



Kidmore End CE Primary School

Super News Kidmore End!



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Kidmore End finishes the term in style!

A message from Mr Griffin

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term and my very first full term as headteacher, I would just like to say thank you to everyone for their support. I am very proud of what has been achieved in school and we will continue to grow and excel.

I am very proud of:

- Our new EYFS area
- Our new curriculum which we have started
- Our extra-curricular and club offer
- Our children's behaviour and attendance
- Our children's attitude towards learning
- The Staff for their support in driving change in the school
- The Big Bash and the Christmas Fair
- Our new website
- The Choir and Cross Country Team for representing the School
- Our wonderful nativities in Year R, 1 and 2
- And so much more.....

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
Mr Griffin

Thank you to KESA and Churches

On behalf of the school, we would like to thank KESA, St John the Baptist Church and Christ the King Church for running a brilliant outside Christmas Fair. The Christmas Fair was blessed with beautiful sunshine on 4th December 2021.



The KESA committee and Class Reps did a fantastic job organising special activities for all the children. It was wonderful to see so many people and although we do not know the final amount, the Christmas Fair was a tremendous success and a super way to kick off the Christmas Period.

School Disco

Our wonderful discos raised £474 and we should receive approximately £75 in addition with match funding. Thank you to Mrs Rose and the Disco team for the fabulous organisation and chaperoning skills.

Christmas Jumper Day

On 13th December, Kidmore End got into the Christmas mood with all the children and staff wearing Christmas Jumpers to raise money for the Salvation Army. The School Council have chosen this charity to raise money for Homeless People. The School Council also prepared an assembly and a script and here is their message to all the children:

Austin Y6: *The Salvation Army is a charity that helps people on the streets or people in need of food. We have chosen the Salvation Army because we think that too many people are on the streets this Christmas and could get too cold.*

Orla Y3: *We can all help this Christmas to give just one person food and shelter this Christmas by donating one pound or two if you go to the Salvation Army website.*

Ben Y2: *The Salvation Army first opened their first shelter in the 1800s, it was opened by three people called William Booth, Catherine Booth and David Edmonds.*

Orla: *One of our other groups are leading a comic competition, that will be for all classes and age groups, the entry will cost one pound and there will be three winners (1st 2nd and 3rd.)*

Christmas Jumper day raised £143.70

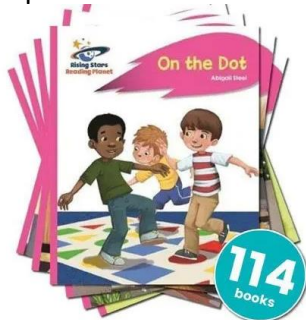
Our Children in Need day raised £173.00

Christmas Lantern Walk- 24th December

Preparations for the Kidmore End Lantern Parade 2021 are in full swing. This family friendly event is on Christmas Eve - a lantern lit walk around Kidmore End village. Starting at Kidmore End school at 5.45pm and finishing at the New Inn at 6.30pm for carol singing. We hope you'll join us. Lanterns for the event will be on sale for £5 each, including tea light and event programme.

Reading and Phonics Workshops Year R and Year 1

The school will be running face-to-face parent Reading and Phonics workshops on Tuesday 11th January (Year R) and Thursday 13th January 2022 (Year 1) at 2.30pm in the hall.



Mrs Hinnell and Mrs Smith will give more information on the new Rocket Phonics Scheme and the new Early Reading Programme. (If we are unable to do this face to face, we will endeavour to hold this meeting via Zoom.) The meetings will also be recorded if parents cannot attend.

Dates for the Diary Autumn 2021

Wed 15th Dec- Infants' Christmas Dinner
Thu 16th Dec- Juniors' Christmas Dinner
Thu 16th Dec - Pantomime Cinderella 1.00pm
Fri 17th Dec - Deadline to return club preference form
Fri 17th Dec - End of term 1.30pm - NO SCHOOL MEALS
Fri 24th Dec - Lantern Walk 5.45pm

Spring 2022

Tuesday 4th January 2022 Inset day 6 (no school for pupils)
Wed 5th Jan - First day of term
Thu 6th Jan - Admission Consultation Ends
Mon 10th January - Clubs start this week
Tues 11th Jan - Hearing Check for YR/Foundation Stage TBC
Tues 11th Jan - Parent Workshop on Reading & Phonics YR 2.30pm
Thu 13th Jan - Parent Workshop on Reading & Phonics Y1 2.30 pm
Sat 15th Jan - Closing date for FS Admission for September 2022
Tue 18th Jan - Sportshall Athletics for Y5/Y6
Tues 8th Feb - Dance Competition for Y4 (Oxford)
Mon 14th Feb - Parents' evening (long)
Tues 15th Feb - Parents' evening (short)
Half term is 21st Feb to 25th Feb 2022
Fri 18th Mar - Red Nose Day
Fri 18th Mar - KESA Discos (TBC)
Fri 8th Apr - Easter Service (Church)
Last day of term is 8th April 2022

