ST KENELM'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

We inspire, care and believe to enjoy, share and achieve...

Welcome from our Headteacher

SUZANNE SHACKLETON

I would like to offer you a warm welcome to St. Kenelm's CE Primary School. We are a one class per year village school with strong links to the local community, situated in a beautiful, rural setting. Ours is a happy school with a family atmosphere where everyone is known, understood and cared for. We believe that building high self-esteem and confidence is the key to success in order that each individual can achieve their potential. We aim to develop a strong sense of citizenship in our children within the school, local, national and global community.

We strongly believe that fostering a real passion for learning is crucial to achievement and we try to enhance this through a whole range of experiences both within and outside the classroom environment through an exciting and vibrant curriculum.

We understand that the choice of school for your child is an important one and we welcome the opportunity to show you around our school.

A little bit about our school

WORSHIP

At St Kenelm's we aim to provide every pupil and member of our community with an experience of Christian life and worship. Within our core values we uphold and teach pupils about the British Values: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Our values are taught through worship, RE and PSHE lessons and are supported by opportunities for visits, visitors and whole school enrichment activities. Our values are integral to our teaching and ethos, so all children are respected, their diversity valued therefore allowing them to fulfil their potential.

OUR SCHOOL IN THE COMMUNITY

Our success is based not only on that of those employed directly by the school, but also of our Parents, Carers, local community and Governors.

Our school has a strong relationship with St. Kenelm's Church community and this collaboration has spanned many decades. We visit the church for Worship at least once a year and we always enjoy assemblies with the Reverend, who visits school.

We are also proud to have links with other groups in the community; working with and supporting events and activities organized by the Parish Council, Friends of Romsley, Scouts and Guides and welcoming sponsorship to our own events from local businesses in and around Romsley.

Governor Led Provision onsite

NURSERY

St Kenelm's Nursery is calm yet stimulating and is set in a naturally resourced environment. Provision in our nursery promises high-quality Early Year's education.

Benefitting from an outstanding outdoor area, our young children can hunt for bugs in Welly Wood, cook mud pies in the mud kitchen and build dens in our secret garden as well as use all the space afforded to main school such as a traversing wall, an adventure trail and a storytelling circle.

Through play-based learning, the Early Year's team provide a stimulating and enlightening curriculum. The nursery children have the opportunity to play and learn alongside the Reception children encouraging friendships and interaction thus supporting the children to be school ready

WRAPAROUND CARE

In September 2019, Governors of St Kenelm's Primary School were excited to open the doors on our own Wraparound Care provision that compliments the nurturing and inspiring ethos of the school.

Our Wraparound Care features:

Experienced, well qualified staff
A smooth transition between school and Wraparound Care
A range of fun and inspiring planned activities
Access to outdoor facilities and sporting activities
Opportunities for creative activities
Provision for a quiet, calm area for children to read or to complete homework
School led administration and high quality safeguarding for children.

Wraparound Care is open for Breakfast Club from 7:30am offering a healthy breakfast followed by a choice of activity after breakfast in a calm atmosphere, where children can relax ready for the day ahead. After School Club is open from 3:15pm to 5:30pm and offers a light tea and a snack. Staff include children in their planning and offer opportunities for a variety of activities to excite and inspire.

School Life

STARTING SCHOOL

Starting school is a big step in every child's life. At St Kenelm's we aim to offer an Early Years curriculum that will provide firm foundations upon which, the rest of a child's education will be successfully based.
We strive to create stimulating environments both indoors and outside, that promote language development, play-based learning opportunities, challenge, exploration, adventure and a love of learning.
It is our intent that all our children will develop their skills physically, verbally, cognitively and emotionally in an environment which values all cultures, communities and people.
We aim for our children to be confident and independent learners, to believe in themselves and interact positively with others.
We understand that child-initiated play is an integral part of learning, and this is at the heart of our early years' curriculum. This is balanced with the correct mix of quality first teaching, effective modelling and adult directed tasks to ensure good outcomes for pupils.
Warm and positive relationships between staff and children, consistent routines and strong relationships with parents are also important to ensure our children have the best possible start to their school life and we aim to establish these, right from the beginning.

