



Kidmore End CE Primary School



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Dear Parents,

As I start at Kidmore End in my official capacity as Headteacher, I would just like to thank all parents and stakeholders for the warm welcome I have received since visiting the school from the start of June. This is a new chapter in the school's journey and I am so excited to be starting at Kidmore End.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hull for her service to the school over a long period of time and to Mr Atkins who has supported the school for the past few months. On behalf of the whole school, I would like to wish them all the very best for the future.

I am totally committed to ensuring Kidmore End CE Primary School aims for the highest standards and as a small village school becomes a thriving, happy and outwardly facing community school serving our local community and beyond. I believe in family and I want Kidmore End to be one happy family focusing on what is best for our children.

I am looking forward to working with parents to improve the school. There will be meetings with teachers and myself at the start of the Autumn Term to outline my expectations and vision and the teacher expectations for the children in their new class.

The dates for these meetings are as follows:

Year 5 and Year 6 Parent Expectation meetings will be held from 3.30-4.30pm on **Tuesday 7th September**.

Year 3 and Year 4 Parent Expectation meetings will be held from 3.30-4.30pm on **Wednesday 8th September**.

Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Expectation meetings will be held from 3.30 -4.30pm on **Thursday 9th September**.

Year R Parent Expectation meeting will held be from 3.30 -4.30pm on **Tuesday 14th September**.

(Please note that this meeting will be for parents and the children will be supervised by staff in another part of the school. Further details will follow as we start the Autumn Term.)

There will also be a chance for parents to meet with me in Parent Forums which will focus on helping the school move forward. The Parent Forums will focus on key issues and the constructive feedback from the Parent Questionnaire which will be sent out tomorrow (Friday 2nd July).

I will also have regular Parent Surgeries (to be held in the afternoons and evenings) to ensure that I can address individual parental concerns.

The Parent Questionnaire is an opportunity to be reflective and to help provide the school and Governors with constructive feedback. As we start a new chapter in the school, I hope that the parents and the community will rally behind me and the school to bring hope and positivity so that we can aim high and become the school of choice in the local area. This is extremely important as we move forward. Parental voice should be helpful, supportive and constructive to allow me to shape the future.

I am extremely ambitious and long term I want the school to be not only the best school in the local area, but the best school in Oxfordshire and beyond.

Over the next two days I will meet with all the children to outline my expectations at Kidmore End. I have been so impressed by their enthusiasm and their openness.

Please note that all children will start school on Monday 6th September 2021.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank KESA for purchasing the resources for the Early Years area. This will help our youngest children begin their education with the best resources and promote the school to prospective parents.

I have been liaising with KESA over the past few weeks and we are committed to ensuring we can provide the school with additional resources through new fundraising opportunities. Together, we are looking at funding a large project for next year where all children will benefit. We hope all parents and families will help.

Through my discussions with KESA, we would like to communicate a number of events for which we would greatly appreciate your support (please note we will continue to monitor the COVID situation but we are committed to trying to run these events):

- **22nd and 23rd August 2021** – a Working Bee party to revitalise the Early Years outdoor area (Please let us know whether your business or your employers can match fund this or support this opportunity). Further details will be sent out towards the end of term.
- **Friday 9th July 2021** – Non-Uniform Day (£1 donation to KESA) – the Non-Uniform theme will be to wear colours of European Flags to celebrate the Euros 2020/2021 final.
- KESA will also be donating Ice Lollies for all the children for the Sports Day to be held next week.
- KESA will also be running Ice Lolly stalls for all year groups on **Friday 9th and Friday 16th July** on the playground at the end of the school day.
- Finally, as we are unable to run the Summer Fete, we plan to run a community and whole school celebration event from 2pm - 4pm on a school day during the last week in September (**date tbc**). This will be a chance to come together and celebrate a new start at Kidmore End.

I am pleased to also announce that the school will provide all parents with a live stream for the Sports Day on the **6th July** so that all parents can watch the Sports Day remotely. The details about the Zoom Link and Sports Day timings will be sent out to parents on Monday 5th July. I understand and sympathise with parents' frustrations over the current COVID guidance and I hope this opportunity is welcomed by all parents.

We hope to run before school and after school clubs from the week beginning **13th September 2021**. If you or child has any suggestion for clubs or activities please comment on the Parent Questionnaire. We hope to be able to send out a club offer letter to parents by 16th July 2021. Once again, we will need to look at the COVID guidelines but I am hoping that we can get back to normal with clubs at Kidmore End.

Finally, on the 14th July, I am meeting with Governors to outline my vision for the school. As the new headteacher, I am fortunate that I have had the last few weeks and the rest of the Summer Term to understand and reflect on the next steps for the school. Over the summer holidays your constructive feedback will help shape my thoughts, vision, direction and expectations for Kidmore End.

I am committed to Kidmore End and I look forward to working with all stakeholders to ensure our children have the very best opportunities to thrive and that the school is at the heart of the community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Griffin', written in a cursive style.

Mr Andrew Griffin
Headteacher