



# Kidmore End CE Primary School

## Super News Kidmore End!

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## Christmas at Kidmore End is on its way!

### Christmas Events

There is so much happening at Kidmore End over the next four weeks as we lead up to Christmas.

Our Christmas Fair takes place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December and we are looking forward to seeing many families there.



The school will begin the Christmas season with an Advent assembly on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Some lucky children will also have the opportunity to walk down to the Kidmore End telephone box and turn over our wonderful pictures of Christmas which will be displayed in the telephone box as a large advent calendar display.

The Foundation Stage and Year 1 Nativity will be held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December in our hall.

The Year 2 Nativity will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm.

The School Council will be leading a very special assembly raising money for our Christmas Jumper Day Charity on the 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Christmas Dinner day will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December for the Infants and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December for the Juniors.

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December, all children will be watching an interactive online Pantomime.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December is our last day of the term. Parents are welcome to join the children and staff at our Christmas Church Service at 12.30pm. Once the service is finished, the children will be dismissed from the playground at approximately 1.30pm.

### Christmas Lantern Walk- 24<sup>th</sup> December

Preparations for the Kidmore End Lantern Parade 2021 are in full swing. This family friendly event is on Christmas Eve - a lantern lit walk around Kidmore End village. Starting at Kidmore End School at 5.45pm and finishing at the New Inn at 6.30pm for carol singing. We hope you'll join us. Lanterns for the event will be on sale at the Christmas Fair for £5 each, including tea light and event programme. Please visit our stall! Many congratulations to Minty in Y3 who won the poster competition, I'm sure you'll agree it's a fantastic design for this community event. The organisers want to say well done to Ned in Y2 whose design was highly commended.

### Kidmore End dances into the night! Our Disco!

The children had a wonderful evening last Friday at the disco which was organised by KESA.



It was so nice to return some level of normality this term and it was great to see so many children hitting the dance floor. The highlight for Mr Griffin was when the Year 6 boys sang their rendition of 'Sweet Caroline'. So impressive and so loud!

A huge thank you to all the parent volunteers, KESA and especially to Mrs Rose who led the team and organised a fab disco for all the children.

## Dates for the Diary

### 2nd Half term Autumn 2021-2022

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Nov - Flu vaccinations - all classes  
Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 1.30pm - Open Afternoon for prospective parents  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - Choir at 'The Big Sing' in Oxford  
Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec - Last teacher-led clubs (except Football)  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec - NO CHOIR  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - Last Running & Chess Club  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Dec - Cross Country at MECE School  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Dec KESA/St John the Baptist Church Christmas Fair  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30pm - Open Afternoon for prospective parents  
Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Dec - FS/Y1 Nativity 9.30am  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Dec - FS/Y1 Nativity 9.30am  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christingle Service at St John the Baptist  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Jumper day  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Dec - Y2 Nativity 2.15pm  
Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Dec - Y2 Nativity 2.15pm  
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec- Infants Christmas Dinner  
Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Dec- Junior Christmas Dinner  
Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Pantomime Cinderella 1.00pm  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Service in Church (12.30pm)  
Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec - End of term 1.30pm - NO SCHOOL MEALS

**Tuesday 4th January 2022 Inset day 6 (no school for pupils)**

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Jan - First day of term

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Jan - 9.30am Open Morning for prospective parents

### COVID precautions

There are a number of families and a couple of children who have now tested positive for COVID.

We ask that you remain vigilant and if you have concerns about whether you should be sending your child to school if they are unwell or someone in the household has tested positive, then please contact the school. Lateral Flow Tests have recently been proven to be 90% effective and we ask that you support the school by testing frequently at home.

If you do have a positive lateral flow test in your family we ask that you keep your child or children off school and get a PCR test for you and your family and keep your child at home until the PCR result comes back. If you are unsure on what to do, please contact to the school to speak to Mr Griffin.

We ask that parents also continue to wear face masks if visiting the school and coming inside the building.

### Open Mornings/Afternoons

We ask that all parents and carers raise the profile of the school by sharing the details of our Open Morning and Afternoons with our prospective parents.