DOG MENTOR PROGRAMME

We are extremely proud to be a 'Dog Mentor Affiliated School'. The Dog Mentor programme has been proven to have a positive impact on children in all areas including self-esteem, behaviour, peer relationships and better engagement skills. These improvements then result in improved academic achievement. Bailey, a black labrador owned and trained by an ex Early Years Lead of St Kenelm's, visits us regularly to work with children in the setting.
In addition, one of our Governors has a dog called Cubby, a working Cocker Spaniel, who is a member of Pets As Therapy which is a community who work in hospitals, care homes and schools. Cubby helps create a calm, positive atmosphere and gives children a chance to practise gentle handling and confidence around dogs.
Understanding of children's allergies and preferences around dogs is sought before any children are chosen to work with the animals, but all who do thoroughly enjoy the time together.

OUR PASTORAL TEAM

St Kenelm's C of E Primary School is committed to supporting all of the needs of our children and their families in order for them to become the best version of themselves.

We acknowledge that our school has a central role not only in nurturing each child's academic needs, but ensuring that their emotional, social and behavioural experiences are well respected and given the opportunity to flourish.

We appreciate that children within our community may experience a variety of differences and we will always treat both our children and their families in a caring, understanding and sensitive way.

We deliver an inclusive approach through our creative curriculum, targeted intervention, family support and referral to outside agencies where necessary.

In addition, all staff will follow the guidelines set out within our **Emotional and Wellbeing, SEND** (Special Educational Needs & Disabilities) and **Anti bullying policies.**

Our dedicated team responsible for any pastoral matters are:
Mrs S Shackleton – Head Teacher
Mrs S Thomas – Deputy Head Teacher
Mrs J Groves – SEND Co

Mrs Louise Bevan
Pastoral Manager

FOREST SCHOOL

We are incredibly fortunate to have extensive grounds which include a woodland amongst many other enhanced outdoor areas and activities. All children use the outdoors to enrich and support their learning whenever possible. We have an annual 'Empty Classroom/Outdoor Day' where the whole school is outdoors, in mixed aged groups, taking part in a wide range of activities on site and within the local area.

Children in the EYFS and KS1 have a weekly Forest School session which is very much enjoyed! We go outside to experience the different seasons and take part in activities such as den building, toasting marshmallows on our campfire and bird watching. These sessions help foster so many areas of development, a feeling of wellbeing and a love of the natural world around us.

OUR CURRICULUM

At St Kenelm's CE Primary School we offer a curriculum which is broad and balanced and which builds on the knowledge, understanding, and skills of all children as they progress through each Key Stage, stimulating them to learn, challenging their thoughts and inspiring a love of learning.

The curriculum incorporates the statutory requirements of the new National Curriculum 2014 and other experiences and opportunities which best meet the learning and development needs of the pupils in our school. We use 'The Learning Challenge Curriculum' as a basis for planning to ensure coverage and progression of skills and knowledge throughout the school. Individual year groups then plan the curriculum for their pupils accordingly. Small steps are built upon to enable learners to achieve an end result. The aim of our curriculum is for pupils to have the requisite skills to achieve success in many different areas and become independent and motivated learners in readiness for their next stage of education.

Encouraging a love of literature is at the heart of our teaching and alongside this we ensure that language skills are a common thread through all that we do - from Maths to Design.

We provide suitable learning challenges that respond to diverse needs. This encompasses a variety of exciting experiences both in and outside of the classroom. We follow a theme-based approach to learning, in the belief that children learn best when logical connections are made between different aspects of their work. Creativity is encouraged through our curriculum. To help children progress in their learning and understand what they need to do to improve, immediate feedback is given to learners. Teaching and Learning is carefully planned to inspire and appeal to different learning styles, is pitched to help all learners access the curriculum and always encourages a growth mindset where anyone can achieve 'over and above'.

Mrs Sarah Thomas
Deputy Headteacher

St Kenelm's where...

You will find an open, friendly school and parents are always welcomed and encouraged to be partners in school life.

We value a happy, secure, relaxed yet purposeful environment.

