

# Kidmore End CE Primary School Super News Kidmore End!



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Events at Kidmore End CE Primary School

#### Running Club - a huge success



This morning, we had over 50 children and adults join us for Running Club. It is lovely to see so many children and parents enjoying running. We also had a Year 5 boy all the way from Ukraine, who has come to live in the local area, join us for a taster session.

Today everyone ran the 12 minute challenge!



# Open Day – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022



Please can all parents help to advertise our Open Morning on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June? Please share the information with your friends, or find us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter and like and share these to spread the word.



One of our local Governors who lives in the Parish, Mrs Sue Remenyi will be talking to the whole school next week about her bees and beehives. A number of classes will also have a Q&A session with Mrs Remenyi as it links to their curriculum. It is also World Bee Day next week.

#### School Council - Update on the School Song

Next week the School Council will be visiting St Joseph's to hear the musical composition created by Year 10 and Year 12 students. We hope that the song will be able to accompany the school video, which can be viewed on the website if you have yet to see it.

#### Did you know?

The children in Y3 love Thursday afternoons when we have a number of Year 10 students from The Oratory School who volunteer as part of their community service to the read with the children in Y3.

# Your Help Needed - Volunteers needed Working Bee - Summer Holidays 21/22 August

As a result of last year's successful "working bee" in the Summer Holidays to improve the Early Years area, the school will be holding another "working bee" on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Please keep the dates free if you can. We will be looking at improving the Mr MacGregor Quiet Area & the Curriculum Garden (behind Y2) as well as some other ideas. We have also so looking for financial support or materials to help build some key improvements in these areas.

#### Contractors

The school and Governors are always looking for best value for money and we would be grateful to any parents with contacts to the following trades or services:

Painting, glazing windows, roof, guttering, plumbing, electricians. Please contact our School Business Manager, Mrs Hawker, if you have a good recommendation for one of these trades. (Email: bursar@kidmore-end.co.uk)

# Individual Photographs by Tara Taylor

Individual photos need to be ordered before half term to take advantage of free delivery to school. Late orders will incur a delivery charge. Details of class group photos will follow in due course.

# Jubilee Celebrations - Fast Approaching



On Friday 27th May 2022, the school will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. KESA will be running 'The Great Kidmore End Jubilee Bake Off and Jubilee Celebration' in the afternoon.

The school will also be running an alternative curriculum on Friday morning focusing on the Queen with a special celebration assembly.

On this day, we ask that all children wear red, white and blue clothing and there will be a prize for the best outfit. The school will be offering a special Jubilee hot meal at lunchtime (further details to follow) and all the children will have their own street party lunch in the playground.

As part of the celebrations we have been asked by the Parish Council for the school's support to celebrate the 'Big Lunch' which will be held on Sunday 5th June at Gallowstree Recreation Ground from 12 noon. All families are encouraged to come in fancy dress, or red, white and blue.

There are two activities we would like the children to do over the next few weeks. Please see the ParentMail message sent yesterday (12<sup>th</sup> May) for full details: Activity 1 - Decorate bunting triangles.

Activity 2 - Art competition

# Monday June 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 – It is a Holiday!

A quick reminder that our school will be on holiday this day to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. This is the day we have decided to take off in lieu of the extra holiday in half term week. We ask that parents and carers do not take any days around this long weekend as most children will be involved in important tests and assessments.

# **KESA** - volunteers

KESA and the school are keen to get more parents involved in running events and organising the KESA events for the children. The children and the school are very lucky to have all the wonderful events but we always need volunteers and fundraisers. Please can you help? Please contact Lucy Shah (Year 1 and Year 5 parent) on the following email: kesa@kidmore-end.co.uk



Kidmore End Parish Council invites you to a

# **BIG JUBILEE LUNCH**



On 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022, from 12:00 at the Pavilion & Recreation Ground, Gallowstree Common to Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II

BYO Picnic and Drinks Cricket Club Bar Music from "The Bottleneck Brothers" 1953-2022 Fancy Dress Prizes Fun Run Art, Craft & Memorabilia Exhibitions

