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Dear Parents and Carers

The first week of this half term seems to have flown by, with everyone settling quickly back into the school routines. This week we have Parents' Evening for Years 1-6 and a welcome opportunity to reflect on the progress made so far this year.

Remembrance

We will be commemorating the 100th anniversary of the end of World War One on Friday in school, in a short act of worship with the children and Revd Stickings. After that, I will be taking the Year Six children over to the churchyard, where there are a number of Commonwealth War Graves.

I will be attending the service at Kidmore End War Memorial on the 11th, hopefully with the oldest and youngest child in school helping me to lay a wreath on behalf of the school. It would be lovely to see other children here too, in school uniform if they are not already representing Cubs or Brownies or similar organisations. Two of our families are also representing school at the Oxfordshire service at Christ Church Cathedral.

Children across the school have been making poppies from different materials over the past few weeks, which we will put together in a new display in the Learning Zone to mark this significant anniversary.



Poppies will be for sale throughout this week from the school office and will be taken round the classrooms each day.

Volunteers in School

Following up on the information leaflet in the last newsletter, can I remind volunteers in school of our mobile phone policy, which is on the school website, and particularly ask that volunteers do not use their phones in school to take photographs without specific permission.

KESA news

There is much activity in preparation for the Christmas Fair, which I hope is marked in your diaries for November 17th. Your contributions to the Fair are very much appreciated. It is always a lovely event, and marks the partnership between our school and church at its very best.

Times tables awards

Children in Year Four have been very busy over the past week or so, with lots of Bronze awards given out this morning. Well done to: Joseph A, Neve, Mary, Tom, Toby, Joseph H, Rhys, Flick, Emily, Max M, Jack, Elliott, Alexandra and Gabriella.

While on the subject, you might find this website a useful one for practising times tables!

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Wallingford Children's Film Festival

The 6th Wallingford Children's Film Festival will be held on Saturday February 16th at 4pm at the Great Hall at Cholsey. As usual there will be a red carpet laid out for our film makers as they come to see their film premiered on the big screen.

There are categories for schools and **individuals**, so you can start thinking about making a film at home and put the date in your diary.

All films need to be submitted to Sally Eccleston at sally@eccleston.me.uk on a DVD that plays on a domestic DVD player before January 31st 2019. All films must be shorter than 4 minutes in length but can in any format and on any theme (suitable for all ages).

School Website

There is a lot of information on the school website, and we are currently discussing how to ensure that useful information is put on class pages at the beginning of the school year, so that you can refer to it through the year. We will no longer be publishing the Star of the Week on the school website – for both safeguarding and GDPR reasons the combination of a photograph and child's name is not advisable. We will still be putting photographs up in the hall, and certificates will continue to come home as normal.

Celebrating Maths

One of the things that makes a huge difference to learning, particularly in Maths, is a positive mindset. We want children to see maths as a creative, exciting subject, to embrace challenge, learn from mistakes and enjoy making new mathematical discoveries.

The Celebrating Maths Project is a series of three short videos written to give parents a range of games and puzzles to play at home. The first video for children aged 4-5, gives ideas for finding maths in everyday situations and explains some important stages in developing early understanding of number. The second and third videos, for children aged 6-7 and 8+, give ideas for strategy games that can be played with simple equipment and an active mind! You can find the videos on this link:

<http://www.iseemaths.com/celebrating-maths-project/>

By playing maths games together, whatever your personal experience of the subject, your child will learn that the challenge of maths is there to be enjoyed!

And finally... a message from our Buddies

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, with the theme of 'Choose Respect'. To celebrate our differences, and show our respect for everyone in our school family, the Buddies would like you to wear **odd socks** on Monday 12th November...the wackier the better! One of the buddies also came up with the idea of an 'odd socks' washing line in the playground, to show our school support. Find out more, including details of an exciting competition here: [Odd Socks Day](#). We look forward to seeing your socks!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Peppard Remembers 1914-1918

A weekend of events to commemorate the end of the First World War, including a film screening, a dance and exhibition. More information can be found at www.peppardrevels.org.uk or from a leaflet available in school.

Chiltern Edge Quiz Night

Friday 16th November – School Hall 7pm
 £3 per person – 6 people per table. Book your table now by contacting gillymcgowan@yahoo.co.uk.
 Licensed bar and snacks available.

ALL WELCOME!

Kidmore End Sunday School
 at St. John the Baptist

First Sunday of every
 month



For more information & to check dates
 Email: KEsundayschool@hotmail.com
 Find our Facebook page: Kidmore End Sunday School

With very best wishes,
 Linda Hull, Headteacher

Dates for your diary
 We have given dates as far in advance as possible, so some may be subject to change.

NOVEMBER	
Thurs 8 th	Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Fri 9 th	Remembrance Assembly (in school)
Sun 11 th	Remembrance Day (Church)
Mon 12 th	Anti-Bullying Week begins Odd Socks Day
Tues 13 th	Fire and Rescue talk Y5 and 6
Thurs 15 th	Y4 trip to Ashmolean Museum Open Morning (prospective parents) Lego Workshop after school Y5 Sharing Assembly
Fri 16 th	Sat 17th
Tues 20 th	KESA Christmas Fair 12-3pm
Weds 21 st	Y4 to Schools' Dance Festival, Oxford
Thurs 22 nd	Yoga workshops
Weds 28 th	Yoga workshops Last swimming for Y4 Big Sing (Oxford) for Choir Last clubs (choir will continue)
Thurs 29 th	Governor Day
Fri 30 th	Y4 Topic Exhibition 2.30pm
DECEMBER	
Sat 1 st	Cross Country at Chiltern Edge 10am
Sun 2 nd	Christingle Service 4.30pm
Mon 3 rd	Christmas Tree Assembly
Weds 5 th	Flu vaccinations for pupils FS-Y5 e-safety event for Y5/6 and parents
Mon 10 th	Y1/FS Nativity 9.30pm
Tues 11 th	Y1/FS Nativity 9.30am
Thurs 13 th	Choir to Visa Europe Y2 Nativity 2.15pm
Fri 14 th	Y2 Nativity 2.15pm
Tues 18 th	<i>Christmas Dinner – Infants (TBC)</i>
Weds 19 th	<i>Christmas Jumper Day</i> <i>Christmas Dinner – Juniors (TBC)</i>
Thurs 20 th	<i>Church Service 9.15am</i> END OF SCHOOL 1.30pm

