



Pupil of the week:

Adam
Coly Class

Matilda
Otter Class

Sophia
Yarty Class

Dear Parents

Another week flies by and we are zooming towards Christmas. On Friday next week there is the PTFA Christmas Fayre from 3.30pm-5.30pm in the village hall. Please collect children from school at the usual time. Pottery club has been cancelled on this date. It was suggested that the children would like to wear Christmas jumpers to school in readiness for the Christmas Fayre, that is a lovely idea – get into the Christmas spirit!

The Christmas post box will be out starting from next week – children who have cards for their class-mates should ensure that the name and class are on the envelope and deposit them in the post box. They will then be delivered to the classes later in the afternoon. This saves cards getting lost and envelopes flying all over the playground!

READING

As previously stated – I have been monitoring the quantity of ‘home-reading’ that has been happening and I am pleased to say that there has been an improvement in many cases.

I read some interesting information recently on the impact of reading:

- Students who read 20 minutes a day will be exposed to 1.8 million words a year and score in the 90th percentile on standardised tests
- Students who read 5 minutes a day will be exposed to 282 thousand words a year and score in the 50th percentile on standardised tests
- Students who read 1 minute a day will be exposed to 8 thousand words a year and score in the 5th percentile on standardised tests

This may sound quite startling but really highlights the benefits of reading and we encourage a wide range of reading material.

Although there have been lots of improvements, there are still some children who are not reading at home. Home reading should be recorded in the home school diaries. I will continue to monitor this and will be following up where there has been little evidence of home reading.

POSADA

Each year St Giles’ Church and some of the other churches in the Five Alive Mission Community take part in the Posada, whereby figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey, with knitted sheep, are taken to various houses in the run up to Christmas. Rachel (mother of Marcus and Amelia) has kindly agreed to accept the Holy Family and set them on their way towards arriving at The Crib Service on Christmas Eve, when children place the figures and sheep around the crib in anticipation of the birth of Jesus. The origins of Posada stem from a custom in Spain when processions in towns and villages with replicas of Mary and Joseph seeking accommodation in preparation for the birth of the baby take place.

In Kilmington, the knitted sheep have been taken around with the figures to family homes for a night’s shelter, the figures are then passed onto another family and the children keep a sheep. The sheep are then brought back to church on Christmas Eve for the celebration around the crib, after which each child is allowed to take a sheep home to keep.

Posada starts on the 1st December, so if you would like to have the Posada figures for a night in your home, parents please sign up on the rota which is displayed in the School’s main entrance hall.

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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/

DECEMBER	
Mon 3 rd	Y5-Y6 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect – LAST LESSON
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	Yarty Forest Farm visit – PACKED LUNCH
Fri 7 th	After school clubs finish
Fri 7th	Jolly Jars to school PTFA Christmas Fayre 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Mon 17 th	Rehearsal Y1-Y6 Christmas Performance
Tues 18 th	Y1-Y6 Christmas Performance 2.00pm & 6.00pm (ticket event)
Wed 19 th	Reception & Pre-School Christmas Play 10.30am (Reception families)
Wed 19 th	Y1-Y6 Christmas Performance 2.00pm & 6.00pm (ticket event)
Fri 21 st	Pupils Christmas Lunch Last day of term – Finish 1.30pm
XMAS HOLIDAYS 24 th December to 4 th January inclusive MONDAY 7TH JANUARY – NON PUPIL DAY	
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Mon 7th	NON PUPIL DAY – STAFF TRAINING
Tues 8 th	SPRING TERM BEGINS – Pupils return to school
Mon 14 th	Y3-Y4 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Mon 21 st	Y3-Y4 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Tues 22 nd	R-Y1 Dance Festival
Wed 23 rd	Y3 Gymnastics Festival – PACKED LUNCH
Mon 28 th	Y3-Y4 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Thurs 31 st	Y5-Y6 Sports Hall Athletics – East Devon Final (team event) 2.30pm-4.30pm
FEBRUARY	
Mon 4 th	Y3-Y4 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Wed 6 th	Y4-Y6 Move Make Motivate (selected pupils) – PACKED LUNCH
Mon 11 th	Y3-Y4 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Wed 13 th	Y5-Y6 Quicksticks Hockey (team event)
Fri 15 th	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm Village Hall – Otter class to lead
HALF TERM – 18TH – 22ND FEBRUARY inclusive	
Mon 25 th	Y1-Y2 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
MARCH	
Mon 4 th	Y1-Y2 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Tues 5 th	Y6 PE Academy (selected pupils) – parents to transport
Mon 11 th	Y1-Y2 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Tues 19 th	Y3-Y4 & Y5-Y6 Tag Rugby Festival – PACKED LUNCH
Mon 18 th	Y1-Y2 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Wed 20 th	Y3-Y4 Swimming Gala (team event)
Mon 25 th	Y1-Y2 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
APRIL	
Mon 1 st	Y1-Y2 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Tues 2 nd	R-Y1 Parachute Festival
Tues 2 nd	Y3-Y4 Gymnastics
SPRING HOLIDAYS 8th April – 22nd April TUESDAY 23RD APRIL – NON PUPIL DAY	



'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!

Kilmington Primary School Christmas Fayre

A selection of fun Christmas stalls!

7 DECEMBER - 2018 • 3.30-5.30PM

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GROTTO

Raising funds for Kilmington Primary School PTFA

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