



Kidmore End CE Primary School

Super News Kidmore End!



Friday 1st December 2023

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Events at Kidmore End CE Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy December. Today we begin the month of December, the first day on our Advent calendars! Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and marks the beginning of our new liturgical year and the opening of our Advent season. Hope is the focus of the lighting of the first Advent candle.

School has been very busy as you might expect with lots to celebrate. Thank you to the staff and children who participated in The Big Sing last evening. They all represented our school beautifully.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Ms Parsons

Executive Headteacher

Prayer for Lighting the First Candle - Hope:

"Loving God, as we light the first Advent candle of hope, we ask for your presence to fill our hearts and homes. May the hope of Christ's coming bring light to our darkness and renew our spirits. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

Christmas Events in School

Please check our 'dates for the diary' section for reminders of all the lovely Christmas events we have on in school. In addition to those previously communicated, we have our **Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December**: children may wear their own clothes plus something festive, such as a Christmas jumper, or something else Christmassy, if they choose. On **Monday 11th December** we have our **Pantomime** during the school day. A huge thank you to KESA for funding this special event.

'Take One Bauble'

To decorate our school tree this year, we are asking children to upcycle a plain Christmas bauble at home. Children can do this in whatever fashion they like and then bring them to school in time for our **Christmas Tree assembly on Friday 8th December**. The aim is to reuse rather than create from scratch - a box of baubles will be at the front of the school at reception so please take one if you don't have one at home that you can spare. We look forward to seeing the children's re-imagined baubles.

Thea's Winning Christmas Card design

Congratulations to Thea Stradling in Year 5, as her winning Christmas card design will appear on Abbeycrest Nursing Home's Christmas cards this year.

Aashi's Chess Success

We are delighted to let you know that Aashi Aggarwal, talented chess player in Year 4, has achieved a remarkable feat at the recent LSCC London Junior Chess Competition. Aashi secured an impressive 3rd place, earning her the title of a minor qualifier for the competition. Undeterred by the stiff competition, Aashi is gearing up for the next round of challenges. Her sights are set on the ultimate goal of qualifying for the majors. We wish her the best of luck as she prepares for this.

AWP update

Phase 1 of the AWP project is underway and we are pleased with the progress. We are expecting to be able to start using it again early in the New Year.

Amazon Wishlist and Library update

We are thrilled to share that we are embarking on an exciting journey to update our school library in conjunction with KESA. To make this initiative a success, we have compiled a wishlist of books that will greatly enhance the learning experience for our children.

How You Can Help: If you'd like to contribute to our library update, please take a moment to review our wishlist https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2QRZ3W8H69EFL?ref_=wl_share

Easy Fundraising for our school

When shopping online this Christmas, please support our school by having the Easy Fundraising app downloaded on your phone or laptop. If using on your laptop, please ensure you download the "Extension Browser" which then shows you every time you head to a website if you can claim a percentage for school. It is so easy: you don't need to do anything other than register, select Kidmore End Primary School, download the Extension Browser and start shopping online. Every penny helps our lovely school.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/panel/>

Secondhand uniform

Due to large stock levels, we are not currently accepting the following items: boys' shorts, boys' trousers age 4-5, 5-6, sweatshirts size 24" and 26", girls' summer dresses or navy skirts age 9-10 upwards. KESA continue to welcome all other donations of clean, good quality uniform - but please only pass on items you would be happy to purchase yourself. Please leave any items for donation with the school office.

If you would like to purchase secondhand uniform, at £1 per item, please email kesa@kidmore-end.co.uk with your child's name, year group, items required, size and quantity and KESA will see if they have your requirements.

SWIFT Autism training for families

We would like to make you aware of some training hosted by Kidmore End Primary School from the Oxfordshire Communication and Interaction team. This benefits families who have a child or children with an autism diagnosis, or have a child displaying characteristics of autism. This training will take place in the school hall on **Wednesday 10th January & Wednesday 17th January between 9.30am-11.30am.**

SWIFT is a training programme for schools and families developed by the Communication and Interaction Service (C&I). SWIFT provides the opportunity for schools and families to:

- Learn more about the children they support
- Promote a consistent approach across home and school
- Guide parents/carers through practical strategies they can use with their children
- Direct parents/carers to relevant resources
- Give parents/carers the opportunity to meet with other parents who have had similar experiences and to gain support and learn from each other

If you would like to attend please email our SENCO, Mrs Bickerton, senco@kidmore-end.co.uk to book your place.

Absences

Please continue to report any authorised absences (such as sickness) to our office team by **9.30am on the day of absence**. The most helpful way to do this is either via your ParentMail app (using the absences function) or by email to office@kidmore-end.co.uk.

If your child is due to attend After School Club or another club that day please also mention this in your absence message too so that we can amend registers.

If your child is in school but for any reason you do not want them to attend their booked club after school, please also report this absence to the school office.

The Big Ambition children's survey - what can the government do to make children's lives better?