# Dates for the Diary

# Summer 2022

Mon 16th May - Y6 Cycle Training week Tue 17<sup>th</sup> May - Y1 Trip - Milestones Museum Weds 18<sup>th</sup> May - Bee Day - Bee Assembly Weds 18th May - School Council to St Josephs to hear school song Weds 18<sup>th</sup> May - Y4/Y5 Cricket at Peppard Mon 23rd May - Lego Workshop Day Tues 24th May - KS2 Quadkids at MECE School Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> May - FS animal workshop (details to follow) Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> May - FS vision screening (details to follow) Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May - KESA fundraiser - Jubilee Bake Off Half term is May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Jun - Kidmore End Parish 'Big Lunch' Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jun - Y1 Phonics Tests this week Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Jun - Y6 Cycling Test Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Jun - Y3 Roman Workshop Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Jun - Year 6 Ice Cream Sale Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Jun - Y6 Water sports day Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Jun - LAMDA exams Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Jun - Choir performance (evening) Dorchester Abbey Fri 17th Jun - KESA Father's Day Shop - during school hours Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jun - KESA Crazy Hair Day Mon 20th Jun School closed in lieu of Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday Thurs 23rd Jun - KS1 Quadkids @ Kidmore End Thu 30<sup>th</sup> Jun – 9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents Fri 1st July - KESA Discos (TBC) Tues 5th Jul - Sports Day - followed by Summer Fair Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Jul - Year 4 Trip to Ashmolean, Oxford Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Jul - Year 5 Taster Day at Highdown Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Jul - Last teacher-led clubs Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Jul - Sat 9<sup>th</sup> July Y5 Camping Experience Thu 7<sup>th</sup> Jul - Y2 trip to Oxford Castle Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Jul - Choir to sing at Caversham Fete Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Jul - Reports to go out Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Jul - 'Class Swap' day Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Jul - Y1 Beale Park trip Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Jul - KESA Ice Cream Fundraiser Fri 15th Jul - Y6 Leavers' Play and Y6 Parents' gathering (evening) Thu 21st Jul - Leavers' Farewell & Presentation assembly/breakfast Thu 21st Jul - Last day of term 1.30pm finish

Sun 21st- Mon 22nd August - "Working Bee"

# Autumn 2022

Thu 1<sup>st</sup> Sept – Inset Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Inset Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Sept – First day for children Mon 17<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Oct – Y6 Woodlands Residential (Details to follow)

# Summer Uniform

If you need shorts or summer dresses for your children for when the weather improves, please bear in mind that we have both in stock in our second-hand uniform shop. Please send an email headed 'second-hand uniform' to the office with details of what you'd like and we can have a look for you.

#### Girls

# Boys

Grey Shorts or Trousers

Black shoes, not trainers

Red School Polo Shirt\*
Navy School Sweatshirt \*

Grey socks

- Navy Skirt, Pinafore Dress or Smart Trousers or Red & White Gingham Dress in Summer (optional)
- Red School Polo Shirt\*
- Navy School Sweatshirt or Cardigan \*
- Navy (or white knee-length socks in Summer) or navy tights
- Black shoes, not trainers.



### SUMMER TERM

### Week 1&2 Stars of the Week

# Week 1 - w/e 29/04/2022

- FS Matilda and Sadie
- Year 1 Ryan and Spencer
- Year 2 Aaron and Beatrix Year 3 - Robbie and Chloe
- Year 3 Roddle and Chloe Year 4 - Isabella and Ellis
- Year 5 Rupert and Darcy
- Year 6 Harry J and George

### Week 11 - w/e 06/05/2022

- FS Noah P and Amelie
- Year 1 Joshua and Penelope
- Year 2 Ava and Albie
- Year 3 Emelia and Lucy
- Year 4 Maisie and Kyle
- Year 5 James and Zack
- Year 6 Ashlea and Thomas

# Spring Term Academic and Presentation Awards



Congratulations to all the children who received the inaugural prizes for academic achievement.

Year R	Freya
Year 1	Arlo
Year 2	Sanna
Year 3	Minty
Year 4	Audrey
Year 5	Naomi
Year 6	Thomas

# Congratulations to all the children who received the inaugural prizes for the presentation/effort award.

Year R	Sadie
Year 1	Sophie
Year 2	Oscar
Year 3	Imogen
Year 4	Olive
Year 5	Amelie
Year 6	Eve

#### Around the school.... In Foundation Stage/Reception

We are having another very busy half term in Foundation and are thoroughly enjoying our new topic Animal Safari. We all think this is our best topic yet as we are learning so many new facts about all kinds of amazing animals. We are enjoying role play in our pet shop, but poor Mrs Hinnell keeps getting frightened as the rats and turtles keep escaping into the classroom! Another favourite activity has been the animal dressing up, the most popular ones are the lions, bears and the zebra. We are enjoying lots of animal games where we move like our favourite animals, we have discovered a huge amount of our stories in our book collection are about animals and we have learnt some new animal songs too! We have explored how to classify animals into groups of birds, mammals and reptiles and we will be doing some 'superwriting' on this over the next few weeks too.

In Phonics, we are following the adventures of Elvis the Farm Cat as we continue to learn lots of new digraphs and some trigraphs too.

In Maths we are developing our confidence with subitising bigger number arrangements, but also thinking about when subitising is not very useful, such as when we have a large number of objects to count. We are exploring other ways to sort and count lots of objects and we are getting really good at explaining what we are doing and why we are doing it!

#### In Year 1

In Year 1 the children have enjoyed learning about the Victorian times. Last week we learnt about the history of our school and this week we looked at Victorian artefacts from the Oxford Museum. The children have enjoyed dressing up as Victorian children in our Victorian school role play area and we are looking forward to our trip to the Milestones Museum next week.



In English the children have been writing poems about our school. In Phonics they have been continuing to learn new sounds in preparation for the Phonics Screening Check. In Maths the children have been learning about arrays, doubles, making equal groups and sharing to make equal groups as the beginning of their journey into multiplication and division. In DT we have continued our Fruit Salad topic. The children have loved tasting and describing different fruit. In RE we have been looking at stories from the Old Testament, discussing Noah and the Ark, and Moses.



