

# Kingston St Mary Primary School

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## Newsletter



My least favourite half-term is over; hopefully the half-term break will help to get rid of the bugs that have infected so many of us this half-term and we can come back healthy and looking forward to the spring.

### Mrs Kellow

As you will know from a previous newsletter Mrs Kellow is leaving, I am now able to confirm that she will leave at the end of next half-term. Mrs Kellow has helped to give our pupils a secure start to their school during the last five years; she led us to our 360 Degree E-safety Accreditation and is currently working to get that updated. We will miss her vast knowledge and skills, not just within Early Years, and her unique turn of phrase which regularly raises a smile in the staffroom.

We have appointed a new teacher who will start in the summer term. I am unable to give more details until after half-term to allow for her current school to inform their parents.

### Book Fair

Thank you for your support of the Book Fair, we will be able to buy new books for our library, I don't have figures at the time of writing this, but we will update you on how your support has enabled us to boost our library.

### PTFA Fundraising

Thank you to everyone involved in organising and running events during the last couple of weeks resulting in over a £1000 raised (including the sale of the logs). This money is extremely important to the school; currently it is allowing us to continue to improve our outdoor provision for the children. The Outdoor Classroom is finished and the floor now ready to be walked on so we will be able to start using it after the half-term break.

### Discos

A great time was had by the children at both discos; some reluctant first timers soon overcame their trepidation to dance and run around. I was very impressed at the quality of the dancing of children of all ages but especially the boys in KS2, there was a time when even in KS2 all the boys did was run around, but now they have some very sophisticated moves: I'm sure there's a name for the style of dancing they do but I'm afraid I'm not totally up with the modern day terminology!

Thank you to the parents who gave up their time to help, giving all the children the opportunity to have fun at a school disco, raising £197.

### First Friday

£50 was raised at the First Friday Cake Sale, thank you to parents who gave up their time to read with the children, made and/or sold cakes.

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Value for life this term:  
**WISDOM**

House Points	
Fordson Major	5465
John Deere	9874
Massey Ferguson	7583
Star of the Week 26/01 – 02/02	
Owls	Jacob Josie
Buzzards	Connor
Robins	Skye Anna
Woodpeckers	Charlotte Charles
Core Value Certificate 26/01 – 02/02	
Owls	Thoren Indie
Buzzards	Ella Isabel
Robins	Isla Amy
Woodpeckers	Willow Declan Lacey-Marie
School Wish List	
Stamps for Miss Hannigan, please can they have a border around them to make it easier to take the stamp off the envelope	



## Quiz Night

I was pleased that the winning team had some members of staff on it; my team finished a respectable 5<sup>th</sup>. It was a good evening, run with the right balance of competitive spirit and fun.

Thank you to Mrs Mace, Mrs Bradford, Mrs Read & Mrs Holt for running the kitchen on the night; Mr Bradford for being Quiz Master and Mrs Dorse for organising and setting the questions. £714 was raised.

## Safer Internet Day

All the children have taken part in (age appropriate) activities today to improve their understanding of how to stay safe online. Online safety is an ever increasing area of potential harm for children and young people; it is important that we as a school help them to understand what those potential dangers are and how to protect themselves and you as parents monitor their use of the internet at home. Some guidance is being sent home today.

## Robins Class Trip to Carrymoor

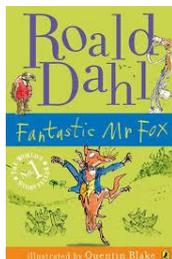
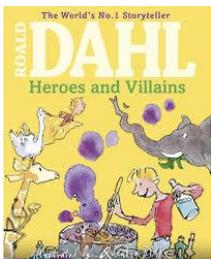
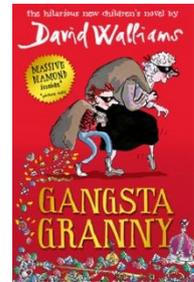
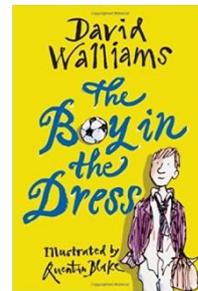
A reminder for Robins: they are going on their school trip on the first day back, Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Please see below from Mrs Palmer about World Book Day and Bedtime Book Share

## World Book Day – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

The theme this year is 'Share a Story'.

We are celebrating the work of two authors – David Walliams and Roald Dahl. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a character from one of their books. If they don't want to go the whole hog then they could wear something from an outfit. For example – wear a dress from 'The boy in a dress' but not the wig, shoes etc.



**Donation - £1**

During the day, the children will take part in different reading related workshops in their tractor groups.

## Bedtime Book Share– Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – 5-6 pm

We are inviting children and parents to come into school in their pyjamas (the teachers will too!) for stories and hot chocolate. More information to follow about this soon but I wanted you to put the date in your diaries!



## Phonics Questionnaire

Mrs Kelly would like to thank those who took the time to fill out and send back the questionnaire on Phonics.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Week Commencing	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12 Feb 2018	HALF TERM				
19 Feb 2018	Robins trip to Carymoor  Mike Strange Assembly		Swimming starts for YR 1		Newsletter
26 Feb 2018		WORLD BOOK DAY at Kingston  Bedtime Book Share			First Friday - WOODPECKERS
5 Mar 2018	CVL Netball 3.50-5.50	CVL Football 3.50-5.50		PM Gymnastics competition (TBC)	Newsletter
12 March	Parent Meetings			Parent Meetings	
19 March			YR 3 Athletics Festival  CVL Netball 3.50 – 5.50	9.30 Easter Service (TBC)	Newsletter  BREAK UP
26 March	EASTER HOLIDAYS				
2 April	EASTER HOLIDAYS				



## BLACK DOT COMPETITION RESULTS

We received a vast array of interesting black dot entries and the talent that our children have always amazes me.



**Owls** – Sophia with her plate of food including a black olive

**Buzzards** – Imogen with her alien on the mountain jumping into a puddle

**Robins** – Daniel with his graveyard and writing on the headstone

**Woodpeckers** – Ruby with her dog and black nose

The next competition won't be till the middle of February, where we will be looking to do the 'Egg competition' again. I will talk with the children in assembly nearer the time.

**Get thinking of those ideas for what you can do with an egg!**

