



## Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a great start to the term with topics well underway and learning in full swing. In worship, we have had some great conversations about friendship and Year Two have written lovely letters to go on the Values display. All the children can identify what makes a good friend and we are now encouraging them to reflect on what they themselves offer as a friend – we are finding that we all, adults and children, find self-reflection more challenging than commenting on the behaviour of others!

## Values artwork

We are looking forward to Flick Whitehead coming into school next week to start work on our artwork for the hall. Thank you to those who have contributed fabric, buttons and ribbon. Please have a rummage at home over the weekend as we could still use more. There are boxes in classrooms and in the foyer.

## Clubs

Clubs started this week and the Year Six sports leaders did a great job of organising activities for the younger children. Miss Dove and Mrs Potter were left quite redundant! If your child has committed to going to a club please ensure they attend unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Our school choir are continuing to work on songs for the upcoming Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey. It is really important that children attend practices for this event as it is a real highlight of the musical year and we would like to send a full choir to represent our school.

## Events in school

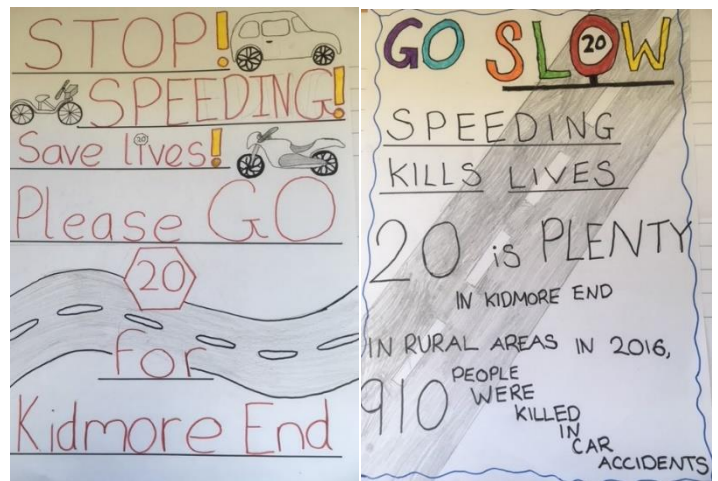
In the first week of term we welcomed Joy from Barnabas in Schools to lead workshops in every class on 'Where in the World?' looking at Christianity across the globe. It was lovely to hear the children discussing what actually makes a church and how people worship in different ways.

Last week Year One enjoyed a Seaside workshop led by Sonya from Oxfordshire Museum Service. She brought with her some amazing historical artefacts and the children thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the seaside.

Also, last week Year Six visited Townlands Hospital for the IMPS (Injury Minimization) programme. They practiced resuscitation skills and learnt how to respond in an emergency.

## Speed Limit

Year Five have been researching the dangers of speed on rural roads and producing some materials to highlight this issue in Kidmore End. They particularly enjoyed the [Let's Go 20 quiz](#) on the Brake website and were surprised by some of the facts on stopping distances and impact. They then made some posters, which so impressed Sue Biggs of the Parish Council that she has asked me to scan them and send them to her to be made up into posters to display around the village.



## School Council

This week we met with Sue Biggs, chair of the Parish Council, this week to give our opinions on development in the village. Please do complete the Household Survey if you want to have your say.

## Attendance

We regularly monitor attendance across school, and note that absence for Terms 3 and 4 are significantly higher than last year (this does not include snow closures). Please consider this when asking for term-time absence to be authorised – it is disappointing to receive requests for absence on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May when the half term break has already been extended by the INSET day.

## And finally...

I hope by now you have all heard the lovely news that Mr and Mrs Bickerton are celebrating the safe arrival of Olivia Rose, born on 19<sup>th</sup> April. We send all our best wishes to the Bickerton family of three!

With best wishes,

Linda Hull, Headteacher

Please note all newsletters are available on the school website, and you can see all communication sent through PMX by logging into your account.

### Dates for your diary

#### May

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> **BANK HOLIDAY**  
 Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Class photos  
 Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Y5 to Court Hill (overnight)  
 Mon 14<sup>th</sup> KS2 Test Week begins  
 Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Y5/6 Swimming Gala 1.15pm  
 Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Bridge competition 3.30pm  
 Fri 25<sup>th</sup> **INSET DAY**