MUSIC

Music and the arts are an important part of enriching our school curriculum. We welcome music teachers from Severn Arts to teach a variety of instruments as well as take part in their FAME programme to enable every child to learn an instrument for a year free of charge. Our musicians often take exams and medals; we have a very high pass rate for these, and are able to join ensembles outside of school through Severn Arts. Singing enriches our worship and assembly themes and we use the songs to discover more about faith as well as teaching the skills of choral singing. Singing in all ages is important to bring happiness and good mental health and it is lovely to hear the children sing in their classes and at our school performances. It is also lovely to go into the community, share our singing with the local care home, lunch club members, and carol singing at Christmas. Our music curriculum is focused on developing the skills of musical appreciation, listening, composing and performing. All classes have access to high quality instruments to enable these lessons to have maximum impact. At different times during the year, we offer after school clubs including choir, recorders and orchestra and are well attended by all year groups.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Curriculum: At St Kenelm's, PE is an extremely popular subject. All pupils receive two hours of PE per week - consisting of different sports modules and activities. In key stage 1, the children study gymnastics, games, dance and athletics while in key stage 2 there is the addition of outdoor and adventurous activities and more of a focus on sports-specific activities such as tag rugby, football, and cricket, cross country, hockey, netball and rounders. Throughout the school, children in specific year groups also undertake swimming modules as we attempt to ensure that all pupils are able to swim the 'government recommended' 25 metres by the time that they leave in year 6.
Extra-curricular clubs: We also run a number of extra-curricular sports clubs at St Kenelm's. These usually take place after school and involve a wide range of sporting activities. In recent years we have had athletics, football, cricket, multi skills and cross country which have proved to be extremely popular with the pupils. Some of the clubs are delivered by community providers and we have established good links with professional clubs such as Kidderminster Harriers.
Leadership: We are also very proud to have a large number of pupils who desire to be sports leaders within our school. In year five, we deliver a sports leadership programme where the pupils gain training and experience in becoming young leaders in a sporting capacity. The pupils will take all the new skills learned into year six where they will be utilised in a variety of scenarios to support staff in working with younger children – both during the school day and within inter-school competitions and festivals.

PROMOTING BRITISH VALUES

The DfE have reinforced the need "to create and enforce a clear and rigorous expectation on all schools to promote the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs."

Through our curriculum development at St Kenelm's CE Primary School we have identified opportunities where children are able to demonstrate thoughtful responses and we encourage positive attributes towards diversity. We place a great emphasis on citizenship and encouraging our pupils to be responsible citizens.

We have an active school council from year one through to year six which meet regularly to discuss the issues the children raise within their individual classes. Each year an election happens within each class where the children write their own mandate and present their speech to the class. Then there is a class vote and one child from each class is selected to represent the views of their class on school council. Within the curriculum itself, pupils are encouraged to become involved in the decision making process and these are listened to by the school.
Mutual respect is at the heart of our values. The children are taught from an early age that their behaviour impacts upon other people. They are taught to listen and show respect within our school community. We explore differences in faith and beliefs in a positive manner and within a range of subject areas.

The children at St Kenelm's CE Primary School are provided with opportunities to visit places of significant cultural interest, places of worship and we also have a range of visitors from different walks of life.

The school supports different charities over the course of the school year and are involved in both planning fundraising and raising awareness of the different activities that support charities. Our local and Global partnerships also support respect and tolerance and we are an expert centre for The Global learning Programme.

Supporting Families

EARLY HELP

The coordinated St Kenelm's CE Primary School offer of **Early Help** can be viewed via our website:

http://stkenelms.co.uk/Early-Help-Offer

We believe that early interventions for children or families, in many cases, will prevent children from experiencing harm.

All St Kenelm's CE Primary School staff must be aware of our offer of early help and should consider if there is any offer of early help that we can make in order to help a child thrive. We liaise with other agencies and people within the local community.

