

### *Message from Mrs McWilliams-Bowe*

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had a brilliant day celebrating Red Nose Day! It was wonderful to see the children (and staff!) embracing the fun—whether through wearing something red, and sharing smiles. Thank you for your generosity and enthusiasm; together we have helped raise money for an important cause while spreading joy throughout the school.

A huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for their fantastic attitude and behaviour during their residential trip. They represented the school brilliantly and should be very proud of themselves.

We would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the staff and parents who attended both residential trips (Stubington and Liddington). Their dedication, care and willingness to spend time away from their loved ones to provide these memorable experiences for our children is truly appreciated.

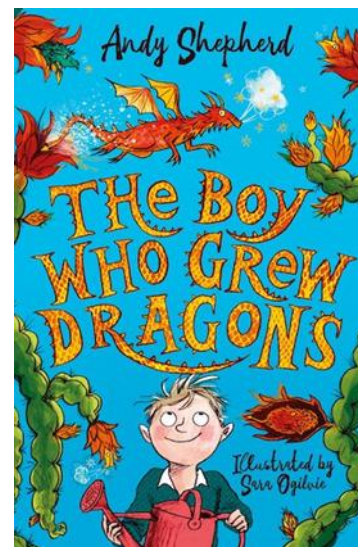
### *A Love of Reading - This week Mr Giles recommends*

3MH have just finished reading *The Boy Who Grew Dragons*, they have all enjoyed this story and would recommend it!

When Tomas discovers a strange old tree at the bottom of his grandad's garden, he doesn't think much of it. But he takes the funny fruit from the tree back into the house - and gets the shock and delight of his life when a tiny dragon hatches! The tree is a dragonfruit tree, and Tomas has got his very own dragon, Flicker ...

Tomas soon finds out that life with Flicker is great fun, but also very ... unpredictable. Yes, dragons are wonderful, but they also set fire to your toothbrush and leave your pants hanging from the TV aerial.

Tomas has to learn how to look after Flicker - and quickly. And then something extraordinary happens - more dragonfruits appear on the tree. Tomas is officially growing dragons...



### *Year 6 Liddington Hoodies and T-Shirts*

We would like to thank the wonderful KSA for organising the ordering and quick delivery of the Y6 Leavers Hoodies and T - Shirts in time for their Liddington Residential.

### *Behaviour policy.*

Our reviewed behaviour policy is now on the website. If you would like to make a comment - please email the school.

Many thanks.

### *Wild Animal On School Site*

A big thank you to all our parents who responded sensibly to the deer on the school site on Thursday morning and kept their children away from any possible danger. Kempshott is fortunate to have such a wealth of local wildlife and sometimes they do wander onto the school site. It is a reminder that these sensitive animals become highly stressed in this unusual environment and human interaction can have a negative effect on the animals, causing them to become distressed and flighty; which in turn makes them a hazard for small children.

### *Easter Service at St Marks*

The children will be walking up to St Marks Church for the Easter Service on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 am. Please let your child's teacher know if you do not wish your child to attend for religious reason. Thank you.

### *Best Attendance for this Week*

**The class with the highest attendance this week is 6HR with 99.38% well done!!**

#### Attendance Matters

- Good attendance is key to your child's safety, wellbeing, and education.
- Children who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve and build positive friendships.
- When a child misses school, it can mean missed learning and missed opportunities to be part of our school community.
- If your child is unwell or unable to attend, please contact the school office by 9 am on the day of absence.
- Our pastoral team is here to support families if attendance becomes difficult - please reach out, we are here to help.

#### **Reporting an Absence**

If your child is ill, please can you telephone the school office before 9.00am on 01256 326713. There is an answer phone that you can leave a message regarding absence. The school office will contact you if you do not contact the school to report an absence., if you do not report the absence it will be marked as "unauthorised absence". If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they will need to remain at home for a clear 48 hours following the last episode.

### *Pupil Achievements*

#### *Finley Year 4*

Finley received his 25m swimming certificate and medal this week at swimming; and he was very proud of himself. He also completed his 1st ever 5k Park Run last weekend. Fin also completed his grade 4 in Parkour.

**We love to celebrate our children's achievements outside of school. If you have any awards/achievements you'd like included in the newsletters, please email them to the school office via [info@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:info@kempshott-jun.hants.sch.uk)**



## Communication

"We value strong communication with families. To ensure concerns are dealt with promptly, we follow our school communication structure:

**Class Teacher → Team Leader → Deputy Headteacher.**

This ensures the right people are involved at the right time."

Thank you for your continued support.



Together we can make a difference

### ◆ KSA Weekly Update ◆

Just a reminder that our next Happy Bags Recycling event happening this coming Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

A collection bag has been sent home in book bags at the end of last week. If it goes missing, don't worry - any bag will do!

**Accepted items include everything on the attached list. This includes adult and children's clothing, paired shoes, fashion accessories, handbags and belts, hats and scarves, jewellery and perfumes.**

**They don't accept dirty, damaged or wet clothes, uniforms or under clothing, toys, books or DVD's, duvets, pillows or household items, carpets, blankets and curtains and bric-a-brac.**

📍 Drop-off time: 8:00 am – 9:00 am at school on collection day

The KSA will ensure all donations are delivered for recycling. And remember, every little helps in supporting our fundraising target for both schools.

If you have any questions, please message us on social media or email [ksaevents10@gmail.com](mailto:ksaevents10@gmail.com).

Thank you for supporting the KSA! ☀️



### *Easter Holiday Club*

Unfortunately, we are not in a position to run the Easter holiday club. Families who regularly use the club have received a personal email regarding this matter.

### *Community Food Link*

Every Thursday the Community Food Link make a delivery to Kempshott Junior School, parents are welcome to pop in to the Green Room at 3pm to choose any food items that they may find useful. Please help us reduce food waste in our community. Thank you.

### *Year 6 Book Swap*

Year 6 Book Swap will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please send your child in with a book that they are happy to swap.

## *Spring Term 2026*

Spring Term 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Half Term 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Summer Term 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

Half Term 25<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### **Inset Days for 2025/2026**

13<sup>th</sup> April

1<sup>st</sup> June

### **Inset Days for 2026/2027**

1<sup>st</sup> September

2<sup>nd</sup> November

4<sup>th</sup> January

12<sup>th</sup> April

7<sup>th</sup> June

### **March 2026**

23<sup>rd</sup> - KSA Clothes Recycling Collection

25<sup>th</sup> - Easter Service at St Marks Church / Anti-Bullying Policy Review 2.30 pm

26<sup>th</sup> - Y4 to Ufton Court / 6EW to QMC / Year 6 Book Swap

27<sup>th</sup> - Coffee and Chat 9 am Green Room with Mrs Clifton and Miss Williams

**April 2026**

23<sup>rd</sup> - Class Photos

29<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 trip to Butser Ancient Farm/ Year 5 visit to Blue Coat School "Mary Poppins"

**May 2026**

4<sup>th</sup> - Bank Holiday

14<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 trip to Paultons Park

\*Please note: dates are subject to change/cancellation\*