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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the Summer Term! I hope you were all able to enjoy the fabulous weather over the holidays. I left school at the end of last term with a big smile on my face, following a very moving Easter Service based on the Tale of the Three Trees, and the Easter Egg Hunt which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to Mrs Thomas and Year Five for leading the service and to the KESA team (including the Easter Bunny) for organising the Egg Hunt.

Responsibility

Our value this term is responsibility. The eagle-eyed among you will note I have not yet taken down the Lent Plastic challenge display in the Hall; this is entirely deliberate as it fits so well with our value. If you have made any lasting changes as a result of the challenge, or have any innovative ideas to share with other families, we'd love to hear about them. Please send any photos or a quick summary of your changes into the school office, and we will add them to the display. In school, the children tell me that it is important that they are responsible for their behaviour and their learning and we will be discussing this further over the coming weeks.

Sponsored Read

We have found many ways to encourage reading so far this year, and continue to build our stock of high quality books through generous donations, birthday books and regular packages from our brilliant Book Buddy, the poet AF Harrold. This term's reading focus is a Sponsored Read, which you will already have received information regarding.

The project is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Organiser, Lauren, and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school. In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to the school. So for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books!

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers, menus, websites, recipes, poems, leaflets, instructions – anything with words! Thank you for your support.

Make Me Smile

In early May we will be welcoming an organisation called One-Eighty back into school to run their Make Me Smile programme. Make Me Smile offers a space for all children to learn to build an understanding and resilience to matters relating to mental health through storytelling and creative play. It allows them to talk openly in a safe environment in small groups.

The project is initially delivered by One-Eighty to Year 6 pupils who then facilitate a peer-to-peer session to Year 3 students, based on the project structure. This creates a filtration of coping strategies throughout the school. The same children are used as ambassadors for the school system to help create understanding, a whole school awareness and a support network.

Early mental health awareness helps young people build coping strategies that they can use later in life. The project comes at a crucial time for the Year 6 students, who have a range of different challenges ahead. A whole school 'Make Me Smile Day' will be held in Term 6 as a follow up to help children feel more empowered and comfortable to discuss mental health. There will also be a parent leaflet with further information and suggestions.

Trips, visits and learning outdoors

Year Five will be heading off to the Ridgeway for their overnight residential in May, and beginning to consider their Year Six trip to Woodlands in September. There are also lots of exciting trips planned for other year groups, linked to their curriculum areas, as well as a whole school celebration of Outdoor Classroom Day on 23rd May with a Science theme. Thank you to KESA for their support in purchasing resources for this day.

This will be followed after half term by some whole staff training on Wellbeing in the Outdoors which will encourage us to make the most of our lovely school grounds and countryside setting for learning. This training is again funded by KESA, as a number of parents had highlighted outdoor learning as an area for investment.

School Council Healthy Living

School council have been working with Mrs Seymour on making our school healthier! They surveyed each class about healthy snacks and would like to give children an opportunity to try out some healthy snacks at playtime on May 8th. They presented their ideas to me and then wrote to KESA asking for funding, which has been agreed. They had thought of all sorts of things including allergies!

Prayer Space

We are planning to hold a prayer space event in the week beginning 20th May. This is a space set aside for prayer and reflection in school. During the week of the prayer space event a team of volunteers help each class visit the space and try the activities, which might include praying themselves.

If you are interested in being a volunteer at our prayer space event in the week beginning May 20th, please get in touch with either Mrs Hull at school (office@kidmore-end.co.uk) or Revd James Stickings.

Full Circle Group

Do you know any older people who could spare an hour a week, enjoy chatting to children and might like to join Full Circle at Kidmore End Primary School?

Full Circle is an intergenerational scheme to support young children in boosting their confidence and social skills. The group will meet once a week in term time for just one hour over a shared lunch. This is followed by a simple activity such as icing biscuits, colouring, seed planting.

At Kidmore End School we cherish our children and recognise the tremendous wealth of experience that older members of the community can offer, especially when neither family nor staff. If you think this might be of interest and would like to know more please contact Mary Crouch Tel. 01491 628165 or email mary@crouch-net.com.

KESA Quiz Night

You are invited to join us for a fun evening at our Quiz Night on Friday 10th May in the school hall. The event will start at 7:30pm and tickets are £10 each with a FREE drink on arrival. We will be selling cheese platters for 2 at a cost of £10 and these can be pre ordered with your tickets.

Quiz teams are to be no bigger than 8 but don't worry though if you don't have a team, we can introduce you to another group. Tickets can be purchased from Clare Wright or Kate Winter in the school playground or by emailing: Clarewright2k@hotmail.com

This is a cash only event so please bring plenty of pennies for the bar, nibbles and extras on the night. It is sure to be a fun night out and a great opportunity to raise money for your child's school.

We hope to see you there...Team KESA

And finally...

It is with mixed feelings that I report that Mrs Watkins has secured a leadership role in a school in Newbury, starting in June. We will be very sorry to lose her enthusiasm, dedication and sense of fun, but know that her new school will benefit from her skills and knowledge, some of which she has developed and honed in her time here at Kidmore End.

For the final half term, Mrs Jones will be teaching Year Four from Monday-Thursday, with Mrs Deacon picking up the reins on Fridays. We are delighted to welcome Mrs Deacon back to the team, and know Year Four will have a great final term with lots of plans already in place.

