



# Kidmore End CE Primary School

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## Dear Parents and Carers

As we work towards the end of a long half term in unusual circumstances, I'm watching Foundation play outside my window and reflecting on how brilliantly they have settled into school life. I know for many children, being back at school has been very welcome for time with friends, opportunities for learning and a routine in place. Even with the adaptations in place, our school is definitely still a place where our vision can be seen in action every day:

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another." John 13:34*

**Kidmore End CE School is an inclusive learning community where everyone can realise their unique potential as an independent learner.**

Our school is a place where:

- We ask questions and learn from our mistakes
- We are resourceful, responsible and respectful
- We share our gifts and contribute to our community
- Everyone is valued and loved as a child of God

Our recent Harvest Collection for the Readifood Food Bank is a great example of 'sharing our gifts and contributing to our community'. We have an impressive collection of food ready to go to the Food Bank and last Friday all classes thought about Harvest and the food for which we are so thankful.

## Safety reminder

Parents and carers are reminded not to park on the yellow zig zag lines as they are there to provide safe pedestrian access to the school. The area by the large gates is not to be used for turning vehicles under any circumstances at the beginning and end of the day.

## School lunches

Thanks to a lot of thought from the School Lunch Company, Kate and Sally in the kitchen and Mrs Laverick's team of lunchtime supervisors, I'm pleased to say that hot meals will be served throughout the week after half term.

## Parent Governor

Following today's count, Louise Donlon has been elected as our new Parent Governor. We look forward to working with her in the coming years. Thank you to both candidates for their interest in the role.

## Pupil progress and parent information

As you will understand, we are currently advised to limit the number of visitors in school, and so have had to make alternative arrangements for updating parents on their children's progress. As it is their first term in school, we have been able to offer socially distanced meetings for Foundation parents, taking place next week. For Years 1-6, in line with other schools in our academy trust, teachers are currently preparing a short progress report, with the same information that would usually be shared at Parents' evenings after half term. These will be sent out in the week beginning November 9<sup>th</sup>. If there are specific issues that you wish to discuss, the report can be followed up with a phone call. We hope you find these updates a useful opportunity to reflect on progress and next steps in learning.

## Google Classroom and Home Learning

Class codes for all classes have now been sent out, and I know many people have successfully logged on. Please do make contact with the School Office if you are still having difficulties after following the instructions that were sent out with the class codes.

Google Classroom is for children to use (with appropriate supervision of course); communication between parents and teachers should be made via email as normal, rather than posted in the Classroom.

## Social Media Guidance

Please find attached to this newsletter guidance adapted from The Key for School Leaders by members of the KESA Committee and school staff. We all recognise the value of Whatsapp groups to keep in touch, particularly in this time of reduced social contact, and hope this guidance ensures they remain a positive aspect of our school life.

## Open Mornings for September 2021 admissions

A short presentation will be added to the website next week, with Open Meetings planned (to be held via Zoom) on the following dates:

- Wednesday 4th November 9.30am
- Thursday 12th November 1.30pm
- Friday 20th November 9.30pm
- 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](mailto:office@kidmore-end.co.uk). Codes will be sent out the day before each meeting.

## Walk to School Children's Challenge

52 participants from Kidmore End took part in this challenge, and after an amazing 5 day battle between Shiplake managed to remain in overall lead with a huge 149km final day, just ahead of an incredible 138km from Kidmore End. The final distances for the top 3 were Shiplake - 498km; Kidmore End - 457km; Robert Piggott - 251km.

The total distance travelled per year group is where Kidmore End had their revenge with Year 4 dominating proceedings with a fantastic 158km. Well done Year 4 for winning a 1 day 'Taster Sail' courtesy of Sunsail for up to 5 people worth £695. An amazing prize for an incredible walking machine.

## Applying for secondary school

Just a reminder that applications close on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020, with National Offer Day on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021. Please apply through your home local authority.

## And finally...looking ahead

We are busy planning for next half term, considering how to mark important events in our school calendar such as Remembrance, Christingle and of course Christmas. We also have enrichment activities planned, funded by KESA, as well as Active Leaders training for Year Five. As always, it will be a busy term, and we will let you know key dates in the first newsletter after half term.

With very best wishes,  
Linda Hull, Headteacher

## Community News



## Do You Love Building With LEGO® Bricks?

Calling all young designers, engineers and inventors.

MASTER BUILDERS CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Join us for a brick building workshop that inspires imaginative play

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AGE 5-11

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Creatively themed session with brick building challenges

### Haunted House Hullabaloo

#### Half Term - Children's Brick Building Workshop

Tuesday 27th October - 9.30-11.15am - Woodcote Village Hall  
Tuesday 27th October - 2.30-4.15pm - Sonning Common Village Hall  
Limited numbers. Early booking recommended.

Secure your space at [www.masterbuildersclub.co.uk](http://www.masterbuildersclub.co.uk)

Master Builders Club provides 1000's of LEGO® bricks for all events. f i

## South Oxfordshire District Council

Supermarket Vouchers are available for residents struggling to afford food and essential provisions. If you come across a family struggling to afford food or other essential supplies, please put them in touch with Citizens Advice on 0300 3309042.

This is just one way to help anyone struggling as a result of COVID-19. The community hub at South Oxfordshire District Councils can also signpost people to organisations that can help with any support that might be needed.

There's also Oxfordshire Food Services Map and Oxfordshire All In websites which have great maps of community support groups, foodbanks, community kitchens and food surplus cafes. If you require any further information or have any queries, please contact the Community Connector Team at [communityconnectors@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:communityconnectors@southandvale.gov.uk)

## Children's Air Ambulance Competition

The Children's Air Ambulance in Oxfordshire is the only facility of its kind in the UK, transferring critically ill babies and children in our helicopters to specialist care units when they are too ill to travel by road. The charity receives no NHS or government funding and is reliant on the generosity of the general public to keep its helicopters flying, with one based very close by in Oxford.

They are running an exciting competition for someone to design a mascot for their children's club, #TheCrew All designs should be submitted using the attached leaflet and completed entries are sent either by email or post to: [thecrew@theairambulance.org.uk](mailto:thecrew@theairambulance.org.uk)

## #TheCrew Design a Mascot Competition

The Children's Air Ambulance

Blue Skies House

Butlers Leap

Rugby

Warwickshire

CV21 3RQ

The closing date for the competition is Wednesday 18 November 2020 and further information can be found at <https://theairambulance.org.uk/childrens-air-ambulance/the-crew/>