



Dear Parents and Carers

The sun has shone on us for the past few days in all sorts of ways. Yesterday the whole school completed a fun run organised by Miss Dove and Mr Nutt, with each class running 50 miles in total. It was a beautiful day and so lovely to see the children working together. There were some great individual efforts, both in running strategy and pacing and in supporting each other. Thank you to our Year Six Active Leaders who did a great job, particularly with the younger classes, acting as 'hares', marking off the miles and encouraging the occasional reluctant runner. What a very lovely whole school event!

Easter Egg competition



We received at least 60 entries for the Easter Egg competition, and School Council were my expert judges. They judged anonymously, and were very admiring of the range of imaginative entries. Thank you everyone who supported this competition and particularly to KESA who provided the prizes.

Well done to all our winners: Luca (Foundation), Dihein (Y1), Thea (Y2), Lois (Y3), Naomi (Y4), Austin (Y5) and Freddie (Y6) – egg-sellent work as you can see from the pictures above!

Uniform Price increases

Due to rising supplier costs, uniform prices (except for polo shirts, sweatshirts or cardigans) will be increased with effect from **1st June**. Any orders placed before then will be charged at the current prices. For full details, please visit the [Uniform page](#) of the website.

Remember that we also have a quantity of 'pre-loved' uniform available (including trousers/shorts/skirts etc); please send an email to the office with an idea of what you need and we'll see if we have it.

Staffing News

I'm pleased to say that Mrs Salt will be returning to Year Three after Easter, which means that Mrs Griffith will be moving into Year Four to work alongside Mrs Jones until the Summer Term covering Mrs Bickerton's maternity leave. Thank you to Mrs Griffith, Mr Burchill and Mrs Jones who have all stepped up to cover Mrs Salt's absence for medical treatment.

I'm even more delighted to tell you that Mrs Potter and her husband are expecting their first baby in September. I know you will share in congratulating them both and wishing them well. Mrs Jones has also decided that the time has come to step away from teaching to spend time enjoying the active pursuits that she loves and will be leaving in July. Like myself, Mrs Jones has been here at Kidmore End for eight years, and has contributed masses to our team in many different ways.

We will be advertising for two full time teachers from September to cover these changes – please do point anyone you think might be interested to the [vacancies page](#) on the school website.

Pickatale Books

I know many conversations at Parents Evening revolved around growing a love of reading amongst our children, and finding suitable reading material. This website offers a 30 day free trial to families – we are looking into using it in school but in the meantime you might want to investigate it over the holidays. [Pickatale Free Trial](#)

Greener Henley

The Greener Henley Challenges are now on Google Classroom as a holiday home learning activity for all classes – participation is optional but is a fun activity to try outdoors over the Easter break. It would be lovely to contribute to Greener Henley as a school, as I know our children will have lots of great ideas to support the environment.

And finally...

As well as our Twitter feed and school website, don't forget to check out our [Facebook Page](#), which Mrs Hawker is keeping up to date with all the lovely things that are happening in school. We have lots of plans for the Summer Term – both in class and has a whole school, so there will be plenty to celebrate!

With best wishes,
Linda Hull, Headteacher

Community News



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Think U Know e-safety newsletter for parents Steps to take to help keep your child safer online

Parental controls: Parental controls have been designed to help you manage your child's online activities. There are various types, some of which are free but others which can be bought. However, nothing is totally fool proof so they shouldn't replace the need for you to support and advise your child using the internet. For more information and step by step instructions on setting up parental controls, visit [Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides - Internet Matters](#).

Supervise their online activity: Keep the devices your child uses in communal areas of the house such as the living room or kitchen, where an adult is able to supervise. Primary-age children should not access the internet in private spaces alone, such as in a bedroom or bathroom.

Explore together and chat little and often: Ask your child to show you their favourite apps, games and sites and encourage them to teach you how to use these. Ask them if anything ever worries them online. Make sure they know they won't be in trouble and can get help by talking to you or another adult they trust if anything happens online that makes them feel worried, sad or scared.

Take a look at Thinkuknow: Thinkuknow is the national online safety education programme from the National Crime Agency. Thinkuknow offers learning activities, advice and support for children and young people aged 4-18 and their families. The Jessie & Friends animations for 4 to 7s will help you start a conversation about online safety and for 8-10's, there's the Play Like Share animations and the Band Runner game and advice website.

Help your child identify trusted adults who can help them if they are worried: This includes you and other adults at home, as well as adults from wider family, school or other support services who they are able to contact at this time. Encourage them to draw a picture or write a list of their trusted adults.

Use 'SafeSearch': Most web search engines will have a 'SafeSearch' function, which will allow you to limit the content your child can access whilst online. Look out for the 'Settings' button on your web browser homepage, which is often shaped like a small cog.

Visit Thinkuknow.co.uk/parents for more information on keeping your child safer online.



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