



Kidmore End CE Primary School Newsletter



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Super Sports Day at Kidmore End- July 9th 2021 Mars wins the Sports Day trophy!



A fabulous day was had by all children at the Annual Sports Day at Kidmore End. We had wonderful weather on Friday and the children enjoyed a picnic outside. In the afternoon the Year 6 parents attended the Year 6 events and parents also competed in a very competitive and high-spirited Egg and Spoon race. The highlight for me was the Bean and Bucket Races and the Relay Races. These two events involved a lot of team work and stamina. Well done to Mars for winning the overall competition.

All Year Groups were brilliant in cheering on the other classes and it was great to see the children be kind, supportive and respectful in cheering everyone on. The youngest children in Foundation Stage showed wonderful determination and skill. I was really impressed with everyone's commitment.

The Live Streaming was a fabulous success and it was great to receive so much positive feedback from parents in other year groups about our new wonderful technology! We plan to use the Live Streaming at some of the events in the future and place the streaming on our YouTube Channel. Please be aware that Sports Day recording will be taken down on the 21st July 2021.

A big thank you to Miss Dove for organising the event.

A huge thank you for Matt and Niall at Tech Response for organising the Live Streaming.

Dates for the diary Summer 2021 July 2021

Tue 13th July - Class Swapover Day

Thu 15th July - New to Reception Induction Morning

Fri 16th July - Ice Lollies/KESA

(School finishes at 3pm)

Fri 16th July - Year 5 Adventure Day & Camping

Mon 19th July - Pupil Voice Questionnaire

Wed 21st July - Y6 Leavers' Breakfast 8.30am

Wed 21st July - Y6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.30am

Wed 21st July - School finishing at 1.30pm

NO SCHOOL MEALS this day; please send your child with a packed lunch.

August 2021

Sun 22nd Aug - KESA Working Party Day1

Mon 23rd Aug - KESA Working Party Day2

Dates for the diary Autumn 2021

Inset Days Wed 1st Sept to Fri 3rd Sept 2022

Mon 6th Sept - First day of school for children

Fri 24th Sept - Community Event

Dear Parents and Carers

As we come towards the end of the academic year, I would just like to thank all parents and carers for their support in my first few weeks as Headteacher. To help understand the views of parents and carers please ensure that you take the opportunity to provide feedback through the Parental Questionnaire, which is available until 16th July. The Link is below:
<https://forms.gle/inUrT46Qeos7ZwFaA>

COVID19

We are thankful in school for good weather which has allowed us to get the children outside and active as much as possible.

As we wait for the final update on 19th July before we break for the summer holiday, the school plans not to change the risk assessment and any of the procedures before the end of term. We will stick to staggered lunchtimes and different entry and exit points into the school. The most recent DfE guidance for parents can be accessed here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=09%20July%202021%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

KESA

I want to thank KESA for the continued support of the school. They have met with me on a number of occasions to look at new ideas for fundraising for the school. Along with the other committee members, they have lots of ideas for fundraising and activities for the children.

We are so appreciative of the huge support we get from KESA, including the recent purchase of new Early Years outdoor equipment.

KESA fundraising Dress Up Day

On Thursday to celebrate the Euros Finals, the children came to school in non-uniform dressing up in different colours of the European Flags. We managed to raise £166 for KESA funds.

KESA- Community Event

At our last meeting we have set the date for a community event to replace the Summer Fete which had to be cancelled due to COVID. The date for the event is Friday 24th September from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. Further details will be sent out at the end of term and in September.

KESA -Ice Lollies

KESA will sell ice lollies this Friday 16th July. Year 6 will be selling these on the playground from 3.00pm. There will be dedicated tables for every year group from Reception to Year 6. You will need to bring the correct change for the ice lollies and place the money into box on the table. Please see the price list at the end of the newsletter. All money will go towards purchasing a freezer for KESA to ensure we can continue to sell Ice Lollies on a long term basis.

Children will be dismissed at 3.00pm

KESA - Working Party

22nd & 23rd August 9.00am -4.30pm

Mr Griffin and KESA will be holding a working party event to improve the Early Years area and playground on Sunday 22nd August and Monday 23rd August. Further details will follow shortly but we would love to see parents volunteer for one or both days to help with painting, decorating and landscaping the area. If you are able to provide garden tools or DIY tools, this will also be helpful. At lunchtimes, we will plan to have a BBQ for all volunteer helpers. If you can help please contact KESA.

