

Kidmore End CE Primary School Super News Kidmore End!



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Events at Kidmore End CE Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy term we have had, which will be showcased beautifully in this newsletter as you read on. I really hope you enjoy everything that is included! The children really are just fantastic ambassadors for this lovely school. Thank you.

Before that, I would like to share with you that unfortunately, Mr Griffin remains unable to return to school. Whilst I appreciate that this will be disappointing, please be assured that everyone is working hard to uphold his vision for the school. In relation to this I have been asked, and it has been agreed by the Governors of both schools, that I remain at Kidmore End for the summer term. This arrangement will allow for Mr Griffin to return, and have my support alongside, should that be feasible for him. You will be pleased to also know that Mr Purvis will continue to add some support to the leadership team. A separate letter will be sent.

On another note, you will have heard of the tragic loss of one of my Headteacher colleagues. Thank you to those who have checked in - I am very grateful. I understand the privilege we hold as Headteachers and school leaders, it is an honour to lead a school. However, the role does come with a myriad of pressures, which have sadly been brought to the fore following recent tragic events. I know you will join with me and pray for eternal resting peace for Ruth Perry, and for comfort for her loved ones left behind. Please also know that I, and we, would never want you to feel alone - please reach out to school if you ever need to. We have provided some helpful numbers at the end of this newsletter. Take care everyone.

And so, it is now time for the Easter break. Easter is seen as the most important religious celebration of the Christian year, a time to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from his death on the cross. Where, after his crucifixion, death, and burial three days later, it is believed that he rose from his grave, and that in doing so God demonstrated clearly that he could not be defeated, and that good would always overcome evil. Thank you, Year 4 for leading a very moving Easter service, children and adults alike worked hard to make this a very special event. Kidmore End is a very special place.

We must not forget that it is also a time for Easter eggs and family time, and I would like to thank KESA for their wonderful fundraising efforts, and the fabulous Easter Egg Hunt! Happy hunting!

Finally, I would like to wish you a peaceful and happy Easter break, and we cannot wait to welcome the children back to school on Monday 17th April 2023.

With love, care and best wishes,

Ms M Parsons

I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die: and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

John 11:25-26

Year 6 Girls Football

The Year 6 girls had previously won their local tournament and progressed through to the area final in Didcot where they came a fantastic third place.

KS1 Football Tournament

On Thursday 30th March we welcomed several other local schools to Kidmore End for our annual KS1 Football Tournament, organised by Mr Nutt. It was a fabulous morning with Peppard winning the trophy in Year 1, and Valley Road in Year 2. Year 1 and 2 both came second in their groups and all played with teamwork and perseverance. Most importantly they showed great respect for their opponents with handshakes and high fives after every match! Well done Kidmore End! Thanks to Mr Nutt, and to our referees and helpers from Year 6.

Year 4 Easter Production

Year 4 have been working hard on their Easter production 'The Three Trees' and performed this in Church this morning. It was a beautiful event and many thanks to the Year 4 children, the choir and Mrs Thomas for leading this.

Fundraising in School

Our KESA volunteers have been busy providing exciting events for our children and raising much appreciated funds for our school. The School Disco on Friday 10th March was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who supported this event & helped raise an impressive £700.20! KESA's Ladies Appreciation Day took place in school on Friday 17th March, raising a further £318.50 and more enjoyment for the children. On Friday 17th March the children had fun on their 'dress as you please' day in aid of Red Nose Day and raised a fabulous £165.40 for this charity.

Thank you to everyone who has donated their time and/or money to all the fundraising we've had in school this month, we are extremely grateful.

Year 1 Trip

Everything was awesome at Year 1's trip to Legoland last Wednesday! We started the day in Miniland where we spotted Big Ben, The London Eye and St.Paul's Cathedral and that was just in London! After a trip to Europe, Asia and America we used our knowledge of oceans and continents during our 'Around the World in 80 bricks' workshop. We built some detailed models of landmarks from around the world before finishing the day with a visit underwater in the submarine. All in all a busy day travelling!

Clubs next term

Places for all school run clubs have been allocated and confirmation emails sent to all parents who have applied. Bookings for clubs run by outside providers will remain open during the holidays, to book please visit the clubs page of our website here: <u>https://www.kidmore-</u> end.co.uk/parents/extra-curricular-activities/bookings

School Website

We have received lots of positive feedback on our school website (thank you) which we launched last November. If you've not had a chance to use it yet, please can we encourage you to take a look!