Summer 2022

Tue 26th Apr - WW1 Trench Experience trip - Y6
Tue 3rd May - Y2 KS1 SATS assessments start
Mon 9th May - Y6 SATS assessment week
Mon 16th May - Cycle Proficiency week Y6 tbc
Half term is May 30th - 3rd May
Mon 6th Jun - Phonics Tests this week
Mon 20th Jun- School closed due to Queen Platinum Jubilee tbc
Tues 5th July - Sports Day tbc
Thu 7th July - Sat 9th July Y5 Camping Experience
Wed 21st July - Last day of term

COVID precautions

Daily testing of close contacts for COVID-19 - updated guidance for schools

From yesterday, adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 to 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, are strongly advised to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result.

Daily testing of close contacts of COVID-19 will help make education and childcare settings safer and help keep children and young people in face-to-face education.

The school will continue to update you over the Christmas break if there are any changes to guidance from the DfE.

Open Mornings

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

Our next open mornings will be held on the following dates:

Thursday 6th January 2022 9.30am

Wednesday 12th January 2022 9.30am

Cross Country Event

Congratulations to our Runners

Well done to our wonderful Cross Country Runners who finished the term on a high at the event on 4th December.

Emelia - Y1 came third and received a medal
Lois- Y5 came third and received a medal
Carter- Y4 came first and received a medal
Ambrose - Y3 came third and received a medal
William -Y4 received an overall award for participation
Oz - Y5 received a participation award
Jakub - Y6 received a participation award

Next event: Shiplake College
15th January 2022.

Race times start from 9.00am

Running club starts on 14th January, and we are looking forward to seeing more children and parents attend.

Vacancy for a Clerk to the Local Governing Body

We are currently looking for a new Clerk to work at the school and support the Local Governing Body. Please see the advert on the last page of the newsletter.



Week 11, 12 and 13 Stars of the Week

Week 11

FS - Charlie and Thomas
Year 1 - George and Adam
Year 2 - Joshua and Dihein
Year 3 - Kiana and Leo
Year 4 - Olive and all of Year 4
Year 5 - Rupert and Emilia
Year 6 - Ben and Alfie

Week 12

FS - Freya and Florence
Year 1 - Luca and Imogen
Year 2 - Lara and Barnaby
Year 3 - Ambrose and Imogen
Year 4 - Vasisht and Carter
Year 5 - Isla and Zack
Year 6 - Ashlea and Ariane

Week 13 (Final week)

FS - Whole Class and Jude
Year 1 - Thomas and Amy
Year 2 - Albie and Aaron
Year 3 - Barnaby and Chloe
Year 4 - Benjamin and Carter
Year 5 - Oliver and Irving
Year 6 - Hanna and Eleni

Clubs

Spring Term Clubs

Please remember to submit your ParentMail Club Preference Form before 9:00am Friday 17th December if your child would like to join any of our teacher-led clubs next term.

Multi-skills for Year 1 and Year 2 on Wednesdays is a club for both boys and girls. The club will involve the children participating in sessions involving catching, running, skipping, throwing and hitting (cricket) and some fun games on the All Weather Pitch.

Full details of all clubs on offer next term, including how to book clubs with our outside providers, can be found on our website under Parents > Extra

Curricular Activities or via this

link: <https://www.kidmore->

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Around the school...

In Foundation Stage/Reception

Wow! As I write this, I am still buzzing from the first performance of our Nativity play Born in Barn. It was a fabulous performance and I'm sure the final performance will be just as wonderful! A big thank you for your support with helping the children to learn their lines and providing costumes.

The children have enjoyed following the adventures of Nip and Nap in Phonics and we are all looking forward to a new adventure after Christmas. In Maths we have started to explore the composition of numbers and we are talking about how parts can make a whole. We have had great fun putting parts of a puzzle together to make a whole puzzle.

And in true Foundation Stage Christmas style, we have covered our world in glitter making festive decorations for the classroom and the Christmas tree.

In Year 1

This week we have been rehearsing for our Nativity play. The children have loved learning the songs. The performances to the school and the parents were wonderful. We have concluded our Childhood topic with a look at some very special events in the children's lives - from Christenings, arrivals of siblings or the celebration of a great nanny's 100th birthday. There were wonderful things for the children to share, thank-you for sending in the photos.

In English we have written letters to Father Christmas - hoping that he may deliver presents to the children at school! In Maths, we have been looking at partitioning numbers to 20 into 10s and 1s. We have used lots of physical resources to understand how we can split numbers into 10s and 1s. We have finished our Bean Diaries, and the children will be taking their beans home. Finally, we have been having lots of fun with glitter, pom poms and glue! But I cannot say any more as it may spoil the surprise!



