

Kidmore End CE Primary School Super News Kidmore End!



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Events at Kidmore End CE Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a little while since we last sent out our newsletter and, in that time, I am happy to say that Kidmore End has started to feel very familiar to me. It has been lovely to get to know the routines and processes of the school, identifying immediate as well as next steps in the development journey. We have had a specific focus on phonics across the school with additional training for all staff and a reworking of our delivery. I have called upon some specialist support from the Reading Lead at my other setting, his name is Mr Purvis and I'm sure your children may have mentioned him already! He has and will be working closely with teachers, support staff and children as we develop our phonics and reading offer even further. It has been confirmed by ODST that I will remain in a supportive role at Kidmore End until at least the Easter break, even if Mr Griffin was to return before this time. I hope this is viewed as good continuity for the community and a supportive measure for all. We have also been able to secure an interim SENCO for the school. Hayley Bell, who is already working with us, has taken up the role and will continue to work with senior leaders to oversee the provision. Whilst it is vital to have someone with this strategic role in place, SEN provision really is a team effort, with all staff members playing important parts, but having Ms Bell pulling it all together will be of great benefit, and I know, reassuring for many of you.

You will be aware that there are two days of NEU action planned for next week. Please may I thank those of you who have sent in supportive messages as we have worked hard to find the best solutions during the past strike days. It is likely that the school will be partially open on both of the coming strike days, but the final decisions will be made early next week and will be communicated with you as soon as possible. Unfortunately, decisions of this nature will not meet the needs of all of our families, but please be reassured that we are doing our very best. As I have previously said, disruption is never easy to manage so we do appreciate your support and understanding.

You will also be aware that we are in the season of Lent. We recognised the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday assembly and have been talking about Lent in class. As part of the developments around collective worship that I am hoping to undertake, I was wondering if I could make a small request. It would be lovely if you would consider donating any plain fabrics (if they have

small patterns, details or sparkles etc, it will be fine) you may have in the liturgical colours. Ideally fabrics in green or white or purple or gold, would be great! If you do have anything to donate please do leave items at the front office where they will be gratefully received.

I very much look forward to continuing to serve this very lovely school.

I wish you all a very happy weekend, when it arrives.

Ms M Parsons

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal

John 3:16

Year 6 Football

On Thursday 9th February Yr 6 had a fabulous competition at Peppard School with both the boys and girls team winning their events. The girls now go forward to the area final. Congratulations to all the players.

New Perimeter Fence

Our new perimeter fence is almost complete. Several years in the planning, and so fast in the installation, it is looking really good and has smartened up certain areas of the playground and reinforced the safety of our children.

World Book Day

We had a lovely day celebrating World Book Day last week. Much enthusiasm, some amazing costumes, book activities, and KESA organized a book and cake sale at the end of the day, raising an amazing £316.20.

Safer Internet Day

We recently marked Safer Internet Day. From discussions with the children it has become apparent that some children are accessing games and materials that are aimed at older children. Childhood is so precious and we would please urge supervision and caution in terms of what your children can play or watch online. There is a page on our website with lots of helpful tips and information for parents on e-safety: https://www.kidmoreend.co.uk/parents/keeping-children-safe-online

Athletics

On Wednesday 1st March Yr 5 and 6 competed in the Sports Hall Athletics competition at MECE. A close fought event, with the children all performing fantastically. They came a brilliant second (only 7 points behind the winners). Well done to all and thank you to Mrs Wilson and Mrs Laverick who accompanied them.

Author visit

On Monday 27th February we were joined by local author Kate Poels, who led workshops on writing with the whole school. This was an inspiring day. Thank you to KESA for funding this wonderful event.

Henley Youth Festival

The Henley Youth Festival takes place this week. We were lucky enough to be visited by the Scarlet Oak Theatre Company who really did bring a zoo to us! Along with some of our friends from Peppard Primary School, we thoroughly enjoyed meeting the 'animals' and their keepers and learning more about them. It was a fantastic performance put on for our Foundation, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children. All the children absolutely loved learning all about the different animals in the wildlife sanctuary and hearing all about the stories of their lives from rhinos and orang-utans to turtles and parrots. We learnt all about little changes we could make to help our planet and how one little action can make the biggest difference!

On Wednesday 8th March Year 5 & 6 had a fabulous performance of Hamlet by the Young Shakespeare Company. This involved lots of audience participation and the children really enjoyed it. Year 6 have produced some fantastic follow up work in class.

Running Results

As part of the Henley Youth Festival, a group of our runners took part in the fun run last Saturday with rosy cheeks and supreme amounts of effort through fields and negotiating hills. Well done to everyone on Team Kidmore End, runners and mums and dads! Our Running Club on a Friday morning before school is a fabulous way to start the day and we are grateful to the team of parent volunteers supporting the school with organising this.

