



Kidmore End CE Primary School

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20th November 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and coping with the current restrictions – we are thankful in school for good weather which has allowed us to get the children outside and active as much as possible (if a little muddy) and for good books which we can share and enjoy together indoors. The most recent DfE guidance for parents can be accessed here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

KESA

I want to extend a very warm welcome into the role of KESA Co-chairs to Amy Collier and Vicky Jones – I hope you have all had time to read their letter sent out on Monday. Along with the other committee members, they have lots of ideas for fundraising and activities for the children, particularly in the run up to Christmas. We are so appreciative of the huge support we get from KESA, including a recent delivery of a class set of Chromebook laptops which will be used in Y5/6 initially, and will support our developing use of Google Classroom enormously in school as well as for remote learning where needed.

Remembrance

Our Act of Remembrance last Wednesday was very moving, particularly when we realised it was the first time the whole school had been assembled together since March last year. The children observed the silence beautifully and Year Six represented our school brilliantly over at the churchyard where we laid our school wreath on the memorial and poppies on the war graves. We were delighted to be joined by some friends from the local community, and by Reverend Sheila Walker who led the children in prayer.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for brightening up our school last Friday on our non-uniform day. We raised just over £300 on the day for Children in Need, and all classes enjoyed the Five to Thrive activities throughout the week. You can carry on the wellbeing conversation at home by visiting this link <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/primary-school/five-to-thrive-hub/>

Open Mornings for September 2021 admissions

There is now a short presentation on the school website (under Admissions) as well as a photo tour, with an Open Meeting planned (to be held via Zoom) on Tuesday 24th November 1.30pm. Please encourage anyone you know who may be interested to book in by telephone 0118 357 3149 or email office@kidmore-end.co.uk. Codes will be sent out the day before the meeting.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week is national Anti-Bullying Week. This year the focus is 'United against bullying' looking at the different parts played by everyone in the community to prevent and address bullying. It was lovely to see so many children celebrating our differences on Monday by wearing their odd socks – there were some impressively bright socks on display!

And finally...

If you are interested in finding out more about School Centred Initial Teacher Training in Oxfordshire, do get in touch with Mrs Hull via the school office – she is always happy to discuss a career in teaching!

OXFORDSHIRE TEACHER TRAINING
School Centred Initial Teacher Training

Online Application Support Workshop

Who is this suitable for:

- Candidates intending to apply to Oxfordshire Teacher Training (OTT) this year
- Candidates who have been invited to an OTT interview

The aim of the workshop is to prepare applicants for the OTT recruitment day so that they can show the very best version of themselves to the selection panel.

What is covered?

- Safeguarding
- What good teaching and learning looks like
- Planning lessons
- The application form - if relevant to your stage

Register your interest online here:
<https://gillotts.org.uk/teaching-school/application-support-workshop>

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With very best wishes,

Linda Hull, Headteacher

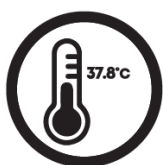
Dates for the diary

December

Tues 1 st	Christmas Decorations Day
Fri 11 th	Christingle Assembly in school
Sun 13 th	National Christingle Service (online)
Tues 15 th	KS1 Christmas Dinner
Weds 16 th	Christmas Jumper Day KS2 Christmas Dinner
Thurs 17 th	End of Term 1.30pm
Fri 18 th	INSET

And events planned in school, dates to be confirmed:

- FS/KS1 Christmas Performances (on video)
- Experience Christmas Trail
- Riding Lights Theatre Performance (streamed)
- Christmas Craft Morning



DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY, OR ANYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS OR IF THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD TO ISOLATE BY TEST AND TRACE.



GET YOUR CHILD AND HOUSEHOLD TESTED IF THEY DEVELOP SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS.



DROP OFF AND COLLECT AT THE RIGHT TIME USING THE ALLOCATED ENTRANCE AND EXIT GATE.



ONLY ONE PARENT SHOULD COME TO THE SITE AND SHOULD KEEP THEIR DISTANCE FROM OTHER PEOPLE.



OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD TO FOLLOW THE CURRENT GOVERNMENT ADVICE TO AVOID BRINGING THE VIRUS INTO SCHOOL.



PARENTS

Community News

Terra-cycling at Sonning Common Pre-School

Sonning Common Preschool is a terracycling collection point. We collect:

- Baby food pouches, kids yogurt pouches & Ella's kitchen pouches & lids.
- Carex, imperial leather & Bayleys of Bond Street hand wash pumps & refill pouches.
- Dishwashing, cleaning & fragrance flexible packaging.
- Marigold gloves & plastic packaging.
- L.O.L Surprise packaging.
- Burts Bees (lip balms/hand cream etc)

They have asked us to let parents know so we can all recycle more waste.

Active Leaders

WEEK 3

LOCKDOWN CHALLENGE



PHOTO TREASURE HUNT

Can you find the locations of where the following 24 photos were taken?

They are all within 1.5 miles of Sonning Common village centre.

GOOD LUCK!



The challenge is attached!

Playday Holiday Club

We are offering a two day Christmas Special Holiday Club, 21st and 22nd December 9am till 4pm.

Perfect opportunity for busy parents to finish your Christmas shopping and get yourselves ready for the festivities. Lots of fun activities for 4-11 year olds, please ring 07761 160981 or email

holidayclub@playdaycaversham.co.uk



Open every school holiday from
7.30am-6.30pm
or **9am-5pm**

For 4-11 year olds.
Half terms and holidays

Our activities include archery, yoga, drama, football and much, much more.

Fully Qualified staff

for more information call **07761 160981**
or email holidayclub@playdaycaversham.co.uk

PlayDay Holiday Club 100 Herndean Road, Caversham, RG4 7SD

Christmas Tech Camp opportunity

Find out more at: <https://www.nextthing.education/>

NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS

XMAS TECH CAMP

Redwood Basecamp

Christmas breaks aren't just about fun, they have brought the Christmas spirit to our children's world, with fun activities and festive learning. Bringing in STEM subjects your child will be building strong skills and having a wonderful Christmas time!

Monday **Tuesday** **Wednesday** **Thursday** **Friday**

Rocking Robots **Senior & Circuit** **Space Science** **Art Engineering** **Christmas Creativity**

COVID-19 Safety

We have strict COVID-19 health and safety procedures in place and your child will be the safest possible environment.

WE ARE IN YOUR AREA THIS CHRISTMAS ONLY!

Find your nearest camp on our website

Reduced numbers. Limited Spaces. Book Now!

WED 14TH DEC - 6 DAYS - 1200 SPACES STILL AVAILABLE
WED 21ST DEC - 3 DAYS - 1200 LIMITED SPACES
WED 27TH DEC - 3 DAYS - 1200 LIMITED SPACES
WED 29TH JAN - 6 DAYS - 1200 SPACES UNAVAILABLE

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YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR HOLIDAY TECH CAMP!

DECEMBER 2020

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5-12
9 AM - 4PM DAILY

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