



Kidmore End CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

As I write this opening paragraph, the Kidmore End School and Church Christmas Fair is in full swing outside my office. It is, as always, a huge team effort, which transforms school into full festive mode. There has been lots to eat and drink, many prizes to be won for young and old alike, and a lovely community atmosphere which is a delight to behold. An enormous thank you to all members of KESA, to the children who opened the fair beautifully with their singing, and to our many friends in the church who have crafted and collected over the past months to add even more great stalls to the fair. And the sun is shining...what more could we ask for!?

Remembrance

On Friday 9th November we came together as a school to remember those who died in war, and to look forward to a more peaceful future. The children kept the silence beautifully, showing great respect throughout. They were also very interested in the stories behind the names on the War Memorial and have enjoyed contributing to the display of poppies in the Learning Zone – please do have a look if you haven't yet seen it.

We have talked a lot in school about commemorating, not celebrating, this significant anniversary, and I think the children have really embraced this idea. It was lovely to see so many families at the Act of Remembrance on Sunday 11th, and I know many more families will have been attending other services. Thank you particularly to Toby and Gemma who helped me lay the wreath as our youngest and oldest pupils.

Anti-Bullying Week

Well done to our team of buddies who both organised our 'Odd Socks' day to celebrate difference in our school, and led assembly on Wednesday to encourage children to reflect on how an attitude of respect can reduce incidents of bullying. We made a very impressive 'Odd Socks Washing Line' along the fence in the playground, which stayed up all week. We will be encouraging children to collect their socks over the next few days – they will be in a box outside the school office should you want to have a look!



Engage E-safety event for Year 5 and 6

Thank you to those who responded to our survey. A 3.30pm parent/child workshop on December 5th was the most popular option, so I have asked Matt to plan for that. I am happy to supervise younger siblings while the workshop is on, as the content will be aimed at our oldest children. We will send out specific information soon, but please save the date!

School Admissions 2019

Please note that applications for Foundation Stage places in September 2019 are now open in both Reading and Oxfordshire, for children born between 1st September 2014 and 31st August 2015. The closing date is January 15th. Our final Open Morning will be held on 9th January at 9.30am.

Parking

We continue to have problems with parking around school, particularly in the mornings, with people parking near the pond junction and in front of the mirror. In order to ease congestion, we are going to trial a new morning routine from **Monday 3rd**

December until the end of term, which will be similar to our current rainy day procedure.

- **At 8.45am children will be invited to go straight into class.**
- **A senior member of staff will be on duty to take any messages from parents for teachers.**

This will allow parents to leave at staggered times. The start of the day will remain at 8.55am. We hope it will also increase children's independence. We ask that parents do not come into school with their children – their teachers will be ready to receive them in class.

And finally...

Following the Christmas Fair, preparations for Christmas begin in earnest. We will shortly send out our annual 'What you need to know about Christmas' letter, but in the meantime please note we have a tradition of decorating the school Christmas tree at the beginning of December in a special assembly. We would like all children to make a small decoration to hang on the tree and bring it in on **Monday December 3rd**. This is a lovely way to mark the start of Advent in school. Paper snowflakes or similar are absolutely fine – in fact we love to see decorations making creative use of recycled materials!

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

Tues 20th Y4 to Schools' Dance Festival, Oxford
Weds 21st Yoga workshops (Y5/6)
Thurs 22nd Yoga workshops (FS to Y4)
Weds 28th Last swimming for Y4
Big Sing (Oxford) for Choir
Last clubs (choir will continue)
Thurs 29th Governor Day
Fri 30th Y4 Topic Exhibition 2.30pm

DECEMBER

Sat 1st Cross Country at Chiltern Edge 10am
Sun 2nd Christingle Service 4.30pm
Mon 3rd Christmas Tree Assembly
Weds 5th Flu vaccinations for pupils FS-Y5
E-safety for Y5/6 & parents 3.30pm
Mon 10th Y1/FS Nativity 9.30pm
Tues 11th Y1/FS Nativity 9.30am
Thurs 13th Choir to Visa Europe
Y2 Nativity 2.15pm
Fri 14th Y2 Nativity 2.15pm
Tues 18th Christmas Dinner – Infants
Weds 19th Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Dinner – Juniors
Thurs 20th Church Service 9.15am
END OF SCHOOL 1.30pm

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

Rotherfield United Football Club

Under 6 and 7 training
Langtree School Sports Hall
Mondays 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm
new players always welcome
£4 per week



Bring your boys and girls along to have fun and keep fit
Sessions run by FA qualified coaches with full DBS checks

We are a very friendly, committee run club that offers
football training, coaching and organisation of teams
from under 5 through to senior teams.

For further details contact: info@rotherfieldfc.com
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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Christingle Service

2nd December 2018

Please join us from 3.45pm in school to make your Christingle and then from 4.30pm in St John the Baptist Church to celebrate this festival of light with us. A collection will be made for the Children's Society.

All welcome!



THE OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL 3rd & 4th January 2019.

WORCESTER COLLEGE, OXFORD.

We have some wonderful music planned for the course and some fabulous coaches, such as Dr Edward Wickham, Director of St Catharine's College, Cambridge and Thomas Allery, Director of Music at Worcester College.

All our courses are for children aged 7 - 13 who love singing! Our courses include whole group singing, singing lessons in small groups, music appreciation, music history and much more! Visit <https://www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk/> to find out more.

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, Cholsey. There are categories for schools and **individuals**, so please get involved for your chance to walk the red carpet to your own film premiere! Entries need to be submitted to sally@eccleston.me.uk on a DVD before January 31st 2019. All films must be less than 4 minutes long, on any theme, and suitable for all ages.