Safety Notice: Parking

Parents and carers are reminded not to park on the yellow zig zag lines as they are there to provide safe pedestrian access to the school. The area by the large gates is not be used for turning vehicles under any circumstances at the beginning and end of the day. Please do not park in front of the mirror opposite the well.

Please help the school and our community by also not blocking access to our neighbours' driveways. There have been a number of complaints from our neighbours and I ask that all families be supportive and considerate when parking near the school.

Name our Newsletter Competition

We would like to invite all children to enter a competition to come up with a name for the new school newsletter for Kidmore End CE Primary School. Children will be asked for their ideas when they complete the Pupil Voice Questionnaire on Monday 19th July.

LAMDA lessons at Kidmore End 2021-2022

LAMDA lessons will be returning to Kidmore End in the Autumn Term. LAMDA examinations improve communication skills, increase self-confidence and develop strong social skills. LAMDA has been especially designed to provide an easy transition for all students to continue with or start Speech and Drama lessons from primary school upwards.

Exams are from Introductory to grade 8. LAMDA accredited examination at Level 6 or above are recognised within the UCAS tariff system. There are currently a few places left for the first half-term in September. Please contact Katie Girdler for further details: katie.lamda@outlook.com

Music Lessons at Kidmore End

Parents have the opportunity to register an interest for Peripatetic Music lessons for the Autumn Term. The school is happy to accommodate these lessons in the afternoons but parents must express an interest to ensure the Oxfordshire Music Service are able to provide these lessons based on the viability. Lessons are usually 30 minutes and depending on the numbers and the abilities of the children there will individual and group lessons.

The school is looking at the following instruments for September 2021:

Keyboard on Monday and Tuesday afternoons.

Clarinets on Thursday afternoons

Violins - afternoon to be decided

If parents would like to express an interest in music lessons, they need to fill out the online form here:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-lessons/learning-instrument>

Parents can also choose the instrument for their children. If you click on "other" and then put in the instrument that they would like to learn then that will trigger a response from the music service

Reminders for Parents

If you would like to make use of **Breakfast Club** or **After School Club** for the first time from September, Please let us know your requirements as soon as possible. You can find information and registration forms here: <https://moodle.kidmore-end.co.uk/course/view.php?id=35>

Class group photos can be ordered via ParentMail PMX; full details were sent out on 6th July.

If you need to order **name labels** for September, please go to <https://www.easy2name.com/> and use the discount code FR-KIDMOREEND-95. This will entitle you to free delivery and earn commission for the school.

Please remember to keep liking and sharing our posts on **Facebook** and **Twitter**.

Around the school....

Year 3



25th June

Katy Hardman, head of science at MECE, came in to teach a science lesson all about plants. The children enjoyed conducting experiments using ethanol and iodine to test for the presence of starch in a leaf, proving that photosynthesis had occurred.

7th July

Trip to Harcourt Arboretum to support our science topic on plants. The children explored the arboretum on a scavenger hunt and took part in a workshop about different types of trees. They were fascinated by the giant redwoods, the monkey puzzle tree and the rare wollemi pine. The peacocks that roam the grounds also treated them to a full display of their tail feathers, which caused much excitement.

Choir sing at Evensong



Evensong at St John the Baptist was a roaring success. Both choirs sang like heavenly angels, bringing the community together and raising their spirits. The Lord was obviously on our side as the rain managed to keep away until the end. We are planning on doing a lot more events like this with St John the Baptist Choir so keep tuned in.

In Year 6...



Year 6 activity week:

Year 6 had a fun filled week in June. During the week we had a day of team building activities; a day on the river canoeing, kayaking and bell boating. We went climbing at the Reading climbing centre. The week culminated with a walk from Henley to Kidmore End following a route we planned ourselves using OS maps.



In Foundation Stage...



On Tuesday the 29th of June Foundation Stage went on their first ever school trip to the Earth Trust. We took part in a Marvellous Minibeast workshop and had a marvellous day. We were fortunate enough to be one of the first schools to experience the newly built outdoor learning classroom and the children

enjoyed stomping and running in the natural play area.

We learned about three different types of habitats- meadow, woodland and pond and discovered different minibeasts using the sweeping technique and pond dipping. We found many mini beasts including crickets, spiders, 16 spotted ladybirds, woodlice, mini frogs, newts and back swimmers. The children listened well and asked interesting questions, it was a wonderful day.

In Year 5.....