The Big Ambition is a national campaign by Dame Rachel De Souza, the Children's Commissioner for England. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the

children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. Dame Rachel will be sharing responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard. This is a great opportunity to teach children about politics and why it is important for them to use their voice. The survey is open until Friday 15th December and takes around 10 minutes to complete. We have been asked to share the following survey with you and ask you to ask your child to complete it www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

Recent publications

The latest School Nurse Newsletter can be found on our website here: <https://www.kidmore-end.co.uk/newsletter/school-health-nurse-newsletters>

Activities outside of school

If you are looking for things to do over the holidays and on weekends, such as Lego Workshops, Football or Tag Rugby Camps visit this page on our website to find out more: <https://www.kidmore-end.co.uk/our-community/local-clubs-camps-fairs-and-workshops>. You will find details of up and coming Chorister Taster Days for children in Year 2 and Year 3 and Christmas concerts.

Foundation Stage 2024

Do you know anyone who has a child who will be starting school in September 2024? Please share details of our next **Open Morning on Thursday 11th January** if you think they might be interested. Please share the information with your friends, or find us on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter and like and help us spread the word. Booking is essential, made via our website here: <https://www.kidmore-end.co.uk/admissions/open-days>



Kidmore End CE Primary School ODST Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust

Visit us on our
Open Morning
Thursday 11th January 2024
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 schools or your child is starting school for the first time - we would be delighted to show you what we offer

Chalkhouse Green Road, Kidmore End, Reading, RG4 9AU
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Dates for the Diary

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

Autumn Term Dates 2023

- Fri 1st Dec - All Clubs (after school) finish
- Sat 2nd Dec - Cross Country Event @ MECE (10am)
- Mon 4th Dec - Deadline to apply for next term's school run clubs
- Mon 4th Dec - Last day for KESA chocolate tombola donations
- Tue 5th Dec - Mad Science Assembly Show
- Tue 5th Dec - Smart Raspberry's Mince Pie Workshop (3.15pm)
- Wed 6th Dec - Last day to return KESA raffle tickets
- Wed 6th Dec - FS/Y1 Nativity (9.30am)
- Wed 6th Dec - Smudge Art Christmas Workshop (Y2/Y3) (3.15pm)
- Thu 7th Dec - Christmas Jumper Day
- Thu 7th Dec - FS/Y1 Nativity (2.15pm)
- Fri 8th Dec - KESA Christmas Fair (with Choir) (3.15pm)
- Mon 11th Dec - Whole School Pantomime (for children in school day)
- Tue 12th Dec - Smart Raspberry's Christmas Peppermint Creams Workshop (3.15pm)
- Wed 13th Dec - FS & KS1 Christmas Dinners
- Wed 13th Dec - Rocksteady Concert (2.30pm)
- Wed 13th Dec - Smudge Art Christmas Workshop (FS/Y1) (3.15pm)
- Thu 14th Dec - KS2 Christmas Dinners
- Fri 15th Dec - KESA Elfridges (for children during school hours)
- Fri 15th Dec - Christmas Carol Service in Church Y2-6
(1.30pm Y5 & Y6 parents) (2.30pm Y2-4 parents)
- Wed 20th Dec - NO SCHOOL DINNERS
(all children to bring a packed lunch)
- Wed 20th Dec - Last day of term - 1.30pm Finish

Spring Term Dates 2024

- Mon 8th Jan - INSET day (children not in school)
- Tue 9th Jan - First day back for children
- Thu 11th Jan - 9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents
- Mon 15th Jan - OCC deadline for primary school applications
- Wed 7th Feb - Parents' Evening
- Thu 8th Feb - Parents' Evening

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ELFRIDGES & CO

IS COMING TO
KIDMORE END PRIMARY SCHOOL
ON FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

CHILDREN WILL HAVE THE CHANCE
DURING SCHOOL TIME TO SELECT A
SURPRISE CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR
SOMEONE SPECIAL

£4 PER GIFT
PLEASE ORDER VIA:
PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/KIDMOREEND

CHILDREN & ELVES ONLY!

THE MRS CHRISTMAS TAKEOVER!

COME AND VISIT MRS CHRISTMAS IN HER GROTTO AT THE KIDMORE END SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR ON FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2023.

HELP MRS CHRISTMAS & THE ELVES PREPARE FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON WITH A STORY, CHRISTMAS CRAFTING & SOME TREATS!
BOOK YOUR TIME SLOT NOW VIA PTA EVENTS.

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Independent Estate Agents

MRS CHRISTMAS' GROTTO IS KINDLY SPONSORED BY BRIDGES ESTATE AGENTS

YOU ARE INVITED TO
Kidmore End School
CHRISTMAS FAIR & CAROLS

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2023 | 3.15PM
IN THE SCHOOL HALL

FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR A PERFORMANCE FROM OUR WONDERFUL KIDMORE END SCHOOL CHOIR, AS WELL AS THE RAINBOW RAFFLE, TOY TOMBOLA, ADOPT A BEAR, FESTIVE GAMES, HOT CHOCOLATE, BUBBLES & BEER BAR, MULLED WINE, MINCE PIES, CAKES, AND A VERY SPECIAL GROTTO...

The Mrs Christmas Takeover!