TEAM POINT SCORES Here are the latest Team Point scores

Mars - 811 Neptune - 699 Saturn - 814 Jupiter - 637



SPRING TERM
Week 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22
Stars of the Week

Week 18 - w/e 27/01/2023

FS - Bella

Year 1 - Maisie

Year 2 - Ryan

Year 3 - Olivia

Year 4 - Maya

Year 5 - Ava

Year 6 - Oz

Week 19 - w/e 03/02/2023

FS - Florence L

Year 1 - Griffin

Year 2 - Pippa

Year 3 - Arthur

Year 4 - Chloe

Year 5 - Jack

Year 6 - Lois

Week 20 - w/e 10/02/2023

FS - Florence E

Year 1 - Amelie

Year 2 - N/A

Year 3 - Ava

Year 4 - Lucy

Year 5 - Clem

Year 6 - Amelie

Week 21 - w/e 24/02/2023

FS - N/A

Year 1 - Jude

Year 2 - Jacob

Year 3 - Jessica

Year 4 - Thea

Year 5 - Sophia

Year 6 - Tess

Week 22 - w/e 03/03/2023

FS - Emma

Year 1 - Leo

Year 2 - Billy

Year 3 - Evie

Year 4 - Kiana

Year 5 - Vasisht

Year 6 - Harrison

Attendance at Kidmore End 2022-2023

The current attendance at Kidmore End is 95.56%.

From December, the school has begun to target parents whose child's attendance is under 90%.

Currently the number of children under 90% attendance is 10 (6.1%).

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 a member of staff regarding the reasons for your request; we require at least two weeks' notice. Holidays will not be authorised.

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.



Please can all parents help to advertise our Open Morning on Thursday 27th April. Please share the information with your friends, or find us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter and like and help us spread the word.

Dates for the Diary

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

Spring Term Dates 2023

Fri 10th Mar - Y1 & 2 HYF Create & Make Workshops

Fri 10th Mar - KESA School Discos

Mon 13th Mar - Last day to apply for (school run) Summer clubs

Wed 15th Mar - NEU Industrial action Thu 16th Mar- NEU Industrial action

Fri 17th Mar - Red Nose Day

Fri 17th Mar - KESA Ladies' appreciation day (in school hours)

Wed 22nd Mar - Y1 Trip to Legoland Wed 29th Mar - Rocksteady Concert

Fri 31st Mar - Easter Service (*C*hurch)

Fri 31st Mar - Last day of Spring Term (3.15pm Finish)

Fri 31st Mar - NO After School Clubs

Summer Term Dates 2023

Mon 17th Apr - First day back for children

Weds 19th Apr - Y6 trip (details to follow)

Thu 27th Apr - 9.30am Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Mon 1st & Mon 8th May - Bank Holidays

Sun 7th May - Choir - Evensong at SJB

Tues 9th May - Fri 12th May - Y6 SATS week

Sat 13th May - KESA Ball

Mon 15th May - Y5 'Wow' Experience at MECE School

Mon 15th May - Y6 cycle training week (details to follow)

Mon 22nd May - Y6 cycle training

Tues 23rd May - Y6 cycle tests

Thurs 25th May - Choir - 'Big Summer Sing'

29th May - 2nd Jun - Half Term

Mon 12th Jun - Y1 Phonics Screening Week

Weds 14th Jun - Y6 Water sports Day (TBC)

Thu 15^{th} Jun – Sat 17^{th} Jun Year 5 Camping experience (details to follow)

Tues 27^{th} Jun - Sports Day (am) (TBC)

Tues 11th Jul - Y1 trip (TBC)

Fri 21st Jul - Last day of term - 1.30pm

Autumn Term Dates 2023

Friday 1st Sep - INSET Day

Mon 4th Sep - INSET Day

Tue 5th Sep - First day for children

KESA Events









Out of School Activities









Artists & Makers Fair

Saturday 11 March, 10 am - 4 pm

Caversham Methodist Church Gosbrook Road, RG4 8EB



Over 20 wonderful stalls of Arts & Crafts to suit all pockets

> Make & Takes Children's Activities



Lobby Cafe Refreshments
Home made cakes
Drinks proceeds to
Red Cross Turkey/Syria
Earthquake Appeal

Supporting Fair Trade Fortnight

Free Entry

Next Fairs 8 April, 13 May, 10 June www.artistsandmakersfair.co.uk 07808966928

Artists & Makers Fair



Saturday 11 March

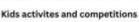
Caversham Methodist Church Gosbrook Road, RG4 8EB





Wide variety of locally made arts and crafts to suit all pockets

Lobby cafe with home made cakes







Free Entry





READING FOOTBALL CLUB

Discounted tickets

When: Saturday 15th April

Reading Football Club's 4th & final School and Grassroots Fixture of 2022-23!

You have been invited to Reading Football Club's 4th & final School and Grassroots fixture of 2022-23!

When?

Reading vs Burnley Saturday 15th April, 3pm

Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium

How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

We would be delighted if you could join us for our 4^{th} and final schools and grassroots fixture of 2022-23. And as part of our special invitation, we would like to offer the below discounted prices:

12 and Under: £1 17 and Under: £3 18 to 24: £5 65 and over: £5 Adult: £10

To redeem, please visit https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk and enter the following unique coupon

code: #KidmoreEndSchool in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets.

How many tickets can we purchase?

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code. And, for every ticket which is purchased you will receive one entry in a prize draw for a chance to win a series of 'money can't buy experience' prizes!

Important! This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off and availability is limited, so please act quickly to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions about this offer, please email sales@readingfc.co.uk or call 0118 968 1313. We hope to see you all on Saturday 15th April 2023!