



Kidmore End CE Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers

As the end of the school year approaches, I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

I would like to begin by thanking our children for their continued efforts during what has been a very unpredictable year in their school life. Despite the disruptions to their classroom experience, they have engaged well with their learning both at home and in school. Despite the impact of the pandemic locally, attendance has remained consistently above the national average since the return to classroom learning in March 2021.

For this, I must thank you, our parents and carers for your consistent, positive reinforcement of the importance of regular attendance in reaching their full potential, it can't have been easy at times

Moving forward, into the challenges and opportunities offered by the new academic year; I believe the school can continue to build on the home/school relationship as we start a new chapter and vision for Kidmore End CE Primary School. We look forward to welcoming parents and carers back into our school and encouraging you all to play an active part in the children's all-round development.

Farewell to Year 6

Today is the day when we also wave goodbye to our Year Six pupils. They thoroughly deserved their breakfast, farewell party and leavers presentation as they have been amazing role models to the younger children throughout this year.

It wasn't quite the Year Six journey they had imagined, but nevertheless, they have stepped up to every challenge posed to them and we are all sure that with their resilience, passion for learning and determination to succeed, they are set to thrive in their secondary school adventure and all the opportunities it will offer!

Year Six Awards

The Bill Townsend Award for Effort and Improvement 2021 Sophie Owen

The Bill Townsend Award for Effort and Improvement 2021 Jack Norris

Kidmore End School award for Sport 2021 Rhys Herbert

Kidmore End School award for Sport Plaque 2021 Maisy Williamson

The Governors' Award for Academic Achievement 2021 Max Mollison

The Governors' Award for Academic Achievement 2021 Eloise Kirkland

The Peter Shock Award for All Round Contribution to the School 2021 Henry Baker

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Farewell to Staff – July 2021

At the end of every school year, we say goodbye to members of staff as they move on to pastures new as part of the next stage of their life journey or careers. It is always a sad time for any staff to leave the school especially in a small school where they have had such a positive impact.

We say goodbye to the following staff: Mrs Pauline Jones and Mrs Morwenna Rose. I would like to take this opportunity to offer thanks on behalf of all the children, staff and families at Kidmore End. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Griffith who taught in Year 4 this year. We wish them all the very best for the future.

The school would also like to wish Mrs Potter all the very best for the birth of her first child and the new and exciting journey that awaits the Potter family.

Arrangements for September 2021

The school will continue to monitor the COVID19 situation over the Summer Holidays and we provide families with further information if and when required during the week beginning the 30th August 2021.

Breakfast Club and After-School Clubs will start as soon as we return on Monday 6th September. The gates will open at a new time of 8.30am and children will be allowed to enter the class from 8.40am. Registration will be at 8.55am. Children may be left under staff supervision from 8.30am. All classes will be dismissed at 3.15pm from the playground. The new school dinner menu for the Autumn Term is available on our website.

At the start of the new year, children and families should use the main gate and the Foundation Stage gate only. The staff car park gate will not be in use for children to enter from. We will continue to review the access points to the school if there continue to be any risks because of the pandemic.

We aim to start clubs in the week beginning the 13th September and Parents Evening meetings will be held on Monday 18th October and Tuesday 19th October. Lamda classes will start on the 8th September 2021.

Further information about the club offer and dates for the Autumn Term will be sent out just before we start the new academic year.

I am looking forward to working with parents to improve the school. There will be meetings with teachers and myself at the start of the Autumn Term to outline my expectations and vision and the teacher expectations for the children in their new class.

The dates for these meetings are as follows:

Year 5 and Year 6 Parent Expectation meetings will be held from 3.30-4.30pm on **Tuesday 7th September**.

Year 3 and Year 4 Parent Expectation meetings will be held from 3.30-4.30pm on **Wednesday 8th September**.

Year 1 and Year 2 Parent Expectation meetings will be held from 3.30 -4.30pm on **Thursday 9th September**.

Year R Parent Expectation meeting will held be from 3.30 -4.30pm on **Tuesday 14th September**.

(Please note that this meeting will be for parents and the children will be supervised by staff in another part of the school. Further details will follow as we start the Autumn Term.)

KESA Working Party – Sunday 22nd August and Monday 23rd August

As you already know, we are having a Working Party to transform the Early Years/Foundation Stage area over the Summer Holidays. We would like to thank all parents who have already come forward to volunteer. It is not too late to register your interest in helping. If you would like to help out on the two days with painting or landscaping or building, please email KESA at KESA@kidmore-end.co.uk by Friday 30th July.

I will then contact all registered volunteers on the 3rd August via email to confirm numbers for the BBQ and to collate information about how you can help and whether you provide any tools etc. A further follow up email will then be sent on the 18th August 2021 just confirm final preparations including any wet weather plans if required.

Date for the diary

The school and KESA plan to run a community and whole school celebration event from 2pm - 4pm on Friday 24th September. This will be a chance to come together and celebrate a new start at Kidmore End. Further information will be sent out in September once we have an understanding of latest guidance regarding COVID19.

And finally....

I have had an amazing first few weeks as Headteacher of Kidmore End CE Primary School and would like to thank you all for your ongoing support over what has been a very difficult year for us all. I am looking forward to the start of the school year in September where I can share my vision with all stakeholders and I am sure we will continue to grow and improve together.

Have a restful and wonderful break, and I look forward to seeing all the children on their return in September.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher