



# Kennet Valley C of E VA Primary School

## Curiosity, Compassion, Courage

### Friday 10th September 2021



Welcome Back to KVS!

We have had a really lovely start back to school this year. For many reasons this year feels much more 'normal' than the last 18 months have felt, and I know that all of the staff really appreciate this and feel excited about the year ahead.

As well as our lovely 9 new reception children, we have also welcomed 9 children in to years 1 - 5. Having 18 more children throughout the school is very exciting and I hope that all of them are already feeling welcome and settled in their classes. We have, of course, also welcomed Miss Joanna Hogan to the team this year. I know that she is already loving teaching in Harriers class.



This term we have three topic blocks - Science, History and Geography - and our value of the term is Courage. Although Maria is currently away on a sabbatical for three months, we will be joined by Mrs Angharad Hughes, who is a Governor and a Lay Worship Leader, every Wednesday to lead Collective Worship. Our other Collective Worships will be taken by teaching staff as usual. We will be sending home information about our Harvest Festival shortly and hope that you will be able to join us for this important celebration.



If you have been into school, you will have seen our new playground markings and the train. The children have been using both at playtimes and lunchtime, and we are hoping that the next stage of the playground will be completed before October half term. This will include the new climbing frame and the rest of the trim trail.

I will be sending home a newsletter every fortnight with news and pictures from the school. If you have any news that you would like included, please send me an email or drop me a message via the school office.



As you will already know, you are now able to come back into school in the mornings if you wish to see a teacher. If you need a catch up meeting with your teacher, please do not hesitate to contact them to book an appointment. Please also remember to come and see me if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

Many thanks - Mrs Russell



## Driving to and Parking at the School!

As many of you will have seen the local Parish Council are now trained to complete Speed Watch Surveys in the village. Although they have been pleased to report that most of our parents/carers are driving at the correct speed of 20mph, they have asked me to remind everyone to adhere to this speed, for the safety of our children, families and the local community. I have also been asked to remind you to drive very carefully around the bend in Lockeridge by the bridge. This is a sharp bend and the pavements are not very wide. They are also tricky to get along currently because of nettles and other plants. Please keep this in mind and drive especially slowly around this tight bend.



While writing please could I also remind you that the best place to park is in the Who'd Thought It car park. This means that the road is clear for others to drive along. If you do choose to park on either of the roads around school, please be considerate to others - do not park over driveway entrances and try to tuck in as much as possible.

Thank you. Mrs Russell

### House Points and Golden Time

This year we have re-introduced our house point systems. We have three houses at school - Vikings, Saxons and Romans. Children can be awarded a house point for many different reasons, such as showing resilience in their work, having a kind and caring attitude or finishing the tasks set for them. Three of the classes also award raffle tickets to the children which is drawn every week. The 3 houses are working to win a prize at the end of each term. These will be discussed and announced by the school council in their first meeting later in the term. This year we are also changing Golden Time slightly, so that children have to earn this free time rather than it just being given to all of a class. This is because we feel it is a fairer system - if you work hard and have a great attitude you should get this weekly reward.



### Outside School Achievement

A HUGE well done to Lucas in Year 6 who has continued to excel playing golf. On the 5th September Lucas played in a local tournament. This is a huge tournament with players from 10 years old to over 60 years old, with 100 competitors in all. Lucas played amazingly well and came 16th overall. I am sure you will join me in congratulation Lucas for this fantastic result. We are really proud of you Lucas - Well Done!



## School Social

Please join us at the  
**Who'd Thought It**  
from 6pm on

**Thursday 16th September 2021**  
to find out more about school and  
our Friends Association.

Come along for a drink and chat,  
while children play in the pub garden.

Looking forward to seeing you  
there.

The KVS Team and Friends Association.

### **What if my child develops Covid-19 symptoms?**

Anyone, including children, who develops symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and self-isolate. You should then arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. Do not send your child to school with Covid-19 symptoms. If your child receives a negative result, they may return to school.

### **What if a member of the household develops symptoms?**

If another household member, such as mum or dad, displays symptoms then they should self-isolate and seek a PCR test. Children however can attend school even if a household member has tested positive for the virus- assuming they are not displaying symptoms themselves.

This is clarified in the latest guidance which states: From 16th August, you will not be required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

- You are fully vaccinated
- You are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- You have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- You are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons



# READING AWARDS 2021/2022

This year we have changed the reading awards so that rather than children being awarded throughout the year, they will be saving their rewards up to redeem at a grand Summer Party.

For every 30 of their home reads (please remember that we only count one home read a day) they will be given a new Brag Tag to attach to a keyring.

Each Brag Tag will be a voucher for something at the Summer Party - for example for 30 reads they will have a 'Free Drink' token, while 240 reads is a free ticket to the Summer Party itself. The last two Brag Tags (300, 330 reads) are for Book Tokens so that children can choose some exciting books for the summer.



Whilst the Summer Party will be able to be booked and paid for separately, we are really hoping that as many children as possible will read at home to achieve their tokens and have a great time with us at the party in July 2022.



Please support your child at home with this challenge by hearing them read at least 5 nights a week and filling in your Go Read online log.



# Dates for your Diary



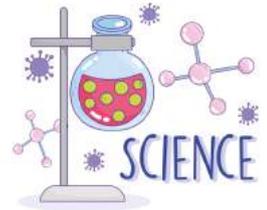
**Wednesday 15th September - PE at Kennet Valley Hall  
(Collect from the KVH)**

**Thursday 16th September  
School Social - Who'd Thought It from 6pm**



**Wednesday 22nd September - PE at Kennet Valley Hall  
(Collect from the KVH)**

**Wednesday 29th September - PE at Kennet Valley Hall  
(Collect from the KVH)**



**Friday 1st October  
Science Dome at Kennet Valley Hall**

**Friday 1st October  
Year 5 and 6 at Literature Festival Author Talk - PM  
More Information to Follow**



**Wednesday 6th October - PE at Kennet Valley Hall  
(Collect from the KVH)**

**Wednesday 13th October - PE at Kennet Valley Hall  
(Collect from the KVH)**



**Friday 15th October - Harvest Festival  
More Information to follow**



**Monday 18th October - Stay and Play  
More Information to follow**

**Tuesday 19th October - Year 6 Trip to Go Ape  
More Information to Follow**

**Tuesday 19th October - Wrens Class Trip to  
The Look Out Science Discovery Centre  
More Information to Follow**



**Wednesday 20th October - PE at Kennet Valley Hall  
(Collect from the KVH)**

**Wednesday 20th October - END OF TERM I**

**Further dates and information to follow**