

# Kelvedon St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy and Autism Support Centre

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# Weekly News

Respect	Caring	Co-operation	Perseverance	Honesty	Responsibility
Reverence	Compassion	Service	Endurance	Virtue	Trust

## Head of School's Message

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely and enjoyable Easter break.

This half term, our focus values are that of co-operation and service and these will form the basis for many of our assemblies. These are such important values, that we recognise some of our children are exceptionally good at already. I often see children helping others and behaving in selfless ways around the school. It is part of what makes KSM such a wonderful place to be. Team work makes the dream work!

We have had a busy but enjoyable first week back, with lots of new topics and learning being introduced across the year groups. There was a particular buzz in Year 1 this week as they began their 'Rainforests' topic, learning all about the climate and creatures that live there. I look forward to seeing their work on this topic soon.

Year 6 have a busy and important few weeks ahead, in the lead up to their SATS tests. They began revision this week, revisiting many of the areas of learning that they have previously been taught. We are encouraging the children to take these assessments in their stride and we are committed to minimising the stress surrounding these. It is simply an opportunity for the children to show us their fabulous knowledge and understanding!

We also celebrated Autism Awareness day today, with children and staff coming into school in a rainbow of colour. It was lovely to see so many children take part and we are proud to be a school that understands the importance of diversity and inclusion. The children in our Autism Support Centre took particular pride in today's celebrations and we had a real focus around the school on recognising how wonderful it is that we are all so different. Grace, Iris, Fareedah, Erin and Sophie (4F) have raised £159.56 from their bake sale today. They had arranged this themselves and provided the cakes. We would also like to thank their parents for their support with this. They would like the money to be used for sensory room equipment to support their peers. Including the bake sale, £449.10 has been raised today for sensory room equipment.

**Birthday wishes-** I would like to wish the following children and staff a happy birthday!

Easter Holiday birthdays: Caleb RB, Oakley RJ, Andre 3PM, Beatrice 5S, Harry 3PM, Clara 5C, Scarlett 5S, Hugo 4F, Daniel 2C, William 1H, Chanel 3PM, Zak 2R, Toby 4F, James 3J, Archie YN, Kayleigh 6L, Freddie 4B, Mrs Hancock, Mrs Connelly, Briony 3PM, Harry 2C

Birthdays this week: George 4B, Ellen 3J, Violet-Rose 3J, Sophie 6T, Riley 3PM, Lucy-May 1H, Theo 6T, Oscar 2C, Reign 1C, Albert 4F, Elden 1C, Isaac RB

Phew! What a lot of birthdays!

Have a wonderful weekend, see you all on Monday.

Anna Nottage

## Academy Development

Thank you to the parents and carers who completed our communication survey. The comments received around how you would like to access information related to school communications have been very helpful. Thank you for taking the time to write such detailed responses.

Our early analysis of the responses has informed us that our newsletter is well read and considered useful. While there are many families reading the blog posts, greater consistency across posts and the information included would be beneficial. We are also aware that many parents would like increased notice and details of upcoming events and frequent reminders.

This information will inform our future planning and we will keep you updated on our progress.

Enjoy the weekend, Lois Osborne.

## Diary Dates

### Next week

- Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> April Bag2Schools bags back to KSM by end of school day

### This term

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May KS2 Athletics finals day
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May Yr1 trip Call of the Wild
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May YrR trip Danbury Stick Man
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May Yr5 trip Jimmy's Farm
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May Coronation Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May Yr6 SATs week
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May Yr3 sleepover
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May class/team photos
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May Open Door

# Excellent Punctuality

Excellent learners attend school on time! We celebrate punctuality. The classes with the top punctuality are noted below:

KS1: RB, 1C, 2C, 2R    KS2: 4F, 4B, 5S

## Stars of the Week – These learners have demonstrated our school values.



## Gold Book Honours – These learners have been building excellent habits of learning by consistently displaying one of our 6Rs:

Responsible

Resourceful

Reflective

Resilient

Reasoning

Risk-taking

They have been awarded their bronze, silver or gold badge that they may wear with pride on their school uniform.



### Safeguarding

We all have a duty to safeguard the children in our care and if the school suspects or knows that a child is at risk of significant harm, we will make a referral to Social Services. The school does not investigate any disclosures that children may make, we are a referring agency. Procedures on safeguarding from the Government make it clear that all staff should operate with an 'it could happen here' approach to any concerns they may have. If you have any concerns about a child please telephone the Essex Child and Families Hub on 0345 603 7627.

