



# Kidmore End CE (Aided) Primary School

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## Dear Parents and Carers

We have been royally entertained over the past week with performances of 'A Miracle in Town' and 'Straw and Order'. The clear speaking, super singing, dance moves and comedy timing have been a joy to witness. My huge thanks goes to all the staff who work so hard on these productions – it is a truly marvellous part of being in a primary school at Christmas!

## Christingle

Thank you to the KS1 children for making Christingles ready for the service last Sunday. We collected £123 for the Children's Society at the service, which was, as always, a lovely occasion with our friends from the Church.

## Christmas Dinner

FS/KS1 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
KS2 Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December

There will be **no other hot dinners** on Christmas Dinner Days – so if it is not your child's turn for Christmas Dinner they will need a packed lunch.

## School Carol Service

Carol Service Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> (6.30pm)  
Church Service Friday 18<sup>th</sup> (9.15am)

Please note the service will be the same on both dates, so please don't feel you must come to both, particularly if you have younger children. Mrs Salt and Mrs Thomas already have plans in hand for some inspiring music and song and we will be reflecting on how Christmas relates to our value this term of Compassion.

## Arrangements for the last day

Some Year Six children have asked if children can wear Christmas jumpers after the Church Service, in return for making a small donation to charity. They have chosen the Readifood Food Bank, so I am very happy to agree. If your child would like to wear a Christmas jumper, or similar festive attire, they should bring them to school for after church.

Over the past two years we have had a 'party picnic' on the last day, which has been fun for the children but has also meant little food is wasted. Therefore, on the last day of term please can you send your child with a 'party' packed lunch, just for them? We will not be 'policing' lunchboxes so feel free to put in some treats (no nuts please)! There will be no hot dinners on the last day, and please remember, **school finishes at 1.30pm.**

## London Sealife Aquarium

We have sent home vouchers for half price entry for up to five people today. There is one voucher per family.

## What does it mean to be a Church School?

Thank you to those who have responded to this question so far. This afternoon we have sent home some reply slips with those children in KS2 who do not have a sibling in KS1 – if you picked up a slip at one of the performances please do return it if you would like us to know your thoughts - no names needed!

## Tree-planting

Gardening Club have been very busy with Mrs Knight and Mr Shaw planting a coppice of British fruit trees, 150 saplings donated by the Woodland Trust along the hedge, a flowering cherry tree donated by Mrs Crouch and an oak tree of royal descent donated by Mrs Jones. Thank you to the children and adults involved in replacing the trees removed prior to our building project.

## Learn about your brain!

Please see the attached letter about a study being carried out by the Experimental Psychology Department at the University of Oxford.

## Chickenpox

Please note that there have been a few cases of chickenpox in KS1, over the past two weeks.

## And finally...

I'm delighted to say that the Bishop of Dorchester is able to join us on the morning of January 29<sup>th</sup> for an official opening of our new building. I will be talking to the Year Five and Six children about the very important task of coming up with a fitting name for the building before the end of term. More details about the event will follow in the New Year.

## Dates for your diary

Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y3/4 Football Carol Service 6.30pm
Weds 16 <sup>th</sup>	Choir to Visa Europe Christmas Dinner (Infants)
Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner (Juniors)
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup>	Church Service 9.15am <b>END OF SCHOOL 1.30pm</b> <b>(No hot meals on this day)</b>

With very best wishes

Linda Hull  
Headteacher

