

# Kemble News

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Two Year 6 pupils enjoying a bit of relaxation time in the library van

## Dates for your diary (New or altered dates in bold)

- 27.1.12 - KPG Popcorn Club 5-7pm
- 30.1.12 - Year 6 residential week
- 30.1.12 - Extra forest school session for Chestnut
- 1.2.12 - Forest school session for Chestnut
- 3.2.12 - Y6 return from Stackpole
- 8.2.12 - YR and KS1 introductory Tag Rugby lesson
- 9.2.12 - Fire engine visit
- 10.2.12 - End of term 3
- 20.2.12 - INSET Day
- 21.2.12 - Children back to school
- WC 5.3.12 - Parent learning sessions (more details to follow)
- 7.3.12 - Marvellous Microscopes AGT science day
- WC 12.3.12 - Cycling proficiency
- 19.3.12 - Parents evening 3:30 - 6:00
- 21.3.12 - Parents evening 5:00 - 8:00
- 23.3.11 - Last swimming
- 30.3.12 - End of term 4
- 16.4.12 - Start of term 5
- WC 14.5.12 - KS2 SATs week
- WC 21.5.12 - KS2 SATs week (L6 pupils only)

## Marking



In Monday's staff meeting the teachers discussed ways in which they could improve their feedback to children so that they would better understand what they had done well during a piece of work and what they needed to do to improve further. The result of the staff meeting is that we are now using success and improvement marking strategies in some of the lessons. In a nutshell, success and improvement marking means teachers marking more specifically to the objectives for the work by highlighting three successful areas with a pink highlighter (that we are calling tickled pink) and one area that needs improvement with a green highlighter (that we are calling growing green.) The teachers will then write an improvement prompt for the children to respond to in the next session. Success and improvement marking even works in Reception and Year 1 although with a little less writing! So if, when you next have a look at your child's books, you see work with highlighter pen in then it is not your child gone mad! If you would like to know any more about success and improvement marking please see Mr. Glentworth or Mr. Connors.

Class letters that have been sent out this week:  
Oak Class: Literacy Improvement club letter  
Beech Class:  
Chestnut Class: AGT science letter, Stackpole week letter for Y4/5  
General:

### Class Assemblies

We have moved our Friday awards assemblies to the morning so that we can occasionally invite parents in to share in some of the work that the children have done. Over the last couple of weeks Mrs. Newton's Class have been looking at the work of Julia Donaldson in Literacy and are planning to do a class assembly on Friday 3rd February at 9:00. If you are an Oak Class parent (or any other interested parent) and you would like to come and watch the assembly then you are most welcome. This is just one of many class assemblies that we will do, and over the next term Chestnut will do a Stackpole assembly and Beech will do a Celtic assembly. Please remember that class assemblies form part of our wider awards assemblies and so please make sure that if you come you are in the hall and seated by 9:00 to avoid disturbing the children.

### Puffin Books

Just before Christmas I asked people to vote for keeping the Puffin Books catalogues as well as a book fair or to just have a book fair. The vote went in favour of having the catalogues too therefore we will be sending them out this week.





Our worthy winners of last term's competition have been made into these fantastic t-shirts for the children to keep. They really do look good enough to buy in a shop. Well done to the winners, all those who took part and thank you to Mrs. Bainbridge for organising the event.

### Healthy Schools Futures

We have recently been accepted onto the Healthy Schools Futures program that aims for schools to become more sustainable, and for children to become more aware of global issues. The children will very soon start working on the first two issues that the school has chosen to look at which are waste and the school grounds. The best thing about the program is that we will be able to give the children lots of ownership, as they will be the driving force behind our efforts. During waste week (12-18th March) we will have a school themed week. Look out for more details that will be coming out from the children over the next few weeks.

If you have any ideas about either of the two themes that we will be covering between now and the summer holidays please speak to Rhiannon Smith or Alison Wilson who are leading the project.

No newsletter next week!



Next week is set to be an incredibly busy one with the Year 6 pupils on residential in Pembrokeshire and me split between either teaching the class or visiting the children on their trip. For that reason I will not be able to produce a newsletter next week. Sorry about that!

### Joint learning sessions

On the week commencing the 5th March each teacher will have two lessons where they will invite parents in to share in the learning experience. The idea is to give you a better flavour of how your children learn in class. We will try to make sure that there are a range of subjects covered during the week. For obvious reasons space will be limited and so we will aim to hold joint learning sessions each term so that there are lots of opportunities to join your children. We will send out a timetable shortly after half term.

### Popcorn Club

Friday 27th January 5-7pm



There will be a screening of

### Tangled

The cost of a ticket is £1.50 per child or £3.00 for two or more children from the same family.

Siblings of current pupils are welcome. Price includes a drink.

Reception parents are requested to stay