



Pupil of the week:

Ben
Coly Class

Marcus
Otter Class

Ben
Yarty Class

Dear Parents

Welcome back everybody to the new school year. The children have settled right in to their new classes which is fabulous to see and there is a buzz of excitement throughout the school. Welcome also, to our new Reception children starting their journey with us this week, and to the other children who have joined other year groups – I hope you are enjoying yourselves.

I am so pleased with all the works that have gone on over the holidays and would like to publicly express my extreme gratitude to all those involved – from the planning stages, to the works being carried out, and to the massive clean-up operation to get all the classes back ready for the children to return this week.

There are still a few more improvements to be made to finish off completely:

- The installation of new, up-to-date, interactive whiteboards for every classroom
- Permanent fencing between the Foundation Stage area and the new piece of playground
- A seating area and garden by the edge of the new piece of playground
- Another entrance to the corridor in the main school building
- And some small cosmetic issues

All these will be finished over the coming weeks.

I hope you will agree that every classroom looks bright, airy and has a fresh feel to it – wonderful learning environments for all our children.

MEET THE TEACHER

We are trialling a new initiative across the federation this year: “Meet the teacher week”. This is an opportunity for you to informally meet with your child’s new class teacher (if you haven’t already had the chance), have a look around the classroom, get some more detailed information on the plans for the curriculum this term and ask any questions. We understand that there are often after school activities people have to rush off to, so we are offering this on two afternoons next week: Tuesday and Thursday straight after school, until 4.15pm.

ATTENDANCE

I will be continuing to monitor attendance rates as recommended by the Educational Welfare Officer. The recommendations are to monitor any child whose attendance falls below 95%. At the end of every half term I will be checking attendance figures for all children in the school. Attendance under 95% is flagged up and I will make a note of the names and percentages. The following half term those figures will be checked again. If there is an improvement, no action will be taken; if there is a further drop however, you will receive a letter informing you of this.

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

September is childhood cancer awareness month: there will be envelopes with a card from the grace Kelly ladybird trust in them sent out in the coming week. This card shows the symptoms for childhood cancer. The aim is raise awareness of the potential signs and symptoms.

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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/

SEPTEMBER	
Week commencing 10 th	New Reception pupils – 9.00am to 1.20pm – PACKED LUNCH
Tues 11 th	Reception Vision Screening
Mon 17 th	New Reception pupils start full time 9.00am to 3.30pm
Mon 17 th	After school clubs start
Tues 18 th	Y5-Y6 High 5's Netball League 3.30pm-5.45pm (team event)– parents to transport
Tues 25 th	Individual & Sibling School Photographs
Tues 25 th	Y5-Y6 High 5's Netball League 3.30pm-5.45pm (team event) – parents to transport
OCTOBER	
Tues 2 nd	Y5-Y6 High 5's Netball League 3.30pm-5.45pm (team event)– parents to transport
Sat 6 th	PTFA Jumble Sale – Village Hall 10.00am to 1.00pm
Tues 9 th	Y5-Y6 High 5's Netball League 3.30pm-5.45pm (team event) – parents to transport
Wed 10 th	R-Y5 Flu immunisations
Fri 19 th	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm Village Hall – Coly class to lead
HALF TERM 22nd – 26th OCTOBER	



ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

If your child is missing school due to illness, please remember you must call the school **EACH DAY before 9.10am**

If possible, please leave a message on the answer phone
The answer machine is also available ANYTIME before school opens

LATE ARRIVALS

Registration closes at 9.10am - At this point registers are sent to the office and students arriving in school after this time must be signed in at the school office and will therefore be allocated an 'Unauthorised Absence'.



SIGNING IN/OUT



Please remember, if your child arrives late (after 9.10am) or comes in or out from school at any other time for doctors' appointments, etc... then you must visit the office to sign them in/out. We then have an absolute up-to-date record of who is in school at any moment during the school day – essential to fulfil our Safeguarding duties.

PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION

ParentMail

Please note that if your mobile number or email address has changed, it is the responsibility of the parent to update their ParentMail account as the school does not have access to parent accounts.

SIMS database updates

Please note that any changes to ParentMail are not transferred to the schools SIMS database, therefore please advise the school office regarding any changes to your contact details.