

## Kidmore End CE Primary School Super News Kidmore End!



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# Events at Kidmore End CE Primary School

## Kidmore End Choir attends the Big Sing

We are very proud of our school choir who sang beautifully at the Oxford Big Sing 2022, a charity concert for Christian Aid involving schools in the Oxford region at Oxford Town Hall. The Kidmore End Choir performed their own Christmas song as well as performing as a massed choir.

Mrs Thomas writes: Oxford Town Hall is quite spectacular with the most beautiful ornate ceilings and a loud grand organ. Orla and Ellie joined with other children from each of the other schools in a procession, walking along the aisle holding a candle and singing the first verse of "Once in Royal David's City". Each school then took to the stage to sing their chosen Christmas song. We sang "Simply Having a Wonderful Christmas Time". We listened to the charity organisers from Christian Aid and heard of all the help they had been able to give from donations received, including ways for farmers tackling climate change. We sang lots of songs together and sang an encore of "Svieta Vecheria" which means "Holy Supper".



## Christmas events in school

As always it is a very busy time of year in school. On 29th November we went to St John's Church for an Advent Service. It was interesting to hear all about Christmas traditions from around the world, from as far away as Australia and Africa to closer to home in France, to listen to some lovely songs as well as admiring a range of art work.

The Christmas Performances from the Infants are well underway. Foundation and Year 1 entertained us with 'A Little Bird told Me' which retells the Nativity story from the viewpoint of a bird. Next week, Year 2 are performing 'A Midwife Crisis' to both the school and their parents. They have all worked so hard learning their lines and the teachers and teaching assistants have done a wonderful job of producing and putting so much work into the performances.

On Thursday we will be watching an online pantomime in the afternoon, whilst our parents' association set up our Christmas Fair. Held from 1515 - 1730 it promises to be a lot of fun and everyone is welcome. Our Choir will also be performing again and it will be a great way to get into the Christmas spirit.

Also next week will be Christmas dinners for the children. On the day of their Christmas dinner the children may come to school in a Christmas jumper.

FS & KS1 Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 14th - all other children must bring packed lunch.

KS2 Christmas dinner is on Thursday 15th December please can all those in FS & KS1 bring a packed lunch.

Everyone will need a packed lunch on Friday 16th December - there are no school meals on that day.

And of course there is our traditional Christmas service please join us on Friday 16th December at 9.05am in church for our Christmas readings and songs.

## Fabulous Cross-Country Event

Huge congratulations to our cross-country runners on their stellar performances on Saturday at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge School. Wonderful running from everyone, some fantastic podium places; the Year 5 Boys won the overall Winter Series participation award with the Year 6 boys in 2nd place, with Maksym in Year 6 receiving 3rd in the individual participation too. Thanks so much to all the brilliant organizers, and to our wonderful parents for pitching in, turning up and shivering with big smiles on their faces.



### TEAM POINT SCORES

#### Here are the latest Team Point scores

Mars - 1312

Neptune - 1102

Saturn - 1219

Jupiter - 1100



AUTUMN TERM Week 10, 11 and 12 Stars of the Week

#### Week 10 - w/e 18/11/2022

FS - Eva

Year 1 - Sadie

Year 2 - Sophie

Year 3 - Lara

Year 4 - Darcy H

Year 5 - Farouk

Year 6 - Naomi

## Week 11 - w/e 25/11/2022

FS - Hattie

Year 1 - Jamie

Year 2 - George

Year 3 - Oscar

Year 4 - Jamie

Year 5 - Olive

Year 6 - Estelle

### Week 12 - w/e 02/12/2022

FS - Emerson

Year 1 - Charlie

Year 2 - Luca

Year 3 - Aashi

Year 4 - Ellie

Year 5 - Leo

Year 6 - Isaac

### Attendance at Kidmore End 2022-2023

The current attendance at Kidmore End is 96.25%.

From December, the school will begin to target parents whose child's attendance is under 90%. Currently the number of children under 90% attendance is 14 (8.4%).

The School Attendance Policy is being ratified with the following Government guidelines: Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

### The attendance target for the school is 97%.

If you need to apply for your child to have leave from school, please complete the Leave Request Form on the website. It is possible that you will need to meet with Mr Griffin regarding the reasons for your request; thus we require at least two weeks' notice. Holidays will not be authorised.

