



Dear Parents

What a lovely day we had for the Maypole celebrations again this year! Many thanks to everyone for coming along, and to the PTFA for organising the refreshments. All the children had a wonderful time and have learnt their dances very well indeed – thanks to the teachers and to June for that!

PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER

Two weeks ago I was very excited to tell everyone about the appointment of a new member of staff to replace Mrs Neate who is retiring at the end of this term. I did also say that I would keep you informed of plans for the rest of the school as they became fixed.

We do have some exciting plans for September which involve significant changes to the class structure of the school as a whole. Today your child will be bringing home a leaflet that explains how the structure of the school has changed over recent years and the benefits and challenges that have occurred during each of these periods. The leaflet also explains the proposed structure for the coming September which I am very excited about.

As a school our main priority will always be on providing the best educational experience that we possibly can, given the constraints that we have as far as: numbers of children, physical space, government directives etc.

The changes that we are making will enable us to ensure that:

- All children access a curriculum that has been tailored to their Key Stage throughout the school
- There is a clear transition between phases of education: Early Years – Key Stage 1 – Lower Key Stage 2 – Upper Key Stage 2
- Curriculum areas can be organised over a 2 year rolling programme to ensure that there is excellent coverage of all subjects
- Children will keep the same teacher for two years from Year 1 onwards
- All children in a year group will be in the same class – providing equality of provision
- Children in the Early Years have a classroom and outdoor provision that has been designed completely for an Early Years curriculum

To enable us to put these changes into place we will:

- Employ an Early Years specialist teacher for September (already appointed)
- Make significant changes to the Axe class room and outdoor area
- Remove the wall between Coly class and the library to make that classroom bigger
- Purchase more furniture for Coly class
- Consider better cloakroom arrangements for Yarty class to make best use of the classroom space

I am really looking forward to developing the school over the next few years but would also welcome your views as parents, so would like to hold a parent forum where you can ask questions or clarify any of the points in this letter or the leaflet. I will make myself available specifically for questions for the whole afternoon of Tuesday 5th June in Coly class from 1.30pm onwards and also after school.

POKEMON CARDS ETC...

A couple of incidents have come up recently firstly with Pokémon cards getting lost, shared, swapped etc and secondly with various other personal items creeping into school such as toys, fancy sharpeners, enormous equipment which, quite frankly, are all just distractions from the children's learning.

Back in January I clarified what the children need to have in school each day and before Easter asked that the children become more independent. I would like your help in keeping this a focus – please don't let children bring things in to school to show their friends – this is something to be done outside school. Please clear out their school bags over half term – in the few that I have seen there are all sorts of fancy rubbers, small toys, football cards etc which should not be there.

Lee White
Head of School

ParentMail

Please note that all future group emails, e.g. Newsletters, class notifications, payment reminders etc... to Parents will now be sent via ParentMail, therefore please remember that if your contact details held on ParentMail change, it is the responsibility of the parent to update their ParentMail account as the school does not have access to parent accounts.

School Diary Dates

Our forthcoming events and diary dates are on our website listed in the *School Diary* section.

Should your child be participating in a particular event or visit, then more specific details from your parent letter can be viewed online by clicking on the relevant event, this will then display the letter content.

www.kilmingtonprimary.co.uk/school-diary/

MAY	
Fri 25th	OCCASIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 28th	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
HALF TERM HOLIDAYS TUESDAY 29TH MAY – FRIDAY 1ST JUNE MONDAY 4TH JUNE – NON PUPIL DAY	
JUNE	
Mon 4th	NON-PUPIL DAY – STAFF TRAINING DAY
Tues 5 th	Y5/Y6 Rounders League East Devon Final (team event) – Parents to collect 6.00pm
Thurs 7 th	Axe Class Farm visit – PACKED LUNCH
Fri 8 th	Y6 Canoe Day – PACKED LUNCH – Parents to transport
Tues 12 th	Y4/Y5 High 5s Netball training (team event) – Parents to transport 4.00pm-5.15pm
Wed 13 th	Y6 – Axe Valley Academy Transition day (small schools)
Thurs 14 th	Y6 – Axe Valley Academy Transition day
Thurs 14 th	Y5/Y6 Aquathon Competition (team event) – Parents to transport
Fri 15 th	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm – Year 4 & Year 5 to lead
Tues 19 th	Y5/Y6 Move, Make, Motivate (selected pupils) – PACKED LUNCH
Tues 19 th	Y3/Y4 Quad Kids Athletics 4.00pm-6.00pm (team event) – Parents to transport
Tues 19 th	Y4/Y5 High 5s Netball training (team event) – Parents to transport 4.00pm-5.15pm
Wed 20 th	Y6 – The Woodroffe School Taster Day
Mon 25 th	Y6 Junior Life Skills – PACKED LUNCH – Parents to collect 3.15pm
Thurs 28 th	Y6 – Colyton Grammar School Transition Day
JULY	
Tues 3 rd	Y5 Axe Valley Academy visit
Wed 4 th	Y5 Play Leader Training – PACKED LUNCH
Tues 10 th	Sports Day - PM
Wed 11 th	Y5/Y6 Sports Festival – PACKED LUNCH
Thurs 12 th	Y6 PE Academy Activities Day (selected pupils) – PACKED LUNCH / Parents to transport
Fri 13 th	(Reserve Sports Day)
Fri 13 th	Y5/Y6 Federation Sports Day (team event)
Fri 13 th	End of Year Reports
Mon 16th	PTFA Whole School Trip – PACKED LUNCH
Tues 24 th	Y6 Leaves Assembly
Tues 24 th	Y6 Leaves Tea Party (by invite)
Wed 25 th	Axe class – Day out
Fri 27 th	Last day of term – 1.30pm finish