



# Kidmore End CE Primary School

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## Dear Parents and Carers

We have been thoroughly enjoying the lovely weather at school this week, and in the spirit of our value for this term I am definitely feeling thankful for our beautiful grounds here at school. I hope you are able to enjoy some time in the great outdoors over the weekend.

## Road Closure

The road closure is now planned to begin on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September and is around Gable Cottage so will affect families travelling from the direction of Emmer Green. The work is anticipated to take 5 days to complete. Please factor this into your journey to school – and remember our priority is that you and your child arrive safely – if they are a few minutes late we will understand.

## School lunches

Kate and Sally have been working hard with The School Lunch Company to develop our offer of packed lunches to include hot food on some days. Please have a look at the menu sent out earlier this week, which will start from **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September**.

## Wraparound Care

We are delighted to have After School Club up and running - a big thank you to the staff for their preparation and input into the risk assessment. Children in After School Club are in smaller groups with consistent staff, and as much of the provision as possible is outside.

We say a fond farewell to Pat Hocking, who has supported children at After School Club for many years and prior to that was a lunchtime supervisor at school. She has decided this is a good moment to retire, so we would like to say a huge thank you for her years of service to the children of Kidmore End.

On Monday we welcome back our Breakfast Club provision, run by Chalkhouse Childcare. Obviously again a number of protective measures have been put in place to ensure the safety of both children and staff; should you want to know more about Breakfast Club please contact them directly on [breakfastclub@kidmore-end.co.uk](mailto:breakfastclub@kidmore-end.co.uk) . Thank you.

## Parent Governor

Information about our parent governor vacancy will be coming out on Monday – please keep a look out as it would be lovely to hear from you if you are interested.

## Celebrating birthdays

A few parents have asked about traditions for celebrating birthdays in school. The first principle is please don't feel obliged to do anything – we will of course make a fuss of your child on their birthday (if they tell us – some children would rather not!) If you would like to choose a book either for your class or the school library that would be very lovely, and birthday books get a special bookplate in them and feature on our Twitter feed.

Some children still like to bring in sweets for their classmates – if they do they must be individually wrapped and will be handed out at the end of the day so that parents can decide when they should be eaten. As always, please do not send in any food containing nuts as we have children with severe allergies in school.

## Values for Life

This week in Worship we have been thinking about the value of our school community and what we contribute to it. Tomorrow we will be reflecting on the story of Jesus and the children, and how many communities, especially schools, are brought alive by children's voices and laughter. Another moment to reflect on how thankful we are to have our school community back together this term.

## Google Classroom and Home Learning

Parents of children in KS2 will have received guidance and class codes for accessing Google Classroom this week, and KS1 codes will follow in due course. We will be using Google Classroom for home learning (homework) and developing our use of the platform over the coming months including to support home learning where self-isolation is necessary for groups or individuals.

If in the coming weeks your child needs to self-isolate, please visit the Home Learning Page of the school website where there is information about the interim measures in place. As you will understand at the moment teachers are focused on the classroom and establishing good learning routines but we are also working on developing contingency plans for remote learning.

With very best wishes,

Linda Hull  
Headteacher

**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.**

**BE KIND**

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

# PARENTS

## Applying for secondary school

Applications open today for secondary school places in September 2021 and 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. Current safety restrictions mean that schools are offering a range of different opportunities for parents, and we recommend keeping an eye on their websites. We will post information from schools as we receive it.

## Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge

**MAIDEN ERLEGH CHILTERN EDGE**

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**MAIDEN ERLEGH CHILTERN EDGE OPEN EVENT**  
TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2020  
5:30PM UNTIL 7:30PM

Headteacher presentations will take place at 5:30pm and 7:00pm.

This event will be an exciting opportunity for you to visit the school and meet and talk to staff and students. There will be lots to do and see including:

- Subject displays
- Hands-on activities
- Drama and music performances
- Enrichment information
- Presentation by the Headteacher
- Tours of the school led by students

Due to COVID-19 booking is required for this event. If you are interested in attending, please visit our website at [www.maidenerleghchilternedge.co.uk](http://www.maidenerleghchilternedge.co.uk) or click [HERE](#) to reserve a place.

For regular updates, follow us on [@MEChilternEdge](https://twitter.com/MEChilternEdge)

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## Highdown School

Please see below for important dates relevant to Year 6 students:

Thursday 1st October 2020 – Open Evening, for prospective new parents and children, 6pm  
Monday 5th October 2020 – Open Morning  
Wednesday 7th October 2020 – Open Morning

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## Community News

### The Big Book Sale - tomorrow

Please support this initiative from one of our former pupils if you can!

Hi, my name is Tom Spencer and I was a student at Kidmore End Primary School and now go to Gillotts in Henley. As part of my Duke of Edinburgh Silver award I set up and have been running the Kidmore Little Library during lockdown when all the libraries were closed. The library will shut its doors this Friday for the final time and we are selling off all the books and jigsaw puzzles that have been donated to us by people in the village to raise money for the

British Dyslexia Association.

We'll be open this Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2.30pm – 4.00pm

**THE BIG BOOK SALE**

Kidmore End  
Books & Puzzles  
Little Library

Please stop by after school to support me and my chosen charity, thank you from Tom Spencer

Find us @ the phone box

Chalkhouse Green Road, Kidmore End (Opp the village Hall)

### Good news from Sonning Common Library

The library is reopening on Monday 28th September! It's been a long time, and we've missed you. Please come and visit the library – but be prepared for some changes to keep all our visitors and staff safe.

There have been slight changes to opening hours - check the website: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries) or in the library for details

There are no extra activities at the moment, but we have plenty of new books, and we can get books in from other libraries for you - and the reservation fee has gone down to £1.15!

**So do come in, even if it's just to say hello and welcome back – Annabel and I will be delighted to see you.**

### Families Magazine

We have received the link below to the electronic version of Families Magazine. If you would like a paper copy we have some in the school foyer, but felt this was a safer and more environmentally friendly option for most people.

[https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/families\\_tvw\\_sept\\_oct\\_2020](https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/families_tvw_sept_oct_2020)



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