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KSM PTFA - bringing parents, teachers & friends together

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT-PTFA LEGENDS

Now let's be clear EVERYONE who gives up some of their time to help raise money for the school and help our kids have fun is a legend, BUT the PTFA is losing two absolute stalwarts this year so we want to recognise their unique contribution to our school.

For more years than they care to admit, Corinne Chatellier and Julie Way have been familiar figures when it comes to the PTFA as Treasurer, Chairman and helpers. They've hauled jumble, set up marquees, made cakes and cups of tea, organised quiz nights and Christmas carol mulled wine and helped mobilise teams of parents - often being the first there to set up and the last to leave. They've used their homes and sheds for storing and given their time and smiles up willingly. Here they are at the recent Jumble sale – *look how happy they are to be surrounded by all that.....er....stuff! ;)*



So what will their legacy be? Well apart from raising a record breaking £1085 in a jumble sale held the same day as the Royal Wedding, together with other parents, we helped to raise £15 thousand pounds in just a few years to help buy the fabulous outdoor classroom. So we thank them for their time, commitment, patience and determination - plus their good humour and sense of fun - and wish them and their children all the best for the future. We also give an extra special thank you again to all parents who will be taking on the mantle of raising money for the school in future – you're all legends in our book!

WHAT'S COMING UP...

- ***Summer Fayre** - Friday 5th July 3-6pm
- * **Tuesday 23rd July** - Last Day of school before summer holidays and freedommmmm!
- * **Monday 2nd September** – INSET DAY **NO SCHOOL**
- * **Tuesday 3rd Sept** – First Day Back at school for the new year.

SUMMER FAYRE NEWS

There's a small group of parents working hard to make this year's summer fayre as much fun as possible, so please volunteer to help out if you can. A list of stalls will be going on the '**new parents white board**' at the top of the steps so please pop your name down if you would like to help - even an hour will make a difference! You can help by:-

- * Baking cakes etc for the day.
- * Helping set up at 9 am or tidying up at 6 pm.
- * Bringing in tombola on the non uniform day.
- * Donating tights, soil or cress seeds.
- * Bringing in full bottles of wine.
- * Bringing all the family and lots of cash .

Thank you for your support - it all helps.

SCHOOL LEAVERS 2019

For 16 of our children in Woodpeckers, this July will be a huge milestone in their life as they're leaving Primary school to move on to the 'big' school and a new and exciting chapter in their lives. Although most are probably more than ready to leave primary school, we hope they've enjoyed their time here and will look back on it with a smile! Best of luck to all the Kingston St Mary Leavers of 2019!



SUMMER HOLIDAYS...NO PROBLEM!

For parents worrying about summer hols childcare and activities – we've got your back...;)

- * Wiveliscombe outdoor pool www.wiveypool.net
- *The National Trust in Somerset www.nationaltrust.org.uk
- *Your local library for lots of summer reading.
- *Local playparks at Vivary, Staplegrove Primary School and Oake.
- *BBC Somerset – Your local radio station for 'what's on' - www.bbc.co.uk/bbcsomerset
- *Woodland Adventures - Kings Hall - summer camp. www.kingshalltaunton.co.uk/woodland-adventures-holiday-club
- *Ultimate Activity Camps – Queens School - summer camp. www.ultimateactivity.co.uk/locations/taunton
- *Pro Coaching – diff venues in Somerset www.pro-coaching.co.uk/index.php?dispatch=products.view&product_id=32793
- *SASP – sports courses www.sasp.co.uk/holiday-courses1
- *Great Wood and Great Wood Camp www.greatwood.org.uk/
- * www.kilvecourt.co.uk/activities/quantock-adventure/
- * Wimbleball Lake - www.southwestlakes.co.uk/group-activities/activity-weeks/

SAY WHAT?

Give us your spare plastic containers for cake sales – supplies urgently needed.

Storage wanted...

We STILL need some storage space for the two school jumble sales each year – to keep donations 10 to 12 weeks beforehand. Any spare shed, garage or loft space much appreciated ☺

Did you know... Our PTFA LOGO was designed by Yr 6 student Madeline as part of a competition. Thanks Maddy!

Back to Nature

Thank you to all the children who've taken part in Nature Club this term and to Natasha Bradshaw for organising it. We've learned:-

- *What creatures live in the school grounds.
- *How to make bird feeders from loo rolls, peanut butter and mealie-worms!
- *That you can use moss and sand to filter dirty water.
- *How what is next to a stream or river effects water quality.
- *Who lives in the school pond. (Tadpoles, water skaters etc)
- *There are over half a dozen different types of trees in the school grounds including Elm, Birch, Apple, Horse Chestnut, Oak, Ash, Willow and Sycamore.
- *For the rest of this term we're looking at beaches & the sea.

Nature lovers – go and check out the Outdoor Classroom which is full of the work and ideas of the Nature Club to get you inspired....or pop along and have a look at the school pond and garden - lovingly maintained by the Gardening Club!

HEAD TEACHER'S NOTES *Ms Kim Greenslade*

The school has benefitted again this year from the support of our parents. Thank you to the parents who have attended PTFA meetings and taken the lead in organising events this year.

Whilst these parents are generally seen as the PTFA committee it is important to remember that you are all a part of the PTFA simply by being a part of the school community. Your support is fundamental to the success of raising money for the school.

However you have supported the school's fundraising this year, thank you.

JUST EAT IT! SUMMER PICNIC IDEAS

- Mini pizzas
- Mini quiches
- Crudités – ok basically sticks of carrot, cucumber, pepper carefully jazzed up with a fancy name!
- Olives and pitta bread with hummus
- Mini Frittata fingers

www.myfussyeater.com/25-of-the-best-picnic-food-ideas-for-kids/



YEAR GROUP REPRESENTATIVES

- Yr R – Ella's mum, Liz
- Yr 1 – Chloe's mum, Lisa
- Yr 2 – Steffan's mum, Kay
- Yr 3 – Archie's mum, Lin
- Yr 4 – Freya's mum, Gemma
- Yr 5 – Fern's mum, Lyn
- Yr 6 – Freddie's mum, Nicola* changing over summer.

Don't forget to join your year group WhatsApp

Very good for last minute – 'Is it no school uniform day?' panics!

OTHER PTFA/PARENT CONTACTS

- Lin (Archie's Mum)
- Trudi (Aoife's Mum)
- Tash (Anna/Charlie's Mum)
- Sam (Emily's Mum)
- Corinne (Maddie's Mum)
- Suzanne (Eleanor's Mum)

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