## KESA Update

Thank you too to all those parents who offered to have Bridges Boards advertising our Christmas Fair in their gardens. Bridges have been unable to organise this this year due to various delays but thank everyone for their support.

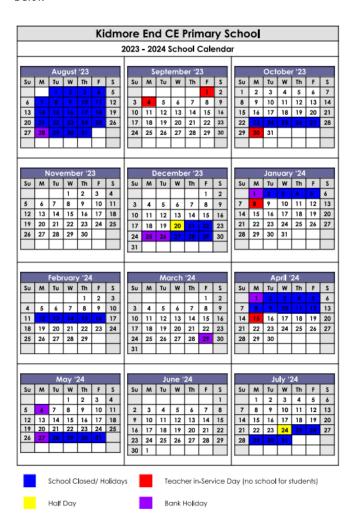
## Lost Property

There is a large amount of UNNAMED lost property in the box. If the weather is fine, we will put the box on the playground for you have a look through. PLEASE name your child's items, even if just in biro on the label, although this needs to be checked regularly as it will wash out. Also please rename items that have been passed on to you.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Miss Dove and all the staff at Kidmore End School

### Term Dates 2023/2024

Our term dates have now been approved for 2023/2024 and can be found on our website here: <a href="https://www.kidmore-end.co.uk/parents/term-dates">https://www.kidmore-end.co.uk/parents/term-dates</a> and below:





## Dates for the Diary

https://www.kidmore-end.co.uk/parents/calendar

Fri 9th Dec - 2.15pm FS & Y1 Nativity Performance

Fri 9th Dec - KESA Christmas Movie Night & Santa Visit:

Infants 3.30-5.30pm; Juniors 6-8pm

Mon 12th Dec - KESA Elfridges Christmas Shopping -

for children during school hours

Mon 12th Dec - Shanly Homes Christmas colouring competition

Tue 13th Dec - Flu Nasal Spray (all year groups)

Tue 13th Dec - 9.30am Y2 Nativity Performance

Tue 13th Dec - 2pm Choir to Nursing Home

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS1 Christmas Dinner

Wed 14th Dec - 2.30pm RockSteady Concert

Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - KS2 Christmas Dinner

Thu 15th Dec - Online Pantomime (PM)

Thu 15th Dec - KESA Christmas Fair (with Choir) 3pm - 5.30pm

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Service in Church (AM)

Fri 16th Dec - NO SCHOOL DINNERS - pack lunch for all children

Fri 16th Dec - Last Day of Autumn Term: 1.30pm finish

Mon 19th Dec - Lego Christmas Holiday Workshop @ School 9.30 -

11.30am (see poster below)

#### Spring Term Dates 2023

Wed 4th Jan - First day back for children

Tue 10th Jan - 9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents

Sun 15th Jan - OCC deadline for primary school applications

Sun 21st Jan - 10am Cross Country @ The Oratory Prep

Tue 7th Feb - Parents' Evenings

Wed 8th Feb - Parents' Evenings

#### 13th -17th Feb - Half Term

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb - Inset Day (no school for pupils) 31<sup>st</sup> Mar - Last day of Spring Term

### Summer Term Dates 2023

Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April – First day back for children Mon 1<sup>st</sup> & Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holidays Tues 9<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATS week Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May – KESA Ball

#### 29th May - 2nd Jun - Half Term

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Jun - Y1 Phonics Screening Week Thu 15<sup>th</sup> Jun - Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Jun Year 5 Camping experience

## Health Advice for Parents

There has been a lot in the media about Group A streptococcus/Scarlet fever infection. If you are concerned and would like further information please click here:

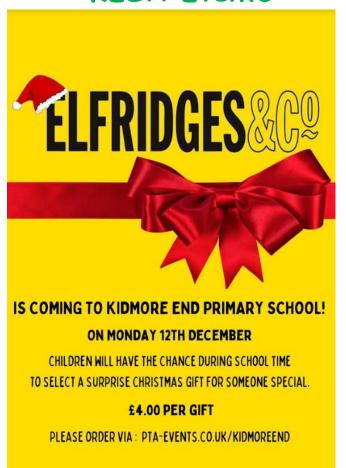
Fact sheet for schools and parents about Group A
Streptococcus (GAS)/Scarlet Fever







## **KESA** Events







## Out of School Activities









BOLDLINE

www.readinghalfmarathon.com