



Kidmore End CE Primary School

Super News Kidmore End!

Friday 28th April 2023



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Events at Kidmore End CE Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to our summer terms! These terms always fly by and are jam packed with new learning and lots of enrichment opportunities. Super exciting!

The weather also starts to improve which supports the wearing of our summer uniform. Please may I remind everyone that PE kit can only be worn on PE days - Miss Dove has written a further reminder later on in this newsletter. Thank you in advance for your support.

Thank you to those parents who managed to attend our SATs meetings over the past few weeks. These statutory tests are part of an established assessment system and are designed to allow schools to benchmark against national expectations. Our children are carefully prepared for the assessments and teachers work hard to make sure they are sensitively delivered. However, we know these are just snap shots of attainment and do not tell us the whole story of our children. Teachers use these outcomes to support their final teacher assessment alongside all learning that takes place throughout the year. Whilst high attainment is great, it is progress we hold in highest regard. All progress is valuable as our children journey through school, and we also let them know that their best will always be good enough!

You may soon notice various advertisements for upcoming vacant positions, and I wanted to share them with just our school community in the first instance. Firstly, after many years at Kidmore End, as a parent and then a wonderful school secretary, Mrs Heffer will be leaving at the end of the school year. She will be greatly missed and is keen to support transition as she passes on the baton. Also, our brilliant Mr Heritage has made the decision to relocate at the end of the school year, sadly this relocation would make a commute to Kidmore End impossible! I know he found this a difficult decision to make, but I do wish him well and am excited to hear about his next steps. Finally, after an amazing 33 years of dedicated service to education Miss Dove has decided to step away from teaching at the end of this school year for a well-deserved hiatus. It goes without saying that school will miss Miss Dove greatly and we are already planning an appropriate send off for her! She and anyone who leaves

Kidmore End really do remain part of the school family, so I know they will be popping back!

Whilst I am aware that change can feel a little unsettling, it can also present new and exciting opportunities for all involved.

In terms of an update regarding Mr Griffin, I am afraid that the situation remains as it was. I can confirm that I will remain with Kidmore End until the end of the summer term, as will Mr Purvis (Assistant Head Teacher) to ensure leadership capacity. This really is a very lovely school, we have some work to do, but everyone has been dedicated to developing provision in order to deliver the best opportunities for the children.

I was delighted to be made aware of the array of local talent we have amongst our parent community at our recent Governors' meeting. We had been discussing areas where we could do with some support to upkeep the grounds in light of our ever challenging budget! With this in mind, we are hoping to create a list of potential jobs, which we will share with you and then hope to find a date in either the half term or summer holidays or even a weekend where we might all come together to complete some of the list. We would be very grateful, and whilst not that 'handy', we would keep you all well hydrated and fed in return.

Thank you, again, for your understanding around the disruption caused by the national teachers' strikes, we try hard to minimise impact but we are aware this will not meet everyone's needs and we are sorry for this. We hope that a resolution will be reached very soon. We will, of course, keep you updated.

I have been working with the children during our assembly times to understand our values and our Christian narrative. I have been impressed with so many of the responses and the way the children are developing their thinking. It would be great if you could also ask them about their understanding.

Our Christian narrative: *'For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened'. Matthew 7:8*

Our Values: Kindness, Respect, Curiosity and Resilience

Wishing you all a very lovely long weekend ahead

Ms M Parsons

Therefore we do not lose heart We are being renewed day by day.

2 Corinthians 4.16

Year 6 Trip to Hill End

On Friday 21st April Year 6 went to Hill End to take part in a trench experience; the trenches are original practice trenches from WWI where soldiers trained before being sent out to fight. It was a fabulous day - made more realistic by the weather!



School Uniform

From next week, please could we ask all children to attend school in the correct school uniform (if you need a reminder please see our website here: <https://www.kidmore-end.co.uk/parents/school-uniform>).

Children are **only** allowed to come into school in PE kit on class PE days and Fridays, if they attend Nuvo Sports Elite's lunchtime Football Club.

Children attending Running Club must change into their school uniform before registration. We request that, those attending sports clubs after school wear school uniform and bring in PE kit to change into.

After School Club donations

Is it time for a spring clear out?

If this is the case and you have any of the below in good condition then ASC would love to re-home your much loved toys and allow them to be enjoyed by a new group of children!

- Barbies and clothes
- Scooters
- Play kitchen
- Dolls and accessories
- Doll pushchairs
- Soft balls
- Outdoor games



SPRING TERM
Week 27
Stars of the Week

Week 27 - w/e 21/04/2023

- FS - Thomas
- Year 1 - Noah
- Year 2 - Oscar
- Year 3 - Max
- Year 4 - Barnaby
- Year 5 - Carter
- Year 6 - Bobby

TEAM POINT SCORES

Here are the latest Team Point scores

Mars - 126
Neptune - 140
Saturn - 147
Jupiter - 160

Attendance at Kidmore End 2022-2023

The current attendance at Kidmore End is 95.42%.

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 8 (4.88%).

The School Attendance Policy is being ratified with the following Government guidelines: [Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

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.



