

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 really feels like summer is finally here! What glorious weather we are having. Thank you for ensuring the children are well protected with sun lotions, hats and water bottles! Please do take a moment to check that all items belonging to the children are named, this really helps when we are trying to reunite lost items with their owners.

In light of the change of our upper school staffing, we have made the decision to move the traditional Year 6 residential trip to a little later in the next school year. We hope that this will allow any new arrangements to settle. Miss Dove is currently looking at dates and planning, and we will provide an update as soon as we can in regards to the Year 6 residential trip. Thank you for your understanding.

We are still seeking a new school secretary - please spread the word far and wide! It will be incredibly hard to replace our lovely Mrs Heffer but we know there must be someone lovely out there.

This term we have been talking about Ascension Day, when Jesus ascended into Heaven and also Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came down from Heaven. The children have been wonderfully receptive and it has led to some very interesting discussions.

We close today for our half term break and will welcome the children back to school on Monday 5th June 2023. Wishing you a wonderful break.

Ms M Parsons Interim Executive Headteacher

May we remember the importance of KINDNESS. "A single act of kindness throws out roots in all directions, and the roots spring up and make new trees."

Quadkids

On Tuesday 23rd May teams from Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in Quadkids athletics competition at MECE School. All children were a credit to the School. The Year 6 team came second and so have qualified for the South Oxfordshire finals to be held at St Birinus School in June.

If anyone has a school running/athletics vest at home could they please return it to School?

Y6 Cycle Proficiency

Last week and this week year 6 have been taking part in their cycling proficiency - once again run by Mr Heffer. The children all did very well and all passed the theory and practical test. The examiner commented on how wonderful the children were. Well done year 6!

We should take this opportunity to also thank Mr Heffer who has been running the cycling proficiency for 20 years. He is stepping down this year so if anyone is interested in taking on this valuable task, please contact the office for more details.

School Dinners in KS2

A polite reminder that we ask all parents to pay for their children's school dinners in advance. A school meal costs £2.30 per day. If your child has a school dinner every day the weekly cost will be £11.50. Please help the smooth running of the school office by ensuring your balance does not fall below zero. You can check your balance and make payments at any time by going into the 'payments' section of PMX.

If you are having difficulties paying please contact our School Business Manager (Mrs Hawker) on bursar@kidmore-end.co.uk in strictest confidence.

If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, further information can be found here on our website: https://www.kidmore-end.co.uk/parents/school-meals (at the bottom of the page).

After School Club donations

Thank you to everyone who recently donated items to After School Club - the children are very grateful.

If anyone is planning a half term clear out 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
- Boys Dressing-up Clothes
- Toy Garage
- Play Kitchen or Role-Play items
- Dolls and accessories
- Doll pushchairs
- Soft balls
- Outdoor games

Parents' parking around School

Unfortunately, we have again received complaints from local residents about parking around the School with photographic evidence!

Please take care when parking not to block our neighbours' driveways or park in driveways without the residents' permission.

Clubs with spaces

If your child would like to join one of our clubs running after school (starting after half term) the following currently all have spaces:

- Project X (Y4 6) on Tuesdays
- Action Adventure (Y1 3) on Wednesdays
- Lego (FS Y6) on Thursdays
- Cricket (Y4 6) on Thursdays

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Full details including how to book can be found on our website here: https://www.kidmore-end.co.uk/extracurricular-activities.

Charity Bike Ride

One of our parents, Mr Roome, who has Oscar in Year 6 and Emilia in Year 4, is taking part in the Brighton Bike ride on behalf of the British Heart Foundation on Sunday 18^{th} June. Please read his message below and support if you can.

"We are doing this in memory of my Father, Joel's grandfather, who died 2 years ago on 30th April 2021, from heart problems. As a parent and grandparent, I understand the importance of fathers to a family's wellbeing.

This 54 mile bike ride is a fitting way for me to honour my dad, and is for a truly great cause.

If anyone would like to donate to this very worthy cause, our pages are: www.justgiving.com/JoelRoome and London to Brighton Bike Ride 2023"



SPRING TERM Week 28, 30 & 31 Stars of the Week

Week 28 - w/e 28/04/2023

FS - Hattie

Year 1 - Florence

Year 2 - Oscar

Year 3 - Aaron

Year 4 - Minty

Year 5 - Ted

Year 6 - Levi

Week 30 - w/e 12/05/2023

FS - Emerson

Year 1 - Amelie

Year 2 - Charlie

Year 3 - N/A

Year 4 - Darcey

Year 5 - Bake Sale Team

Year 6 - Isla

Week 31 - w/e 19/05/2023

FS - Wilf

Year 1 - George

Year 2 - Amy

Year 3 - Ava

Year 4 - Mia

Year 5 - Isabella

Year 6 - Jacob

TEAM POINT SCORES Here are the latest Team Point scores

Mars - 418

Neptune - 421

Saturn - 423

Jupiter - 376

Attendance at Kidmore End 2022-2023

The current attendance at Kidmore End is 95.46%.

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 9 (5.48%).

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 <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.



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.

Uniform

It might seem early to be thinking about uniform for the next academic year, but if you'd like to get ahead and help the admin team at the same time, please order your uniform requirements for the next academic year as soon as possible. The sooner you order, the more likely it is that you will receive your items before the end of term. A reminder that KESA are currently looking after our 'pre-loved' school uniform, please see the flyer later in the newsletter. PLEASE name your children'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 remember to rename items that have been passed on to you.

Job vacancies

Why not apply to join our friendly team?

We are currently recruiting for Class Teachers and are looking for enthusiastic professionals who understand that there is always a next step in learning, for children and adults!

We are also recruiting for a new School Secretary, seeking a positive and proactive person to join our team in a key role in the administration of our school.

Further details and an application form can be found on the school website here: https://www.kidmoreend.co.uk/vacancies or please email Mrs Hawker on bursar@kidmore-end.co.uk

A reminder that there is also a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Local Governing Body – for details please see the message sent by ParentMail on $15^{\rm th}$ May, which should be visible in your ParentMail PMX account, or contact the School Office.

Dates for the Diary

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

Summer Term Dates 2023

29th May - 2nd Jun - Half Term

Mon 5th Jun - Children return to school

Mon 5th Jun - No Art or Sports Club (staff training)

Thurs 8th Jun - Y6 Quadkids South Oxfordshire Final

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

Fri 16th Jun - Y3 Roman Workshop (am)

Fri 16th Jun - KESA Ice Cream Sale

Thu 22nd Jun - Y2 Trip to Windsor Castle (details to follow)

Fri 23rd Jun - KESA Crazy Hair Day

Tues 27th Jun - Sports Day (am)

Thurs 29th Jun - Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Mon 3rd Jul - Y4 Trip to Ashmolean Museum (details to follow)

Fri 7th Jul - End of Term Reports to Parents

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

Tue 11th July - Y5 Trip to Ashmolean Museum

Thu 13th Jul - Last day of Summer Clubs (after school)

Fri 14th Jul - Leavers' Evening

Tue 18th Jul - Cookery Club (in lieu of 23rd May)

Fri 21st Jul - 9am 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

Wed 20th Dec - Last day of term - 1.30pm Finish

KESA



Out of School Activities





