Dates for Open Mornings and Open Afternoons – Autumn 2021	
Date	Time
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	1.30pm-3.00pm
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	1.30pm-3.00pm

## Road Safety and Parking



Please can I ask parents to not park their cars in front of the blind spot mirror near the well?

The junction near the well is extremely dangerous and drivers need to be able to see the mirror clearly so that they are able to turn right into Chalkhouse Green Road.

## Cross Country Event

### Congratulations to our Runners

Well done to our wonderful Cross Country Runners who participated in running on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

A selected team of runners competed against children from 8 other schools.

A particular well done and congratulations to the Yr 3 & 4 Boys U9 team who came first. A special mention to Carter in Year 4 who came from behind to overtake 2 very strong runners to win the event. Approximately 45 children from all the schools ran in each of the four events.



Our 20 Kidmore End athletes ran their socks off and did their very best. Mr Griffin was very proud of every child who competed. The children were also extremely well behaved. A special thank you to one of our Running Club parents, Mrs Paviour, who helped with the event and cheering on the children.

If your child is interested in running for the school at future events please see the details below. If your child would like to join in running club next term, keep an eye on ParentMail for details of how to sign up.

Next events: Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge School 4<sup>th</sup> December.

Race times:

Year 1 - 10.00, Y2 - 10.20,

Y3 - 10.40, Y4 - 11.00,

Y5 - 11.15 and Year 6 at 11.30.



### Week 9 and 10 Stars of the Week

FS - George, Leo, Edith and Harry  
Year 1- Emilia, Toby, Locky and Gus  
Year 2 - Lara, Jessica, Charlie and Sam  
Year 3 - Mollie, Orla, Inas and Odette  
Year 4 - Audrey, Dexter, Sophia and Ted  
Year 5 - Monty, Harrison, Tess and Zofia  
Year 6 - All Year 6 for their efforts at Woodlands, and Oliver and Holly

### Around the school....

#### In Foundation Stage/Reception

In Foundation, we have been really busy rehearsing our Nativity Play. The children sound wonderful singing the songs and there is a lot of great characterisation going on too.

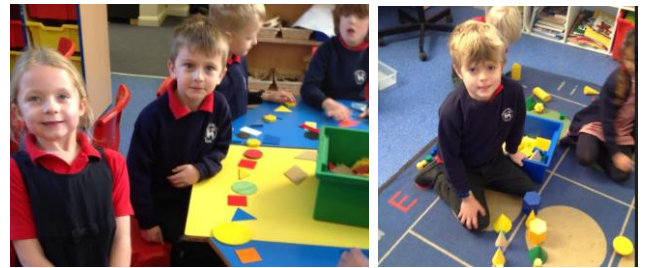
Mrs Hinnell even found some cats and chickens in the classroom this week! The children are enjoying the adventures of Nip and Nap in phonics and have been working hard on strengthening hand muscles for letter formation.

In maths we have been playing lots of games to develop skills in comparing groups of numbers to 5. We have been using "fast eyes" to see if we have "not enough?" or "Too Many?" There are lots of discussions about subitising going on during independent learning too.

#### In Year 1

This week we continued our Childhood topic, with the children bringing in photos of themselves as babies, toddlers and children. The children had a fun quiz, where they tried to guess the teacher by their baby photos. The children found it very funny!

In Science we have updated our bean diaries - some of our beans already have leaves! We also learnt about evergreen and deciduous trees and the children looked outside to find the different types of trees. In maths we have been learning about 2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes - the children sorted shapes and used them to make patterns.



In English the children have enjoyed the Jack and the Beanstalk story and will be making story maps and retelling the story themselves next week. We have learnt about the conjunction 'and', to make our sentences more interesting. In art we have been mixing primary colours to make secondary colours and the children have been painting their own colour wheels. Finally, we have been busy rehearsing the Nativity Play, hopefully you have been enjoying some of the songs at home!

#### In Year 2

In Year 2 we have been learning about famous explorers and activists. We were surprised at how badly different groups of people were treated in the past and were pleased to hear that slavery is now illegal.