With very best wishes,

Linda Hull,
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

APRIL

Mon 29th Running Club starts
County Final – Sports Hall Athletics
Y5 Swimming Gala

MAY

Thurs 2nd CHOIR STARTS
Fri 3rd Y5 Woodlands Meeting 8.45am
Tues 7th Y1 trip to Legoland
Weds 8th School Council Snack Table –
breaktime
Make Me Smile session Y6
CLUBS START
Fri 10th KESA Quiz 7.30pm
Mon 13th Y6 SATs Tests begin
Thurs 16th Y5 to Court Hill
Fri 17th Y5 return from Court Hill
Mon 20th Y6 Cycling Proficiency Week
Prayer Space Event begins
Thurs 23rd Outdoor Classroom Day – Science
Fri 24th Break up for half term

JUNE

Mon 3rd **BACK TO SCHOOL**
Tues 4th Y6 Cycle Tests
Weds 5th School Nurse visit to Y5/6
Thurs 6th School Photos
KS2 Quadkids at Sonning Common
Fri 7th Booktrust Pyjamarama Day
Mon 10th Y1 Phonics Screening Week
Thurs 13th KS1 Quadkids at Kidmore End
Fri 14th KESA Discos (TBC)
Tues 18th Y3/4 Recorder Event @MECE
Langtree Taster Day
Weds 19th Y6 trip to IMPS at Townlands
Fri 21st Y6 Bell-boating trip
Tues 25th Gillotts Pioneer Week (3 days)
Thurs 27th Highdown Transition Day
Y6 Rounders competition @MECE
Y3 Sharing Assembly
Fri 28th Choir to ODST Big Sing – Jesus
College, Oxford

JULY

Tues 2nd Y5/6 Kwik Cricket at Gillotts
Tues 9th Sports Day and Summer Fair
Weds 10th Highdown Y5 Day
Thurs 11th MECE Transition Days (2 days)
Y5 topic exhibition 2.30pm
Fri 12th Reports to Parents
MECE Transition Day
Y6 Leavers' Evening 7.00pm
Fri 19th Leavers' Church Service 9.15am
END OF TERM 1.30pm

**Mon 22nd to Weds 24th July are INSET Days.
We return to school on Wednesday September 4th**

Community Notices



Five Days in May at The Telephone Kiosk...

Oxfordshire Art Weeks Festival comes to Kidmore End



Debbie Page

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The Telephone Kiosk was purchased and renovated last Summer by local residents Caroline & Alastair McAslan and they have kindly agreed to allow me to use the Kiosk as a gallery for the Festival. I am a potter based in the village and the telephone box is about 100m from my house. I will be displaying my pots inside the Kiosk and sitting on the bench beside it.

The Telephone Kiosk Gallery will be open for 5 days in May - 11th, 12th, 17th 18th and 19th, starting at 11am and closing at 6pm, except for the 17th when it will close at 8pm. The Oxfordshire Art Weeks Festival has been running for 38 years and is the Country's oldest and largest open studios arts trail.



OXFORDSHIRE TEACHER TRAINING

School Centred Initial Teacher Training

Paid internship scheme for teaching

Are you an undergraduate studying for a STEM degree?

If yes, then we have a paid work-experience programme that might be just right for you!

We have won a DFE grant to offer teaching internships running from the **24th June - 19 July 2019** in state secondary schools across Oxfordshire. Interns will receive a bursary of £300/week.

The programme is designed to give you a realistic picture of what teaching maths or physics would be like and includes the chance to be involved in:

- structured training, shadowing and lesson observation, opportunities to jointly
- plan and deliver lessons
- running science projects, offering support for children who are struggling, and
- helping with experiments
- one to one mentoring sessions with experts in their field

When: 24 June - 19 July 2019

For further information email: teaching@oxfordschools.co.uk

[Please click here to register your interest](#)

Every cloud has a silver lining and we have some really **brilliant news to share!**

Reading Football Club heard about the damage caused last weekend to our ground, and has very kindly offered to help us with fundraising.

They are hosting a Club Day for us on the last game of the season - Sunday 5th May - when they are playing against Birmingham at 12.30pm. They have offered a special ticket price for the club and 50% of the sales will be donated back to us!

So.....we need as many of you to buy tickets and go along to enjoy the afternoon - suggest it to your friends, grandparents, brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, neighbours. We will be offering it to the local schools too - just remember you need to quote **ROTHERFIELD** when buying tickets.

Many thanks to Jess Hammant-Cracknell and Reading FC ticket office for organising this....

Call Reading FC ticket office
0118 968 1313
and quote **ROTHERFIELD** to get the discounted prices:

Adults - £10
65 and Over, 18-24 and 17
and Under - £5
Under 12 - £2

GIRLS CRICKET
at Kidmore End Cricket Club

LOCATION: KECC,
THE HAMLET,
GALLOWSTREE
COMMON, RG4 9BU

Weekly training
For girls ages
7 - 15 years

TIME: TUES
6:15PM - 7:45PM

ECB CLUBMARK ACCREDITED
PROFESSIONAL COACHING
MATCHES IN A GIRLS LEAGUE
AMAZING GROUND WITH GREAT FACILITIES
SOCIABLE AND LOTS OF FUN!

THIS GIRL CAN
ALL STARS
GOLDEN MILE

SIGN UP NOW
FOR THE
SEASON!

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