Year 5 are enjoying maths outside the classroom. Activities include: measuring heights of trees, perimeter and area of field, number sequences, finding the volume of dens, identifying parallel lines that are not vertical and horizontal, looking for lines of symmetry, plotting points on an axis and hula hooping!



In Year 4...

Year 4 had a perfect day out earlier this term to conclude their topic on the importance of Henley on Thames today and in the past. The day included a boat trip down the famous Henley Royal Regatta rowing course, a walk around the town looking at some of the Tudor buildings and architecture and the day finished with delicious ice creams on Mill Meadows playing field.



From our Community....



FIRST 2 SESSIONS FREE!

**BISHOPSWOOD SPORTS GROUND
SATURDAYS
10.15 - 11.15**

wildcats

• GIRLS' FOOTBALL CLUB •

HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS, **PLAY FOOTBALL**

ROTHERFIELD UNITED are an FA approved Girls Wildcats Centre for girls aged between 5 - 11.

JOIN US FOR WILDCATS SESSION AT BISHOPSWOOD SPORTS GROUND.

Regular weekly sessions are run to give the girls an opportunity to develop their football skills, keep active and have fun!

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**TO BOOK A PLACE:
EMAIL info@rotherfieldfc.com OR CALL 07710 875728**



Wild World Heroes

Summer Reading Challenge 2021

Children across Oxfordshire can take part in the Challenge at their local Oxfordshire Library from 10th July to 11th September 2021. This year the Challenge is celebrating nature and as they read, the children will help the Wild World Heroes save and improve their local environment.

Children will be encouraged to read at least six library books of their choice over the summer holidays. As they read, they collect stickers (some smelly!) and rewards. If they complete the Challenge, they will be rewarded with a Wild World Hero medal, certificate and keyring and this year will be entered into a countywide prize draw. Children can visit: wildworldheroes.org.uk. It has ideas for books to read, games to play, competitions to enter and more....



Why not take part in our Creative Competitions, designed to get your imaginative brains whirring. Budding writers are encouraged to write a story or a poem of up to 500 words and for all the artists out there, we have an illustration competition too!

The competitions will be judged in three categories: 4+, 6+ and 9+, with the shortlisted entries being judged by former Children's Laureate, Chris Riddell.

For the chance to win £50 worth of books for your school library, a signed copy of Chris Riddell's book, and a Bell Bookshop voucher, please send your entries back to us by 1st August. You can find the application form and further details about the competitions attached.

Good luck, we look forward to receiving your submissions soon!

Please find the link to the page on our website here:

<https://henleyliteraryfestival.co.uk/whats-on-2/competition/>

Kidmore End School Ice Cream Sale

**Ice cream and lolly selection that will be available to buy on
Friday 16th July in the school playground
from 3pm.**

White chocolate Magnum - £2
Vanilla ice lolly covered in milk chocolate - £2
Strawberry and vanilla cone - £2
Nobbly Bobbly - £1.50
Fab - £1.50
Lemon and Lime Tornado - £1.50
Rocket Lolly - £1
Mini milk lolly - £1
Ice pops - 50p

Correct money only please.

All proceeds to KESA. Thank you in advance for your support!



SUMMER FUN 2021!

NEWS FLASH! Active Leaders appointed to run summer holiday programmes for vulnerable children and families.

Summer Fun!

For Reception- Year 6 pupils.

At Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge on the following days:

Monday 26th - Thursday 29th July &
Monday 2nd - Thursday 5th August.
10:00am-2:00pm, bookable daily.

Fun N' Games; Super Sports and
Wild Art activities.

ALL participants must be
accompanied by a responsible
adult.

Active Leaders Course

Active leadership and employability
course for 14-16 year olds.

At Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge.

One week (9:30am-2:30pm):
Monday 26-Thursday 29th July.

Participants must attend all 4 days.

JAMMERS!

Active Music Leadership course
for 9-11 year olds.

At Sonning Common Primary
School.

Monday 16th - Thursday 19th
August, 10:00-2:00pm daily.

Participants must attend all 4
days.

For those eligible- how to book:

Those eligible will be provided
with a code by their school to
book on the activities.

We can also be contacted for the
eligibility code at
penny@activeleaders.co.uk



Open to all:

Anyone who does not have an
eligibility code but would like
to join the activities may put
their names on a waiting list by
e-mailing
penny@activeleaders.co.uk for
a reservation form.

We aim to provide information
for all those on the waiting list
7 days prior to each activity
week.