Next term is always a busy one in School for everyone. The Calendar on our home page is a great reminder of What's On in school that day (& the weeks ahead). Covering everything from trips to KESA activities, along with links to trip letters and booking links.

Our club offering has grown considerably. To help manage this we upload all communications (letters, timetables) to our website, so everything can be found in one place. A summary of when all clubs are running, and any dates they aren't is also included.

We hope you find our website helpful. If there is anything you feel is missing or could be improved, please do let the office staff know so we can look into it.

TEAM POINT SCORES

Here are the latest Team Point scores

Mars - 1,148 Neptune - 944 Saturn - 1,051 Jupiter - 708



SPRING TERM Week 23, 24 and 25 Stars of the Week

Week 23 - w/e 10/03/2023

FS - Leo Year 1 - Matilda Year 2 - Gus Year 3 - Joshua Year 4 - Orla Year 5 - William Year 6 - Irving

Week 24 - w/e 17/03/2023

FS - Lillie Year 1 - Griffin Year 2 - Penelope Year 3 - Charlie Year 4 - Inas Year 5 - Ben Year 6 - Rupert

Week 25 - w/e 24/03/2023

FS - Tara Year 1 - Wilf Year 2 - Leo Year 3 - Sanna Year 4 - Ambrose Year 5 - Grace Year 6 - Marlena

Attendance at Kidmore End 2022-2023

The current attendance at Kidmore End is 95.39%.

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 11 (6.71%).

The School Attendance Policy is being ratified with the following Government guidelines: <u>Working together to</u> 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 <u>Leave Request Form</u> 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! Excellent labels (which don't need sewing!) can be obtained from easy2name.com; if you quote our code **FR-KIDMOREEND-95** at the checkout you'll get free shipping and earn commission for the school. If all else fails a sharpie pen works well. 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

Summer Term Dates 2023

Mon 17th Apr - First day back for children Thu 20th Apr - Y6 SATs Parents' Meeting (School Hall) Fri 21st Apr - Y2 SATs Parents' Meeting (School Hall) Fri 21st Apr - Y6 trip Fri 21st Apr - KESA Doughnut Sale 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 Mon 22nd May - No Clubs (staff training) Tues 23rd May - Y6 cycle tests Thurs 25th May - Choir - 'Big Summer Sing'

29th May - 2nd Jun - Half Term Mon 5th Jun - No Art & Sports Club (staff training) Mon 12th Jun - Y1 Phonics Screening Week Weds 14th Jun - Y6 Water sports Day (TBC) Thu 15th Jun - Fri 16th Jun Year 5 Camping experience (details to follow) Tues 27th Jun - Sports Day (am) (TBC) Mon 10th Jul - No Art Club Tues 11th Jul - Y1 trip (TBC) Fri 21st Jul - Last day of term - 1.30pm Finish

Autumn Term Dates 2023

Friday 1st Sep - INSET Day Mon 4th Sep - INSET Day Tue 5th Sep - First day for children

HELPLINES

KESA Events

Samaritans. To talk about anything that is upsetting you, you can contact Samaritans 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You can call 116 123 (free from any phone), email jo@samaritans.org or visit some branches in person.

SANEline. If you're experiencing a mental health problem or supporting someone else, you can call SANEline on 0300 304 7000 (4.30pm-10.30pm every day).

National Suicide Prevention Helpline UK. Offers a supportive listening service to anyone with thoughts of suicide. You can call the National Suicide Prevention Helpline UK on 0800 689 5652 (6pm-3:30am every day).

Campaign Against Living Miserably (CALM). You can call the CALM on 0800 58 58 58 (5pm-midnight every day) if you are struggling and need to talk. Or if you prefer not to speak on the phone, you could try the CALM webchat service.

Shout. If you would prefer not to talk but want some mental health support, you could text SHOUT to 85258. Shout offers a confidential 24/7 text service providing support if you are in crisis and need immediate help.

The Mix. If you're under 25, you can call The Mix on 0808 808 4994 (3pm-midnight every day), request support by email using this form on The Mix website or use their crisis text messenger service.

