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Dear Parents and Carers

Yesterday's Sports Day and Summer Fair was a delightful celebration of our school family coming together to enjoy each other's company at the end of a busy year. The children showed great sporting behaviour and competed well, and the spectators did an excellent job of cheering them on. Well done to Jupiter, the winning team this year.

The KESA team did an excellent job of organising the Summer Fair, and everyone I spoke to was having a lovely time. We are so lucky to have such a community around our school – it was notable at one point just how many former pupils had come along. Thank you to Lime Marquees for their support in providing shelter and shade for the children, and TechResponse for providing the scoring and PA systems for the event.

UTC Eco Engineers Challenge

Year Five have been working hard on a project run by UTC Reading. They had to research and design an environmentally friendly house, considering location, energy use and facilities. It was brilliant to see the children so focused on learning new skills and then presenting their ideas confidently to the teachers who visited from UTC. Well done to the Eco Elephants who were overall winners, and to all the children for taking part with such enthusiasm.

Running Club

There will be no Running Club on Monday 23rd July. A huge thanks to Mr Haines, Mr Everitt and Mrs Day for their support in running this popular club throughout the year.

A fond farewell to Mr Marples

After many years teaching the recorder in our school, Mr Marples has decided it is time to take a break and enjoy more time on the golf course and on holiday. We owe him our sincere thanks for all he has done to make our school a musical place, and have promised him that Mrs Salt and Mrs Jones are ready to carry on playing!

Attendance

At the end of each year, we look with Governors at a range of key indicators of success in our school, one of which is attendance. We were disappointed to see that we are likely to fall below the national average this year for overall attendance, and that we have lost the equivalent of a whole school year – 190 days – in unauthorised absence for holidays and trips.

We would very much like to improve on this next year, and can only do that with the support of parents in ensuring that their children are in school unless they are genuinely unwell or there is an exceptional family circumstance. Please ensure you have made careful note of next year's term dates, which are attached to this letter and available on the website. There are no INSET days attached to the October or May holidays as there have been in previous years.

Food in school

Please check ingredients in packed lunches carefully – we are nut free school due to children with severe allergies and appreciate your support in this matter.

Tables awards

Y5 have been busy practising their tables again – well done to Jenna who achieved her Silver Award, Miles and Zachary who achieved their Gold Award and Alana and Evie who achieved their Platinum Award.

Parent Survey 2018

The Parent Survey has now closed. Thank you those that took the time to respond. We will be reviewing the outcomes of this survey with Governors, along with the pupil survey undertaken at the same time.

After School Club

Please email asc@kidmore-end.co.uk if you would like to register your child for September. Similarly, if you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, please email Lucy on breakfastclub@kidmore-end.co.uk.

Summer Reading Challenge

In assembly last week, I spoke to the children about the Summer Reading Challenge being run by the library service. This year's theme is Mischief Makers and it is free to sign up. I encouraged the children to take part, and have asked that they bring their certificates into school in September to be copied and displayed in our library. You can find out more at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

I have also asked all the children to make a book recommendation to us from their summer reading, and have sent home a bookmark format that they could use, but am more than happy to have recommendations in any format. If children recommend books that are not already in school, then I will ask KESA to fund the purchase of these books for our class libraries.

And finally...

Please consider supporting our school both in developing children's love of reading and keeping healthy by choosing a book for the class with your child instead of birthday sweets.

With best wishes,
Linda Hull, Headteacher

Dates for your diary

JULY

Thurs 19th FS Parent Event 2.45pm
Fri 20th Leavers' Evening
Tues 24th Leavers' Service 9.15am
END OF TERM 1.30pm

SEPTEMBER

Weds 5th BACK TO SCHOOL
Thurs 6th Meet the teacher
3.15pm and 3.45pm

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

Community Notices

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

Kayaking Championships this weekend.

For any families in Caversham this coming weekend, Reading will be holding the National Marathon Kayaking Championships. It all kicks off just above Caversham Bridge, on the prom.

Over 1000 competitors, not only from all over the UK but from France, Germany, Ireland and Holland, will be racing, including some of the fastest in the sport, so it should be exciting to watch. Racing starts at 9am on both Saturday and Sunday.

Holiday Club at Chiltern Edge



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Henley Show 2018

This year's Henley Show is on Saturday 8th September at Henley Showground, near Hambleden. This year we are delighted to welcome The Knights of Middle England Jousting Team from Warwick Castle, and Giant Tortoises from The Galapagos Islands. The interactive Food and Farming marquee is a fun place for children, where they can learn where their food comes from and take part in various activities.

Once again, we are inviting all children under the age of 16 free of charge with a ticket-holding adult or concession. Our online advanced tickets are very reasonable at £10 per adult and £7 per senior.

Caversham Horticultural Show

This year's show will be held at Emmer Green Primary School on Saturday 8th September 2018 from 2.00pm.

Why not enter the following children's categories? Vegetable Monster, Garden in a Seed Tray, Display a Vegetable you have Grown, Vase of any type of Flowers, A Halloween Mask, 3 Brownies, Decorated Egg & Photograph of a Pet.

Your parents need not be left out! Entries required in open classes for Handicrafts, Floral Art & Domestic categories. Entry is free – find out more at www.caversham-horticultural.org.uk