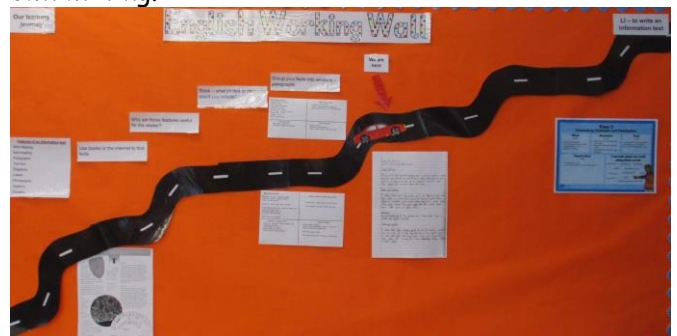
We thought people like Rosa Parks were very brave to stand up for what they believed in. In English we have been looking at autobiographies and biographies, we have asked an adult member of our family questions and written their biography, we have enjoyed reading these biographies.

In Maths we are starting to learn about multiplication and are getting very good at drawing arrays and showing how many equal groups we have and writing the corresponding repeated addition and multiplication number sentences.

We were very pleased with our still life pictures linked to our Art topic.

#### In Year 3

In Year 3 the children have been learning how to write non-fiction texts about creatures from prehistoric times. They really enjoyed using the computers and books to research facts about woolly mammoths and sabre toothed tigers, which they then used in their own writing.



We recorded the steps of their learning journey on our working wall so that they will be able to use it for reference when next writing an information text linked to our science topic. Speaking of science: the children have been learning about healthy, balanced diets and plan to put their knowledge into practice next week by doing some cooking.

### In Year 4

#### Our last swim!



This week we started learning about play scripts and adapting a narrative to fit a script, learning about the major features of a playscript. We then got to act it out- this we enjoyed the most.

Hymn practice was really fun this week as we started singing Christmas Carols which really made us feel Christmassy. Mrs Thomas made all the staff play maracas to accompany the Calypso Carol and Starry Night. Even Kate and Sally were dancing in the kitchen!

Sadly, this was our last week of swimming as a class for this year. After a final assessment, the swimming teachers made sure we had fun playing a selection of games; water polo and races.



We had a wonderful time at our Ancient Greek Exhibition. Our parents were really pleased with our Home Learning. Theseus the Hamster made a great impression on everyone!

### In Year 5

In year 5 we have been learning a lot of work. In English we have been doing non-chronological reports about the Shang Dynasty. We took facts from our humanities books where we have also been learning about the Shang Dynasty. Also in English we have been learning about the great race, which is a respected story throughout Chinese culture.

In maths we have been learning about perimeter and in music with Mrs Robertson we now know the notes E, F and G.

By Bobby and Lois.

### In Year 6

Two weeks ago Year 6 came back from our Woodlands trip. Woodlands is an Outdoor Activity Centre in the Brecon Beacons, Wales.

We took part in lots of activities: caving, canoeing, climbing, mountain walking, team building and orienteering. During our time at Woodlands we also learnt how to: lay the table; how to tighten a harness; getting ourselves organised for an activity; how to paddle; and lots of other useful things.

Over all we think we have become more mature, self-reliant and independent. The favourite two activities the class voted for were caving and canoeing. The whole class agrees that it has been a fantastic experience and we recommend Woodlands to other children and families.

Now that we are back in school we have been doing some Woodlands follow up work; last week we wrote a recount about our caving experience in English, and this week have been identifying features of a brochure so we can write a brochure for Woodlands, as well as painting a landscape from the mountain walk.

In maths we have been converting improper fractions into mixed numbers and vice versa and adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators.

### The Whole School.....

As part of our Values assembly we talked about making 'Good Choices' at playtimes and lunchtimes and making sure that everyday the value of 'Friendship' can be seen across our school.

This assembly certainly had an impact on the children as straight after the assembly the children decided to get together at lunch to perform a wonderful Conga line. Here's the proof!

