

# **KENNET VALLEY PRIMARY NEWSLETTER**

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February 2023

What a busy term we have had, with lots packed into five weeks. Below is a summary of some of the many things that have taken place this term. Personally, I have really enjoyed my first term and have been made to feel very welcome at the school by staff, parents and of course the children. I wish everyone a very pleasant and relaxing half term. Mr Ind

# **Harriers**

A highlight of our term was a visit by the author Christopher Edge. The children particularly loved the creative writing session he led and let their imaginations run wild. He explained that he often gets his best story ideas by basing his story on an interesting fact he has researched. After the workshop, they were eager to put his strategies into practice and have requested to use the story spark idea in their English lessons.

In Science we have explored light through practical activities and experiments. They loved investigating whether different materials were opaque, transparent or translucent. I was very impressed with their predictions and how they recorded their findings! Well done Harriers, what a great start to the year!



# Kingfishers

We have had a very exciting term in Kingfishers learning all about multiplication and division. We have also written our own stories based on 'Tiger Walk,' by Dianne Hofmeyr. Our non-fiction work focussed on instructions and we made some delicious scones. Finally, we had the most exciting day when 'Thinking Music' joined our class to help us create our own special song. We used all the percussion instruments and managed to keep a steady beat!





### A note from the Governors

With spring in sight and the talk of future sporting activities and competitions being discussed we can now look forward as a school.

As a governing body we have now had the opportunity to welcome our Interim Head Andrew Ind who is leading our school and supporting staff, children and parents in the coming term.

Whilst not changing the delivery of the curriculum or the children's day to day school experience he has taken on the task to update and replace our clunky old School Website so watch that space.

I would encourage any parents or carers who have not yet met Andrew in person to take advantage of his availability on Tuesdays and Thursdays to do so.

A selected recruitment panel are working closely with county and the Diocese to begin the process of choosing a new Head teacher who will share our values and continues our schools ethos of caring for the whole child.

### **Kites**

This term has been absolutely amazing, we have had a special visitor and lots of exciting activities! Christopher Edge came in our school in January, he talked about his new book 'Escape Room.' (We definitely recommend this book, it's super adventurous!) Another book we recommend is 'Rumble Star.' We read it in our guided reading lesson. Mrs Byford chooses the best books! Most Year 6s went on a bike—ability course and learnt how to be safe on the road as well as learning how to check their bikes.

By Freya & Miles



#### **TD Days**

Please note TD Day dates for 2022/23

16th & 19th June

24th & 25th July

On this day the school is closed for children.

# **Toys**

Please can we ensure that children do not bring toys in to school as these can easily become lost or damaged. Thank you for your understanding.

## Silent Disco

Thank you to the Friends association for running a really successful Silent Disco. It was well attended and enjoyed by all

# Multi-skills Sports Festival

Well done to our Year 2s who have taken part in a multi skills Festival at Burbage school. They had a great day and represented the school brilliantly. Well done to Henry and Jessica who supported the children really well too!

# Bikeability

Well done to our Year 6s who have taken part in Bikeability this week. They had a lovely time and learnt some essential skills to help them stay safe whilst cycling.

#### Wrens

Wrens have had a busy term so far, as always. We have been learning all about materials and their properties in science and have been fascinated with learning about what objects are made of, and using some fabulous vocabulary. We have furthered this learning in our weekly walks to the Dene and the woods, where we have also been developing our physical skills and fitness, language and creativity. On these walks we continue to learn about seasonal changes, and looking after our environment. Wrens class would like to thank all our amazing parents who have joined us on these walks. If you have an available Friday morning from 9 till 10.45, please let the us know. Also thank you to our regular weekly readers — if you would like to pop in for half an hour at any time to hear readers, or if you have any other skill or interest that you could share in class, please speak to one of the team.





#### Parents Forum

Parent's Forum is an opportunity to meet with Mr Ind, Headteacher, in order to keep in touch with life at school. The objectives of the meetings are to:

Chat informally with Mr Ind and other parents in a relaxed environment

Hear about new developments and initiatives happening in school

Share your views about the good things happening at school

Air your views about things that you think could be improved or become priority areas for development ~ these should be whole school issues rather than individual ones

Enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit!

Dates for Meetings:

Thursday 16th March 2pm

Thursday 27th April 2pm

Thursday 22nd June 2pm

All dates may be subject to change.



Have a wonderful half term!



DATE	INFORMATION OR EVENT
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Kennet Valley Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Last Day Term 3
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	First Day Term 4
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Kennet Valley Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Stay & Read 09.00 - 09.30
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Kennet Valley Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30
March 13 <sup>th</sup> - March 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5&6 Residential Trip - Kilve Court, Somerset
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	PE at School
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Saturday March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Curry Night & Pudding Auction - Kennet Valley Hall 19.00 - 23.00
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents Evening - Timings TBC
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Kennet Valley Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay & Play Wrens Classroom 09.30 - 10.30
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4, 5 & 6 Outing to Hampton Court Palace
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Service (tbc)
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last Day Term 4
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day Term 5
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	PE at School
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Kennet Valley Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday School Closed
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Kennet Valley Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	King Charles III Coronation Bank Holiday School Closed
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Kennet Valley Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports Day - More Info To Follow
Friday 26th May	Last Day Term 5
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	First Day Term 6
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Kennet Valley Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Kennet Valley Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher Training Day - School Closed to Children
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher Training Day - School Closed to Children
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	PE at Kennet Valley Hall
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Kennet Valley Toddler Group 10.00 - 11.30
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Teacher Training Day - School Closed to Children
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July	Teacher Training Day - School Closed to Children