Kidmore End CE Primary School ODST
Visit us on our
Open Morning
Thursday 29th June 2023
9:30am - 11am

✓ Nurturing village school only 7 minutes from Caversham
✓ For boys and girls aged 4 - 11 years
✓ Single-aged year groups
✓ Extensive outdoor facilities
✓ Wraparound care: 7.30am - 6pm
✓ Small school, big benefits

Booking is essential - please register online

Whether you are new to the area, thinking of changing your child's current school or your child starts school this September - we would be delighted to show you what we offer

Chalkhouse Green Road, Kidmore End, Reading, RG4 9AU
0118 3573149 office@kidmore-end.co.uk
www.kidmore-end.co.uk/admissions/open-days

Please can all parents help to advertise our Open Morning on Thursday 29th June. Please share the information with your friends, or find us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter and like and help us spread the word.

Lost Property

The UNNAMED lost property has been removed from the box and will be recycled or otherwise disposed of if not claimed by Friday 12th May. If your child is missing anything please email the office and we will have a look for you. PLEASE name your child's items! Excellent labels (which don't need sewing!) can be obtained from [easy2name.com](https://www.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.

Dates for the Diary

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

Summer Term Dates 2023

Mon 1st & Mon 8th May - Bank Holidays
Tue 2nd May - Planned NEU Industrial action
Fri 5th May - Non-school Uniform Day
Fri 5th May - Coronation 'Garden Party' Event (PM)
Sun 7th May - Choir - Evensong at SJB
Tues 9th May - Fri 12th May - Y6 SATS week
Thu 11th May - FS Rocket Phonics Parent Meeting
Sat 13th May - KESA Ball
Mon 15th May - Y6 cycle training week (details to follow)
Thu 18th May - FS Parents' Meetings (details to follow)
Fri 19th May - FS Parents' Meetings (details to follow)
Mon 22nd May - Y6 cycle training
Mon 22nd May - Y5 'Wow' Experience at MECE School
Mon 22nd May - No Clubs (staff training)
Tues 23rd May - Y6 cycle tests
Thu 25th May - Choir (Y3-6 only) - '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 @ EYOT Centre
Wed 14th Jun - Choir (Y3 - Y5 only): Festival of Voices
Thu 15th Jun - Fri 16th Jun Year 5 Camping experience (details to follow)
Thu 22nd Jun - Y2 Trip to Windsor Castle (TBC)
Tues 27th Jun - Sports Day (am) (TBC)
Thurs 29th Jun - Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Mon 3rd Jul - Y4 Ashmolean Trip
Fri 7th Jul - KESA Discos
Sat 8th Jul - Choir: Caversham Fete
Mon 10th Jul - No Art Club
Tues 11th Jul - Y1 trip to Beale Park
Thu 13th Jul - Last day of Summer Clubs (after school)
Fri 14th Jul - Leavers' Evening
Fri 21st Jul - Leavers' Service
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

Mon 23rd Oct - Fri 27th Oct - Half Term

Mon 30th Oct - INSET Day
Fri 20th Dec - Last day of term - 1.30pm Finish

KESA Events

Tickets on sale
Friday 27th Jan

OLD LUXTERS BARN & CHILTERN VALLEY WINERY CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO ...

THE BALL

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF TANTALISING FLAVOURS, ENTERTAINMENT AND FROLICS.

WELCOME DRINKS AND CANAPÉS

DELIGHT IN A 3 COURSE DINNER AND WINE PAIRING, PRESENTED AND SIMPLY TAUGHT BY OUR WINE EXPERT.

EVENING AUCTIONS AND LIVE MUSIC FROM THE LOOPS

Date: Saturday 13th May 2023
Arrival drinks from 6pm
Meal starts at 7.30pm
Carriages at 1am

Theme: Great Gatsby ~ 1920's
Location: Old Luxters Barn, Hambleden, RG9 6JW
Over 18's only

£85 per ticket.
Each table can seat 10 people
All profits go to KESA for Kidmore End Primary School
Taxis recommended so all parties can fully immerse themselves in the tasting experience.

Out of School Activities

ALL INFO | THEGREATSCHOOLRUN.ORG

THE GREAT SCHOOL RUN

AT STONOR PARK
SUN 30TH APRIL • 9AM

CROSS COUNTRY RACES

FOR ALL LOCAL NURSERY AND SCHOOL CHILDREN AGED 3-16
IN THEIR YEAR GROUPS...
AND FOR THEIR GROWN-UPS!

STONOR

FREE RACE ENTRY

CLICK TO BOOK

CLICK TO DONATE

IN AID OF *Joe Rapier*

KIDMORE END SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

We have a good stock of quality second hand uniform available.

Please email:
kesa@kidmore-end.co.uk
if you would like to purchase any second hand uniform or enquire about sizing available.

Suggested donation of £1 per item

OXFORD BROOKES UNIVERSITY

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

Oxford's Twin Cities Poetry Competition

- 3 age categories:
- 11 years and under
- 12-16 years
- Over 16
- Poetry prizes to be won
- Entries welcomed from anyone resident in Oxfordshire or in one of Oxford's twin cities

Deadline 5th May 2023
bit.ly/twincitiescomp

Penguin Random House

OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS





READING FOOTBALL CLUB

Discounted tickets

When: Saturday 29th April

Reading Football Club's Final Fixture of 2022-23!

You have been invited to Reading Football Club's final fixture of 2022-23!

When?

Reading vs Wigan Athletic
Saturday 29th 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 final 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 29th April 2023!

LOCATION & BOOKING

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- + Monday to Friday
- + Drop off from 8.30am & pick up until 5.15pm
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- + Ofsted Registered

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