



Kidmore End CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have been royally entertained by our youngest children this week, with performances of Busy, Busy Bethlehem and The Midwife Crisis which made us laugh, cry and feel very, very proud of our children. A huge thank you to all the staff who encourage and nurture their talents at this busy time of year.

Advent

The 'Phone Box Advent Calendar' looks great, and we have now delivered two boxes of goodies from Y3 and 4. Thank you for your generous donations – they will be very much appreciated. I've had a number of lovely emails from local residents commenting on the project – let's hope we can make it a tradition!

Christingle

It was lovely to see so many people at the Christingle Service on Advent Sunday. Thank you to James and all at St John the Baptist Church for making us so welcome as always.

Less CO₂ Schools

We have joined this project, which encourages schools to work together and share ideas on being more environmentally friendly. In January, we will have an energy audit carried out, and the School Council have already met with the Governors to share our action plan and communicate their many ideas on being green at Kidmore End. If you are interested, you might like to have a look at this website, as it has lots of information for parents and children.

<http://ypte.org.uk/content/climate-change-for-parents-the-facts>

As a first action – the School Council want to encourage everyone to make a sustainable plan for disposing of your Christmas tree. Can it be planted in the garden? Can you recycle it with your garden waste?



And finally...

If you have helped in school this term, whether in the classroom or through KESA, please join us if you can for a cup of tea and a mince pie on Wednesday 18th December at 2.30pm, to say thank you for your support!

With very best wishes,

Linda Hull, Headteacher

CHRISTMAS – your guide to the last week of term!

Christmas Dinner

KS2 Tuesday 17th December
KS1/FS Wednesday 18th December

There will be **no other hot dinners** on Christmas Dinner Days – so if it is not your child's turn for Christmas Dinner they will need a packed lunch.

Christmas Jumper Day

Once again we will be holding a Christmas Jumper Day on Tuesday 17th December. KS2 children may have already donated to the 'reverse' advent calendar being held in the phone box, but School Council have chosen to support Daisy's Dream as their cause for any cash donations given by KS1 pupils.

Daisy's Dream support children and their families when someone they love has died or is dying. For every £50 raised, the charity are able to provide a 1:1 therapeutic support session to a child who needs help to understand and express their grief.

Their Therapeutic Practitioners deliver around 35 of these 1:1 sessions each week to families and every session is provided completely free of charge; it is easy to see what a difference our school's support will make. Bereavement can affect anyone, and can be particularly sharply felt at Christmas time – we hope you can help this worthwhile cause.

Children can come wearing a jumper or other festive attire in return for a small donation. Please note long hair should still be tied back.

School Carol Service

Our Carol Service will be held at St John the Baptist Church on Thursday 19th at 9.15am. Join us for an opportunity to reflect on the Christmas story and to sing some favourite carols with your children.

Arrangements for the last day

Over the past few years we have had a 'party picnic' on the last day; a nice way to end the term. Therefore, on Thursday 19th December please can you send your child with a 'party' packed lunch, just for them? We will not be 'policing' lunchboxes so feel free to put in some treats (no nuts please)! There will be no hot dinners on the last day, and please remember, **school finishes at 1.30pm**.

Dates for your diary

DECEMBER

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| Mon 16 th | Y5/6 to see Oliver at MECE |
| Tues 17 th | Christmas Jumper Day* Christmas Dinner – Juniors* |
| Weds 18 th | Christmas Dinner – Infants * Choir to Visa Europe Parent/Family Helpers Tea Party 2.30pm |
| 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**



Community Notices

Kidmore End Neighbourhood Plan

The results of the survey completed following the public consultations for the neighbourhood development plan are now available on the parish council website. - <https://www.kepc.info/ndp/>

Christmas Church Services

- 20 Dec 19.30 Service of Carols at St John the Baptist
- 24 Dec 16.30 Christingle Service at Christ the King
- 24 Dec 23.00 Midnight Mass at St John the Baptist
- Christmas Day 9.30 Family Eucharist at Christ the King
- Christmas Day 10.30 Family Eucharist at St John the Baptist

'Light the Way'

Christmas Eve in Kidmore End

Lanterns are now on sale for the Lantern Procession being held on Christmas Eve from 5.45pm. It will start at the school and finish at the New Inn. Proceeds from the sale of lanterns will go to KESA, St John the Baptist Church and Crisis at Christmas. Please speak to Sonia Matthews if you wish to know more!

And some entertainment for after Christmas!

It's traditional Pantomime, but not as we know it. Henley's longest standing much loved children's group celebrates a 50 year tradition of performing Pantomime at the Kenton Theatre.

Every year Henley Children's Theatre puts on a show like no other and this year is no exception. This year's performance of Puss in Boots will offer light hearted family entertainment with a modern twist and features song and dance performances from children aged 4-16. So if you're looking for some Panto fun over the Christmas holidays, please join us.

MUFFIN HURST PRESENTS
THE HENLEY CHILDREN'S
THEATRE IN...

Puss in Boots

At the
KENTON THEATRE,
HENLEY-ON-THAMES

30 - 04
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Monday 30 December 6.00pm
Tuesday 31 December 11.0am and 3.00pm
Friday 3 January 6.00pm
Saturday 4 January 1.00pm and 6.00pm

Tickets £13.00
Children £9.00
www.kentontheatre.co.uk
01491 575698

Preview Performance: Monday 30 December 1.00pm, all tickets £7.
For further information please see
www.henleychildrenstheatre.co.uk