#### MAY HALF TERM

#### JUNE

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Back to School  
 Y6 Cycle Training begins  
 Y3 trip to Oxford  
 Weds 6<sup>th</sup> FS trip to Beale Park  
 Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> KS2 Quadkids at Sonning Common  
 Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Y1 trip to River and Rowing Museum  
 Y6 Kwik Cricket at Shiplake 9.30am  
 Mon 11<sup>th</sup> School Nurse to visit Y5 and Y6  
 Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> Y6 Cycle Tests  
 Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Fathers' Day gifts (KESA)  
 Sun 17<sup>th</sup> Fathers' Day event (TBC)  
 Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Choir to Festival of Voices  
 Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Y6 Bell Boating Day  
 Governor Day  
 Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> KS1 Quadkids at Kidmore End  
 Mon 25<sup>th</sup> World of Work Week  
 Takeover Day  
 Weds 27<sup>th</sup> **LAST CLUBS**  
 Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Careers Fair Y5/6 (TBC)  
 Highdown Transition Day  
 Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Enterprise Challenge 2pm (TBC)

#### JULY

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Gillotts Transition Days (3 days)  
 Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Last Y3 swimming  
 Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Chiltern Edge Transition Day (2 days)  
 Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dress As You Please (KESA)  
 Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Y6 Outdoor Education Day  
 Last Y3/4 Cricket Club  
 Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Highdown Y5 Day  
 Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Y5 Clarinet Concert 2pm (TBC)  
 Y2 trip to Crocodiles of the World  
 Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Y4 Sharing Assembly  
 School reports out to parents  
 Last Y5/6 Cricket Club  
 Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Sports Day and Summer Fair  
 Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Leavers' Evening  
 Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Leavers' Service 9.15am  
**END OF TERM 1.30pm**

#### Community Notices

Kidmore End CE Primary School do not take any responsibility for events advertised for other organisations.

### Around the Boundary Event

RAISING MONEY FOR LOCAL CHARITIES

**AROUND THE BOUNDARY**  
MUSIC FOOD DRINKS FAMILY

BANK HOLIDAY SUNDAY  
MAY 27TH 2018 11AM - 11PM

GALLOWSTREE COMMON  
RG4 9BU

**-MUSIC-**  
DJ YODA  
ONE STEP BEHIND (MASTERS OF MADNESS)  
JEWELS & THE JACCUZIS • DOLLY & THE CLOTHESPEGS  
LA SOIRE • NEARLY UNSOCIABLE • GRAHAM GORKER  
BELT UP A CAPPELLA & MORE

**-FOOD-**  
PIZZA PILGRIMS • THE BOWLER MEATBALLS  
BLUE TIN SMOKEHOUSE • NOMAD BAKERY  
CUXHAM MILL POPUP & MORE

**-FAMILY-**  
BIG TREE CLIMBING • DRUMMING SESSIONS  
CRICKET SKILLS • STORYTIMERS & ENTERTAINERS  
SPACE & ROCKET WORKSHOPS • FACE PAINTING  
CIRCUS SKILLS & ALL THE USUAL SHENANIGANS

**-DRINK-**  
WEST BERKSHIRE BREWERY • LODDON BREWERY  
HORSEBOX COFFEE CO. • JESSECO PROSSECCO  
LOVIBONDS • MR HOBBS GIN • WINE & MORE

TICKETS FROM £20  
ALL INFO [WWW.AROUNDTHEBOUNDARY.COM](http://WWW.AROUNDTHEBOUNDARY.COM)  
GET UPDATES & SOCIAL @AROUNDTHEBOUNDARY

#### A Writer's Life

Friends of Sonning Common Library are organising a very interesting evening in the Library with talks from Vera Morris and Tom Fort on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm. Tickets are available from the Library and Occasions. The price is £5 and includes a glass of wine or a soft drink.

#### Classic Cars

Pangbourne Classic Car show is taking place on Saturday 2nd June 10am - 4pm. There will be a range of vintage, classic and rare cars on show. Visitors are welcome to bring their own picnics. There will be a donation of £5 per car on entrance with all proceeds going to charity.

#### Energy Kidz Holiday Club – Everyday Heroes

There is now less than a week for parents to claim an exclusive 10% discount on all bookings for our highly anticipated May Half Term Holiday Club! Our fun packed holiday clubs provide fantastic activities for children and reliable childcare for working parents.

You can secure your place now with our **heroic 10% Early Bird Booking Discount Offer**. Book using the code **EBMAY18-1** via our website to claim your discount at <https://bookings.energy-kidz.co.uk/>.

#### Master Builders' Club – Jurassic World

Please see the attached flyer for details of activities this term.  
 Saturday 5th May – Kidmore End War Memorial Hall,  
 Saturday 23rd June – Sacred Heart Parish Hall,  
 Henley  
 Saturday 30th June – Dorchester on Thames Village Hall  
 Saturday 14th July – Woodcote Village Hall  
[www.masterbuildersclub.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.masterbuildersclub.eventbrite.co.uk)