



Pupil of the week:

Holly
Coly Class

Molly
Otter Class

Dear Parents

Another successful week for Kilmington Primary in local sporting events: One of our High 5s netball teams came second in their competition and of the four teams that entered the cross country, three came second and one came third. All our sports teams represent us brilliantly with competitiveness and excellent sportsmanship.

SCHOOL BAGS

As with all cloakrooms, at every school in the country, cloakrooms can be a nightmare to keep tidy. To ensure that we can do the best with our cloakrooms, I would like to ask for your support in only bringing to school what is actually necessary. Many children have gigantic rucksacks – suitable for going camping some of them! The children only need to bring to school: their reading book(s), homework/reading diary and Otter and Coly class also need A pencil case. Please do not let your children bring anything else to school unless it has been specifically requested by a teacher. We are finding all sorts of toys, fancy pencil sharpeners (the table top variety), massive keyrings, hole punches, etc – the list goes on. We do not want these items in school – they are a distraction to the learning and a nuisance. There have been so many messages regarding this – both verbally and in newsletters that we are going to be more forceful about this rule - such items will be confiscated by the teachers if they are in school.

READING / HOMEWORK

We are in the process of making some changes to our homework policy and in the meantime are only making one absolute insistence on homework: Every child should read at home, every day, and should record this in the homework/reading diary. For younger children this will be recorded by the adult, older children can record this themselves. I monitored independent reading yesterday and discovered that less than half the books I looked in had anything at all recorded! Significant research has proved 'Reading for Pleasure' is the single factor that can change a child's chances for educational success. Combined with the knowledge that 90% of vocabulary is only regularly encountered in writing and not commonly used in speech, this means that preparing children to be fluent readers is one of the most important things we should nurture in primary school.

The teachers and I will be doing follow up monitoring over the coming weeks and hope to be able to report an improvement in the amount of time children are reading at home.

FLU VACCINATIONS (NASAL SPRAY)

Children in Years R-5 will be having their nasal sprays on Wednesday 10th October. If you have not already completed the online consent form I would encourage you to do so. A reminder with the online link will be sent to you by ParentMail. There is a quick spray up each nostril and the process is over in a couple of seconds.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

These will be held the week after half term on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (30th Oct, 31st Oct, 1st Nov). In the week beginning 15th October we will put a table out in the lane with all the time slots for you to sign up for a convenient time. These will be outside before and after school during that week.

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School Diary Dates

Our forthcoming events and diary dates are on our website listed in the *News & Events* 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/news/school-diary/

OCTOBER	
Sat 6 th	PTFA Jumble Sale – Village Hall 10.00am to 1.00pm
Tues 9 th	Y5-Y6 Swimming Gala (team event)
Wed 10 th	R-Y5 Flu Immunisations
Fri 12 th	Y1-Y2 Forest Farm – PACKED LUNCH
Fri 12 th	Y5-Y6 Federation Football (team event)
w/c 15 th	Parents Evening – book you time slots
Fri 19 th	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm Village Hall – Coly class to lead
HALF TERM 22 nd – 26 th OCTOBER	
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Mon 29 th	Y5-Y6 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Tues 30 th	Y5-Y6 East Devon Go Ride Cycling (team event) – parents to transport – PACKED LUNCH
Tues 30 th	Parents Evening (by appointment)
Wed 31 st	Parents Evening (by appointment)
NOVEMBER	
Thurs 1 st	Parents Evening (by appointment)
Mon 5 th	Y5-Y6 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Tuesday 6 th	Theatre Alibi Afternoon Performance
Mon 12 th	Y5-Y6 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Tues 13 th	R-Y1 Gymnastics - PACKED LUNCH
Wed 14 th	Open Morning 9.30am-11.30am
Wed 14 th	Y1-Y2 Multi Skills Festival – PACKED LUNCH
Mon 19 th	Y5-Y6 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Tues 20 th	Y5-Y6 Sports Hall Athletics 4.00pm – 5.30pm (team event) – parents to transport
Mon 26 th	Y5-Y6 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
DECEMBER	
Mon 3 rd	Y5-Y6 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Tues 4 th	Y6 PE Academy Workshop (selected pupils) – parents to transport
Wed 5 th	Y4-Y6 Move Make Motivate (selected pupils)
Fri 7 th	After school clubs finish
Mon 17 th	Rehearsal Y1-Y6 Christmas Production
Tues 18 th	Y1-Y6 Christmas Production 2.00pm & 6.00pm (ticket event)
Wed 19 th	Y1-Y6 Christmas Production 2.00pm & 6.00pm (ticket event)
Fri 21 st	Pupils Christmas Lunch Last day of term – Finish 1.30pm

HARVEST ASSEMBLY – Thank you for all your contributions to the Axminster Food Bank

