



# Kidmore End CE Primary School

## Super News Kidmore End!

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

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## Year 6 have a wonderful time at Woodlands

Our new website launches



Our intrepid explorers have had a wonderful time at Woodlands Outdoor Education Centre in Wales. They have been really busy caving, canoeing, climbing and participating in team building challenges.

Lots of children have tried things they have not done before, some have stayed away from home for the first time.



They have been encouraging and supporting each other (and learning to set and clear the table at meal times). It has been a very enjoyable as well as a tiring week.

### Children in Need Day - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

Children can wear their own clothes on this day and we ask all children to make a donation to the Children in Need Fund.



Kidmore End's new website is now live and we are very proud of the design and functionality. It will really help us to communicate key information to parents and prospective families. The website also looks fabulous. The school is extremely grateful to Mrs Chandra, a parent in Year 1, who took all the photos of the children. Mrs Chandra did an amazing job and we have a stock of around 300 photos and we will continue to add more to the website.

Please look out for your child's class page and curriculum pages on the website over the next few weeks as we add more information about your child's topics.

### Disco - 19<sup>th</sup> November

A reminder that the disco will take place next week on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November



Friday,  
19th November



DJ • tattoos • sweets • games • glow sticks

## Dates for the Diary

### 2nd Half term Autumn 2021-2022

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Nov - Anti-Bullying Week  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Nov - KESA dress as you please day - bring a toy  
Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 1.00pm - KS2 Cross Country Competition  
Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.30am - Open Morning for prospective parents  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Nov - School Discos  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Nov - Children in Need dress as you please day  
Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 1.30pm - Open Afternoon for prospective parents  
Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Nov - 2.30pm Y4 Ancient Greek Exhibition  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Nov - Flu vaccinations - all classes  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 1.30pm - Open Afternoon for prospective parents  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - Choir at 'The Big Sing' in Oxford  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - Last teacher-led clubs  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - Last Running & Chess Club  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Dec - Cross Country at MECE School  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Dec KESA/St John the Baptist Church Christmas Fair  
Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Dec am - FS/Y1 Nativity  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Dec am - FS/Y1 Nativity  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christingle Service at St John the Baptist  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec pm - Y2 Nativity  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Dec pm - Y2 Nativity  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Service in Church (approx. 12.30pm)  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - End of term 1.30pm - NO SCHOOL MEALS  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - End of term 1.30pm

**Tuesday 4th January 2022 Inset day 6 (no school for pupils)**

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Jan - First day of term

## COVID precautions

There are no new cases currently in the school that we are aware of, but we ask you to remain vigilant and if you have concerns about whether you should be sending your child to school if they are unwell or someone in the household has tested positive, then please contact the school. Lateral Flow Tests have recently been proven to be 90% effective and we ask that you support the school by testing frequently at home.

If you do have a positive case in your family we ask that you keep your child or children off school and get a PCR test for you and your family and keep your child at home until the PCR result comes back. If you are unsure what to do, please contact the school and speak to Mr Griffin.

We ask that parents also continue to wear face masks if visiting the school and coming inside the building.

## Road Safety and Parking

The school has had a few reports from residents and parents about cars speeding in the village.

Please can I ask all parents to take care and slow down as we approach the village and the school.

A plea to parents to also park sensibly and legally when dropping off and picking up.



## Open Days

We ask that all parents and carers raise the profile of the school by sharing the details of our Open Morning and Afternoons with our prospective parents.

Dates for Open Mornings and Open Afternoons – Autumn 2021	
Date	Time
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	9.30am -11.00am
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	1.30pm-3.00pm
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	1.30pm-3.00pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	1.30pm-3.00pm

## Cross Country Event

### Congratulations to our Runners

Well done to our wonderful Cross Country Runners who participated in running on a very damp autumnal day at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge on the 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

A special well done to the following children:  
In Year 3, Ambrose who came third in his age group.  
In Year 4, William who came second in his age group.

Next Tuesday, a selected team of KS2 runners will be competing against other schools. We wish them all the best.

If your child is interested in running for the school at future events please see the details below. There are still places in the running club; please see Mr Griffin or contact the office if your child would like to join in.

Next events:

4<sup>th</sup> December

Race times

Year 1 - 10.00, Y2 - 10.20,

Y3 - 10.40, Y4 - 11.00,

Y5 - 11.15 and Year 6 at 11.30.

Venue: Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge School, Sonning Common.

## CHRISTMAS FAIR 2021

Planning is well under way for the exciting return of the Christmas Fair this year. The big date for your diary is Saturday 4th December! The Christmas Fair and outside Christmas market will be held between 12 and 3pm.

Please refer to the Big Ask letter that we sent out last week. A few reminders are outlined below:

### All School

#### Dress as You Please Day

As in previous years, the school will hold a Dress As You Please Day on **Tuesday 16th November**. In return, can we please kindly ask you to bring a new toy into school that morning, to donate to the New Toy Tombola. Boxes will be put in each classroom for your child to place their donation into.

#### Raffle Tickets

We will be sending raffle tickets home with your eldest child on **Friday 19th November**. There are some amazing prizes on offer this year. We would really appreciate your help in selling as many of these as possible and returning the ticket stubs and money into the KESA raffle box in the school reception area by **Tuesday 30th November**.

#### Pre-Loved Toys and/or Soft Teddies

The ever-popular Pre-Loved Toys and Adopt-A-Teddy stalls will be returning again this year. This provides a great opportunity for a pre-Christmas clear out! Can we please kindly invite you to leave any donations of unwanted, pre-loved toys and soft toys/teddies in good and clean condition, in the labelled boxes that will be in reception from **Monday 8th November to Monday 22nd November**. This will give us enough time to have the toys fully washed and sanitised before the fair.