The children have also been practising logging on and off the school computers as we will soon be moving into the ICT suite for ICT lessons.

#### In Year 2

Year Two have got off to a great start with our 'Magnificent Monarchs' topic this term. We have been studying portraits of significant rulers in detail and have produced some artwork fit for a palace gallery! We have enjoyed reading 'Queen Victoria's Bathing Machine', which has inspired us to learn lots of interesting facts about her.

We have been enjoying lots of practical maths. We worked in pairs to measure the length and width of the AWP with a metre rule. This was challenging as it is pretty big! We have also been programming bee bots and creating algorithms to describe their movement. This also links to our new computing curriculum, which has taken us to the computer suite for some of our lessons.



Finally, we were excited to welcome some new visitors to the classroom this week. We are now taking responsibility for some caterpillars! We are excitedly watching them grow as part of our learning about life cycles in science.

## In Year 3

Year 3 have been enjoying their new Emperors and Empires topic, discovering what it was like to live in ancient Rome and how the Roman Empire expanded. In Art, they explored Romans mosaics and designed patterns in preparation for making their own mosaic tile next week.

In PE the children were excited to learn skills and tactics for the game of rounders, and even enjoyed a match with Year 6.

In our Literacy lessons, we have had fabulous fun learning and performing nonsense poems, then adapting them to write our own versions. A great start to the term!

#### In Year 4

Before Easter, Year 4 started learning about decimals in Maths which we are continuing this term. We are also practicing our times tables so we can be ready for the MTC test later this month.

In Humanities this term we are very excited to be learning about ancient civilisation. Sumer was the earliest known civilisation which was in Mesopotamia, now known as Iraq. We are finding out answers to questions like why they settled where they did and why their empire grew so quickly. Later on this term we will be making tablets with ancient Sumer writing on them.

In English, we are writing free verse poems on plants and animals. These are poems that don't follow any particular pattern or rhyme. We have used these skill to create our own Sumer hymn and in music we are composing a diatonic tune to accompany this.

In RE we are learning about whether Jesus really did perform miracles. Last week we listened to a story of Jesus turning water into wine and drew mind maps to retell the story.

We are enjoying the weather so far this term and have started playing cricket on Tuesdays and tennis on Wednesdays.

#### In Year 5

Recently, the girls took part in a football tournament at The Oratory School. The girls were brilliant, winning two games and also drawing two. The girls worked wonderfully well as a team, communicating with one another and offering lots of encouragement to others. The girls were placed 5th overall and enjoyed the day out, especially the shortbread biscuits! We are very proud of them as a team and can't wait to see what they achieve next time.



In class, Year 5 have been learning all about decimals in Maths and have been learning all about the Ancient Greeks, looking at primary and secondary sources as well the Minoans. They have also produced some excellent Greek odes for their English writing.

#### In Year 6



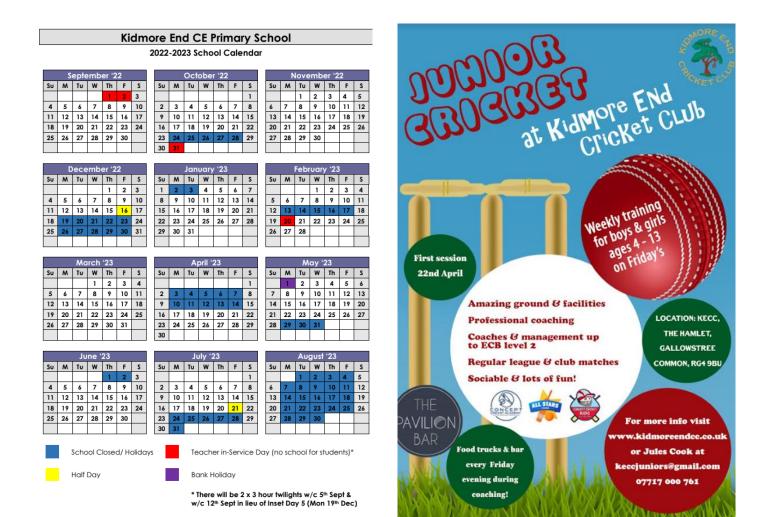
The summer term has already been very busy for Year 6. On our second day we went to Hill End to find out about the trenches there. These were built for training purposes during the First World War.

Soldiers would train in them and then be sent over to France and Belgium. We found out what it would have been like to live and fight in the trenches. We were given helmets and army shirts to wear and then re-enacted attacking trenches, trying to launch hand grenades and attacking uphill to the enemies outposts.

It was an exciting day and was a great start to our topic for this term.



This week has been SATs week and all of Year 6 have worked extremely hard and done their best during the tests, helped along by all the cakes that children brought in to keep us all going. Next week we have cycling proficiency.





Spring Fair

10am-4pm Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May | Harcourt Arboretum

# Fun for all the family!

Music, family friendly crafts, stunning blooms and delicious food.

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