Amy sharing her important event - the day she found out she had diabetes.

In Year 2

By the time you read this you may have seen our Christmas play and we hope you agree we were amazing. We have worked really hard in Year 2 to learn our lines, speak clearly and sing loudly and beautifully.

We have written letters to Father Christmas and were very excited when we got our replies on Friday. He wrote to each of us individually even though he is very busy.

We have enjoyed lots of different Christmas activities including solving Christmas mysteries by answering maths questions.

We have made Mathematical trees and found that you can make a Christmas tree using lots of paper hands. We are all very sparkly as we like to use lots of glitter! We hope everyone has a lovely Christmas.

Merry Christmas from Year 2

In Year 3

Year 3 really enjoyed their taco making experience last week. The chopping up of all the vegetables proved to be quite a challenge, but once it was all cooked many of the children said it tasted delicious.



Impressively, lots of the class were willing to try vegetables that they hadn't eaten before and even found they liked them! In science, we are eagerly anticipating the results of the experiment that we set up last week, to test the effect of different drinks on tooth enamel. No real teeth were harmed in the creation of this experiment! - instead we used hard boiled eggs. The children have worked incredibly hard this term and so we are looking forward to finishing the term off next week with some festive fun and glitter.

In Year 4

In year 4 we have been very busy learning. In art and science, we have been making Christmas sleighs with a series circuit to make our bulbs work for headlights. Over the last couple of weeks, we have been decorating our sleighs and now they look amazing! The class made them all out of shoe boxes and we covered them in Christmas wrapping paper.



On Wednesday 1st of December, the choir all went up to Oxford Town Hall to perform a Christmas concert called The Big Sing. We performed alongside other school choirs in front of hundreds of people.

In English we are writing a play script about an Anglo-Saxon family on their journey to England. Year 4 have been focusing on the key features of a play script for example, not using inverted commas for speech.

I expect Mrs Thomas will keep us busy until the end of term!

Isabella Jones Y4

In Year 5

For the past two weeks, Year 5 have been focusing on perimeter and area in maths. They have worked hard to calculate the area of a range of shapes, as well as identifying the lengths of missing sides. They have also been looking at spherical bodies in space, using a range of evidence to explain how they know the earth is round.

Moreover, they created a visual aid to help identify different phases of the moon and they also enjoyed the latest SpaceX launch. Year 5 have worked really hard this term and are very much looking forward to a well deserved break!

In Year 6

This week we have been doing Maths and English tests some mornings. Some afternoons we made Christmas decorations (reindeers to hang on the tree) and Christmas cards. We also made a model of the lungs for science. This week we watched the Foundation and Year 1 play which we especially

enjoyed because we did that play when we were in Year 1. We are also going to watch the Year 2 play this week.

In English we wrote poems about Santa. In geography we learnt about grid references, contour lines and map symbols. We also learnt about settlements. In P.E. we have been doing dance and hockey. In dance we have been doing a Mayan dance that we performed to year 5. Next week we are going to be making models of Mayan temples.



Clerk to the Local Governing Body

£13.14 - £14.23 per hour inclusive and based on experience

Do you have strong administrative skills, an interest in supporting local schools and the ability to work independently?

If so, could you become a Clerk to the Local Governing Body at Kidmore End CE Primary School?

What we are looking for?

- strong administrative and organisational skills
- the ability to prioritise your workload
- the ability to work on your own initiative
- excellent oral and written communication skills
- the ability to build strong relationships

What we can offer you?

You'll be paid for an average of 2.5-3.0 hours per week during term-time - around 100 hours a year - and will be required to cover clerking for 6 LGB meetings and 10 committee meetings during the school year. Whilst meetings will be held at school, usually in the evenings from 6.30-8.30pm, the remainder of the role will be home-based. Training and support will be provided and there will be the opportunity to attend regular updates.

Interested?

For further information about the role please email Claire Myers, Co-Chair of Governing Body, via the school office at office@kidmore-end.co.uk.

For an application form and job description for the role of Clerk, please email our Business Manager, Mrs Hawker bursar@kidmore-end.co.uk or visit our website (<https://www.kidmore-end.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=104>)

Please email your completed application to the Business Manager on bursar@kidmore-end.co.uk or post to the school by Monday 10th January 2022. Interviews will be held in the week beginning 17th January 2022.

Kidmore End CE Primary School is an equal opportunities employer. The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and expects all its staff to share this commitment. Any offer of employment will be subject to receipt of a satisfactory enhanced DBS.



LIGHT THE WAY

Christmas Eve Lantern Procession

Friday, 24th December 2021
Kidmore End Village

All are welcome to help add some twinkling magic to the festive season

Meet at Kidmore End Primary School playground at 5:45pm



Drawn by Minty Singh, Y3 at Kidmore End Primary School









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