Papyrus HOPELINEUK. If you're under 35 and struggling with suicidal feelings, or concerned about a young person who might be struggling, you can call Papyrus HOPELINEUK on 0800 068 4141 (weekdays 10am-10pm, weekends 2pm-10pm and bank holidays 2pm-10pm), email <u>pat@papyrus-uk.org</u> or text 07786 209 697.



Out of School Activities

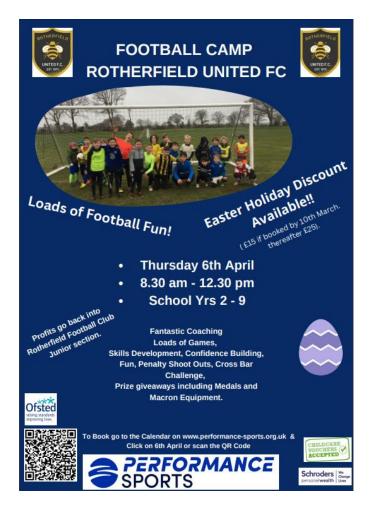




RSOD (Reading School of Dance) 9 - 3pm 6 - 18 Years old (with two different age groups) £25 per day









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 4th 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 <u>https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk</u> 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 <u>sales@readingfc.co.uk</u> or call 0118 968 1313. We hope to see you all on Saturday 15th April 2023!

EASTER EYOT CENTRE CANOE COURSE

The Eyot Centre provides water based, paddle sports activities for the young people of Henley and surrounding area. We want to foster a love for the water and help each child build their confidence and recognise their full potential.

Our Easter Camp is for children aged 10 - 16 years.

Activities will include paddling in a Bell Boat (It looks like two canoes stuck together), Kayaks and Stand up Paddle Boards. Your child will be accompanied by experienced coaches and leaders. All safety equipment including a buoyancy aid will be provided. You will bring a spare pair of clothes, incase you get wet! The landbased activities are fun team building games. No one will be made to do anything they do not want to do but the likelihood is, you will want to give everything a go! Looking forward to meeting you all!

To book: https://eyotcentre.coordinate.cloud/project/40360

Artists & Makers Fair

Saturday 8 April, 10 am - 4 pm Caversham Methodist Church Gosbrook Road, RG4 8EB



Wide range of Arts & Crafts to suit all pockets

Make & Takes **Children's Activities**

Lobby Cafe Home made cakes



Drinks proceeds to **Red Cross Turkey/Syria** Earthquake Appeal

Free Entry

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



EASTER HOLIDAY INSPIRATION

READING ROCKS IS THE ULTIMATE WHAT'S ON GUIDE FOR FAMILIES TO FIND THINGS TO DO IN THE LOCAL AREA WWW.READING-ROCKS.CO.UK



EASTER EVENTS Our website is jam packed with ideas of things to do this Easter. Get hands on at West Green House's Easter Weekend with petting zoo or head to one of Readings

Museums for lots of Easter fun! Check out our website for lots more ideas.

Check out our events tab here

EASTER TRAILS

There are lots of Easter Trails on this holidays. These offer a fun low cost activity. Kids love a map and trail. From the Woodley Airfield hunt to The Mega Egg Hunt at Wellington Country Park



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To check out local Easter Trails check out our Easter Article here.

FOLLOW US AND JOIN THE COMMUNITY!

www.reading-rocks.co.uk



APRIL 2023

Easter Holidays Junior Tennis Camp @ Stoke Row Tennis Club

Dear Parents/Carers,

Stoke Row Tennis Club is running a tennis camp for



children over the Easter holidays. This camp will be led by head coach Matt Whittle who is an LTA accredited + level 3 coach and qualified primary school teacher.

The club will aim to teach the children a variety of tennis skills and fun games whilst improving

their agility, balance and coordination. It will run on the following dates.

Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th April; Tuesday 11th – Wednesday 12th April.

10am – 12 noon (5-8 year olds); 1 – 3pm (9+year olds).

To book your child's place (one day or more) then please contact Phil Tremewan (<u>philtremewan@aol.com</u>) or head coach Matt Whittle (<u>matt@mwsports.info</u>). For a 2 hour session the cost is £14 (£7 per hour).