## Cookery School Workshops - Christmas Holiday

**Tuesday 21st December (10-12.30pm)**

Venue: St Mary's Prep School (Henley on Thames)

Suitable for 5-11 year olds

£33.50 per child instead of £38.50\*\*

Please click on the booking link below for more info:

https: [https://portal.smartraspberry.com/Courses/Course+Details/?course\\_id=1095](https://portal.smartraspberry.com/Courses/Course+Details/?course_id=1095)

**Wednesday 22nd & Thursday**

**23<sup>rd</sup> December (10-12.30pm)**

Venue: Peppard War Memorial Hall (Henley on Thames)

Suitable for 5-11 year olds

£30 per child instead of £35\*\*

Please click on the booking link below for more

info: [https://portal.smartraspberry.com/Courses/Course+Details/?course\\_id=1070](https://portal.smartraspberry.com/Courses/Course+Details/?course_id=1070)

If you would like to find more information or book your children onto one of our workshops please click on the appropriate link, or alternatively please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions you may have at : [info@smartraspberry.com](mailto:info@smartraspberry.com)



### Week 6

FS - Noah P and Noah J  
Year 1- Phoebe and Isabella  
Year 2 - Sanna and Ben  
Year 3 - Thea and Emilia  
Year 4 - Jack and Maisie  
Year 5 - Jacob and James  
Year 6 - The whole class

### Around the school....

#### In Foundation Stage/Reception

Foundation have LOVED the launch of our new topic Marvellous Machines. The children really enjoyed thinking about the machines we use every day in our kitchens and we looked at a blender and how it works. We chose our favourite fruits to make fruit smoothies. Noah told us "my smoothie was delicious".

We've looked at computers and tablets and how they can be used safely in our everyday lives. We have been camera men and woman making videos around our classroom using the iPads. I think a highlight has been using the voice changer, we had so much fun listening to each other with funny voices! We are enjoying following aliens Nip and Nap on their journey to earth in our phonics lessons and we have even found time to start learning our Nativity songs! Phew!

#### In Year 1

This week we started our 'Childhood topic' by opening our Oxfordshire Museums Loan Box. It is full of toys from the past and the children enjoyed looking at and playing with some of them. In English we have been reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and practising writing sentences using adjectives. The children have planted their own beans and we have started our Bean Diaries to record how the beans grow. In indoor PE the children are working on choreographing their Jack and the Beanstalk dances.



In maths the children have learnt about odd and even numbers and subtraction. They have had lots of practise 'taking away'. This week the children will start having weekly spelling homework. This will help them practise phonemes, high frequency words or tricky words that they have learnt at school as well as helping with their handwriting.

#### In Year 2

In Year 2 we are enjoying being back at school. We have been learning about significant people in History: scientists, activists, explorers and monarchs. In English we have been looking at the key features of autobiographies and biographies. In Maths we are learning about money and how to make different amounts using different coins.

We are trying not to get too excited about our Christmas play and are looking forward to finding out what part we are going to be playing. We have learnt all of the songs and are really enjoying singing them.

#### In Year 3

Year 3 have been getting creative in their topic work recently. They used their knowledge of colour mixing and collage to create some fabulous mixed media paintings of Stonehenge.

They have also been learning about the Beaker folk who arrived in Britain in 2500 BC, heralding the start of the Bronze Age. They enjoyed sketching the different shapes and designs of the famous Bell Beaker pottery. Then they had a go at making their own pot in the same style.



**KIDMORE END CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
 St. John the Baptist & Christ the King Church present the 2021

# Christmas Fair

**Saturday  
4th  
December  
12 - 3 PM**

Meet Santa . Raffle . Outdoor Christmas Market . Tombolas  
 Crafts . Festive Entertainment . Mulled Wine & Mince Pies  
 The Bowler Meatballs' Festive Menu . Elfridges Shop  
 Cakes . Fun & Games For All The Family!

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### In Year 4

We had a great time on our school trip and everyone had an amazing experience on ancient Greece at the Ure museum. When we arrived, we listened to the Curator give us a talk about the ancient pots that they loved to make long ago. We handled them carefully using white gloves. This was then followed by choosing our favourite pot in the museum and describing its features; black or red figure, purpose, also its decoration and composition. After exploring the grounds of the University we then went back to the museum and made up a story board of the Trojan War. We got carried away and forgot the time so we had to leave very quickly and run for the coach!

We then had to do a recount of our trip and also a diary entry of the battle of Troy from the perspective of a soldier of either army (Trojan or Greek).



When we got back to school, using our Modroc masks we performed a Greek Myth of our choice in our Ampitheatre.

### In Year 5

This week, Mr Griffin, Mrs Jones and Ms Page have all been teaching Year 5 as Mr Heritage has been with Year 6 at Woodlands. The Year 5 children have been brilliant and we are proud of them. They have had a fabulous week creating puppets and putting on puppet shows, making parachutes and creating war poems.

Here is what the children have said,  
 "In maths we Mr Griffin taught us multiples, factors and prime numbers. Mr Griffin also taught us about war poetry and what it was like for a soldier in World War I. We really enjoyed science (also with Mr Griffin) when we learned about air resistance by creating parachutes and dropping them from a height and timing how long it took to reach the group. On Thursday, we were really lucky to have an art day with Mrs Page who came in to teach us how to make puppets. We have had a really exciting week and thank you to everyone who has taught us."  
 Naomi and Josh.

Monty's fabulous puppets:

