



Kidmore End CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that everyone had an enjoyable half term and is rested ready for the busy term ahead!

Our value for the term is Hope. We are starting by thinking about our hopes for a peaceful world, linked to Remembrance and Anti-bullying week. In Worship on Tuesday we shared the brilliant Peace Book by Todd Parr which has some lovely suggestions for creating peace in everyday life, such as “peace is saying sorry when you hurt someone” and “peace is sharing a meal.”

Remembrance

Poppies are for sale from the school office. I will be attending the service at Kidmore End War Memorial on the 10th, with the oldest and youngest children in school helping me to lay a wreath. 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. There is a Church Service immediately after the Act of Remembrance, to which all are warmly welcomed. On Monday 11th we will have a short Remembrance assembly in school including a time of silence, and then I will be visiting the churchyard with Year Six to lay poppies on the Commonwealth War Graves.

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is also Anti-bullying Week – this year’s theme is ‘Change starts with us’. On Tuesday, we would love it if children came to school in odd socks, as a symbol of our wish to celebrate the diversity of our school family. Over the week in class and in assembly we will be discussing what changes we can make in our actions and words to others to make our school a peaceful place where there are no outsiders. Find out more about the Anti-Bullying Alliance at <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk>

Parents’ Evenings Y1-5

Thank you to those who have made appointments for Parents’ Evening next week. Please note that on Parents’ Evenings the playground will be open for parking as soon as it is safe to do so, so any children accompanying their parents should stay inside for their own safety. Please do not park at the New Inn.

There are no teacher-led clubs or choir next week.

At Parents’ Evening we will have a table out in the corridor with second hand uniform. Please do have a look for any bits that may be useful – a small donation per item would be most welcome.

Morning routines

It was a year ago that we began our new morning routine, and it has been a great help in easing traffic around school in the morning and ensuring a swift start to learning for children. Please help us maintain this by giving any messages to the staff member on duty rather than coming into school. This helps us have a settled start to the morning and aids your child’s independence. Thank you!

KESA Christmas Fair

A reminder that next Friday, 15th November, is a non-uniform day for KESA. In return for wearing their own clothes, children are asked to bring in a new toy for the Toy tombola.

There is lots of information about the Christmas Fair and how you can help and support in the email sent out just before half term. It includes details of the Great Kidmore End Christmas Bake Off, and booking tickets to Santa’s Grotto, amongst other things. Most importantly, please do join us on the 23rd November between 12 and 3pm if you are able to – it is a fabulous way to begin the festivities!

Advent and Christingle

There are two community events coming up which we are participating as a school. We are very excited to be working with some of our neighbours in the village to turn the phone box into an Advent Calendar. This will involve the younger children making pictures for the windows, and those older children who would like to participate creating a ‘reverse advent calendar’ with small gifts for those spending Christmas alone. More details to follow, but we are really looking forward to this lovely project which may become a village tradition.

On Advent Sunday there will be a Christingle Service at St John the Baptist. School will be open from 3.30pm where we will have all that you need to make a Christingle with your child, and then we will take them to Church for a service at 4.30pm. Pre-school children are most welcome as is anyone else who wishes to come along.

In the next newsletter there will be a ‘need to know’ guide to Christmas in school, complete with details of the Nativity plays, Christmas Dinner and other Christmas events.

Musical Opportunity

One of our aims for this year is for children to see professional musicians perform – we thought we had a perfect plan until we realised this event is in February half term. It does look lovely though, so we thought we'd share in case families were interested.

<https://www.readingarts.com/whats-on/noisy-kids-circus-circus>

If anyone spots a similar musical event on locally (ideally Reading and Oxford) which you think might be suitable for a school trip, or has any bright ideas for us, please do let us know!

And finally...

Year Five are currently working to complete their Junior Active Leaders awards. Year Six have already completed the programme and are now leading play activities at lunchtimes. Lily, from Year Five, today described the programme as 'the most epic thing in school, ever!' We are delighted the children are getting so much out of this, and hope they will in turn inspire all our children to get active throughout the school day.

With very best wishes,

Linda Hull
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

NOVEMBER

Sat 9 th	Cross Country at MECE
Sun 10 th	Remembrance at Church 10.50am
Mon 11 th	Remembrance Assembly 10.50am
	Anti-bullying Week
	Y5 Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Tues 12 th	Y1-Y4 Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm
Weds 13 th	NO CLUBS
Thurs 14 th	Y1-Y5 Parents' Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Fri 15 th	Y5 Sharing Assembly
	KESA non-uniform day
Sat 23 rd	KESA Christmas Fair
Weds 27 th	Last clubs for this term

DECEMBER

Sun 1 st	Christingle Service at Church 4.30pm
Mon 2 nd	Christmas Tree Maths Challenge pm
Sat 7 th	Cross Country at MECE
Mon 9 th	Y1/FS Nativity 9.30am
Tues 10 th	Y1/FS Nativity 9.30am
Thurs 12 th	Y2 Nativity 2.15pm
	Y4 to Oxford Dance Festival
Fri 13 th	Y2 Nativity 2.15pm
Mon 16 th	Y5/6 to see Oliver at MECE
Tues 17th	Christmas Jumper Day*
	Christmas Dinner – Juniors*
Weds 18th	Christmas Dinner – Infants *
Thurs 19 th	Church Service 9.15am
	END OF SCHOOL 1.30pm

NB: Children return to school on TUESDAY 7th JANUARY. Monday 6th is an INSET Day.

***change of date from Really Useful Card**

