 6 to Kingswood while I was heavily pregnant. Miss Chalker has grown into a strong compassionate leader while with us and I know she will do a great job in her new school.

I can not really explain how much we will all miss Miss Chalker – she is a fantastic teacher who has a passion for this profession. I know that you will all join me in wishing her all the luck in the world in her new job.

Next term we are looking forward to things continuing to move towards being even more 'normal' with the lockdown loosen further. We will continue to work in two bubbles for term 5 with the hope that by Term 6 we will be able to be a whole school again. This is being reviewed with governors at each of our meetings.



I would like to end by saying a big thank you to all of you that have help and supported the school this term, and to all of the children for their amazing attitudes and hard work. I hope that you all have a really relaxing Easter Holiday. Stay safe and well and we will see you all in term 5. Many thanks Mrs Emma Russell

To my wonderful Kennet children and families,

First of all I would like to say a massive thank you to each and every one of you.

I can not even begin to explain how much I am going to miss walking the corridors and seeing your smiling faces and hearing your laughter.

I have grown up at Kennet Valley School and I have learnt so much during my time with you all.

Although I am sad to be leaving, I know I will succeed in my next adventure because of your love and support for me and this mighty little school. Every day, you make me a better teacher.

I am proud to have been a part of this marvellous community and I look forward to seeing what Kennet gets up to in the future.

Lots of Love

Miss Chalker



Sending a HUGE thank you to Joe and Hayley



Alexander, and Pix&Morter for sponsoring the Year 6 Hoodies this year. They are really lovely and the children (and Miss Chalker) love wearing them,



STAR OF THE TERM

Well what a fantastic start we have had! This has made it especially tricky for the teaching staff to decide on who is their Stars of the Week.

This week the following children have been awarded Star of the Week for their attitude and fantastic work. Well done to them all.

Reception -	JAMIE
Year 1 -	CONNIE
Year 2 -	NED
Year 3 -	SAFFRON
Year 4 -	TOBY
Year 5 -	FINN
Year 6 -	ARTHUR



Stars of the week

The following children were awarded Star of the Week for their hard work, great attitude and perseverance.



Week ending 19th March 2021

Reception -	Sonni
Year 1 -	Amelia
Year 2 -	Annie
Year 3 -	Karla
Year 4 -	India
Year 5 -	Lola
Year 6 -	Louis

Week ending 29th March 2021

Reception -	Jamie
Year 1 -	Freya WO
Year 2 -	Jacob PH
Year 3 -	Harry J
Year 4 -	Toby
Year 5 -	Susie
Year 6 -	Bella G

This week

Reception -	Sonni
Year 1 -	Tom
Year 2 -	Annie
Year 3 -	Henry
Year 4 -	Victoria
Year 5 -	Caleb
Year 6 -	Seb

Well done to all of the Stars of the Week.

Covid Reminders

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

What to do if you have symptoms

- Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.

You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

What to do if your child tests positive during the EASTER holidays

Parents and carers should continue to inform the school of confirmed cases if symptoms develop within 48 hours of last being in school.

You should do this by emailing me at

head@kennetvalley.wilts.sch.uk

This email should only be used for covid-19 updates. If you have other concerns or questions, please contact the school in the usual ways such as through Seesaw or class emails. If your child was not symptomatic but tested positive within 48 hours of last being in school, you should also contact the school by email

head@kennetvalley.wilts.sch.uk In your email to me you should share the details of the date of onset of symptoms, date of the test, date of the result, date your child was last in school, how they travel to school and any additional information - The school will need this information to carry out a risk assessment of who may be a close contact. You must also inform us if your child tests positive before the start of the coming term.

Thank you for your co-operation and understanding.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 19th April - First day of Term 5

Monday 19th April - Years 5&6 British Fencing Association Grade I Training

Wednesday 21st April – PE at Kennet Valley Hall –
Blue and Green bubble.
(Collect from the KVH)

Monday 26th April - Years 5&6 British Fencing Association Grade I Training

Wednesday 28th April – PE at Kennet Valley Hall –
Blue and Green bubble.
(Collect from the KVH)

Monday 3rd May - May Day Bank Holiday Monday – school closed

Wednesday 5th May – PE at Kennet Valley Hall –
Blue and Green bubble.
(Collect from the KVH)

Monday 10th May - Years 5&6 British Fencing Association Grade I Training

Wednesday 12th May – PE at Kennet Valley Hall –
Blue and Green bubble.
(Collect from the KVH)

Monday 17th May - Years 5&6 British Fencing Association Grade I Training

Wednesday 19th May – PE at Kennet Valley Hall –
Blue and Green bubble.
(Collect from the KVH)

Monday 24th May - Years 5&6 British Fencing Association Grade I Training

Wednesday 26th May – PE at Kennet Valley Hall –
Blue and Green bubble.
(Collect from the KVH)

Friday 28th May – Last day Term 5

Friends Association

Playground update - Friends are having a community meeting about the playground developments on Thursday 8th April.

I will send out the TEAMS link to the meeting early next week and hope that you will be able to join the meeting, where you will see the plans that we have.



This term in pictures!