Our Early Help Offer page on our website provides details of National organisations that can support children, young people and their families

Safeguarding

SAFEGUARDING AND KEY PERSONNEL

St Kenelm's CE Primary School recognises our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all pupils. We endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice. Child protection forms part of the school's safeguarding responsibilities.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL):
Mrs Suzanne Shackleton (Headteacher)

Deputy DSL: Mrs Sarah Thomas (Deputy Headteacher)

Nominated Safeguarding Governor and Chair of Governors: Mrs Nikki Copitch

Inclusion

SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

St. Kenelm's CE Primary School is committed to providing an appropriate and high quality education for all our children. We believe that all children, including those identified as having special educational needs and disabilities have a common entitlement to a broad and balanced academic and social curriculum. St. Kenelm's provides a balanced curriculum of academic, social, cultural, physical and moral teaching in which all children are enabled to make progress and achieve success.

We believe that all children should be equally valued in school. We strive to eliminate prejudice and discrimination, and to develop an environment where all children can flourish and feel safe. St. Kenelm's is committed to inclusion.

The inclusive curriculum is supported by robust lesson planning, which provides appropriate learning challenges and responds to children's diverse learning needs. We believe that educational inclusion is about equal opportunities for all learners, whatever their age, gender, ethnicity, impairment, attainment and background.

The SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator) is responsible for supporting, planning and monitoring these interventions. This monitoring is used to ensure systems are effective and impact positively on pupil progress.

Please do contact our SENCO, should you require further information and you may wish to view our SEND and Inclusion Policy for more comprehensive information:
https://www.stkenelms.co.uk/Policies/

PUPIL PREMIUM

All members of staff and the School Governors accept responsibility for 'socially disadvantaged' pupils and are committed to meeting their pastoral, social and academic needs within the school environment.

St Kenelm's CE Primary School is committed to 'Narrowing the Gap' between vulnerable pupils and Pupil Premium forms a vital part of that process. Pupil Premium funding is allocated to support any pupils or groups of pupils legitimately identified as being socially disadvantaged via Worcester County Council's application process.

Provision will be made through:
- Facilitating pupils' access to education
- Facilitating pupils' access to the curriculum
- Alternative support and intervention within the school.

Admissions Information

We understand that the choice of school for your child is an important one. At St. Kenelm's, we believe that our approach to learning, values and environment are all ones which are conducive to a child's development.

PUPILTRANSITION

Our admissions policy and procedures are approved and reviewed annually by the governing body. We offer admission to all Reception age children in the September of the year of their fifth birthday, i.e. birthdays between 1st September & 31st August. There will be a part-time element to this at the beginning of the Autumn Term for all pupils. This is based on recommendation by Early Years Specialists and taking into account parental feedback

It is helpful if parents register their children for admission well in advance so that we can organise our classes in school. The final date of application is January prior to the year of entry.

A series of visits are arranged for new children to ensure a happy transfer into our school community. Time is set aside for parents to view the school in action, and to discuss our school routines.

The school pupil admission number is 30 per class.

ALLOCATION OF SPACES

The allocation of places to St. Kenelm's is undertaken by the School Admissions and Transfers Section within Worcestershire County Council via the online School Admissions portal.

Applications are made online at;
http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20099/school_admissions

This information can also be found on our website under the Parents tab

Highschool Transition

THE PYRAMID

Most children from St Kenelm's go on to attend high school at Haybridge. The Pyramid includes the following schools:

- Haybridge High School (11-18 years)
- St Kenelm's Primary (rising 5 – 11 years)
- Belbroughton Primary (rising 5 – 11 years)
- Clent Primary (rising 5 – 11 years)
- Blakedown Primary (rising 5 – 11 years)
- Hagley Primary (rising 5 – 11 years)

The main aim of these schools is to foster the educational and social development of their children by providing a broad and balanced curriculum within stimulating learning environments. External examination results are excellent thus reflecting high standards in all the schools.

There is very close liaison between Heads, staff and pupils across all schools e.g. Residentials, Workshops and Pyramid Arts Day. Children come together for a variety of activities. The Technology status of Haybridge High already means children and staff from all schools have the benefits of sharing resources and training. A careful programme of integration is planned for all Year 6 children prior to moving onto their High School.

To view St. Kenelm's Admission Policy please visit our website:

http://stkenelms.co.uk/Admissions-information/

Useful Information

TOURS

We welcome families to visit our school. To book a tour, please contact parent@stkenelms.worcs.sch.uk to schedule a time that suits you and your family
Alternatively, please call 01562 710 214 and speak to our friendly office staff, who will be happy to assist you.