



Pupil of the week:

Harriet
Coly Class

Megan
Otter Class

 -
Yarty Class

Dear Parents

Only two weeks to go and lots of exciting things planned. There's the PTFA Christmas Fayre this afternoon which we are all looking forward to, don't forget to buy your raffle tickets to win a hamper – they look fabulous!

Then there's the Carol Services and the Early Years Nativity in the last week of term and Christmas dinner on the last day and early pick-up at 1.30pm. Tickets for these events will be available from the school office from Tuesday (see below).

We do try to keep things quite calm during these last couple of weeks – keeping as many routines as possible so please continue to stick to the uniform guidelines... Until the last day, when uniform will be relaxed - children can wear their Christmas jumpers and can wear hair decorations and accessories etc if they wish (within reason!!)

WELCOME

I would like to officially welcome Mrs Smart to our team – she was the successful candidate to the Meal Time Assistant Team and has settled in to the role effectively. This will increase the supervision on the playground at lunchtime.

EARLY YEARS

In January we will be offering two mornings of Pre-school provision within Mrs Brogan's class. Over the last year we have been working towards combining the Pre-school and Reception class into an Early Years Foundation Stage Unit. The first stage has been completed – the Pre-school are now managed by the Axe Beacon Federation and their staff are now employed directly by us.

The next stage is to increase the offer to include five mornings (rather than the four mornings currently provided) so in January we will have some Pre-school children accessing their provision in that classroom on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Pre-school staff have been working closely to ensure a smooth transition and I am very pleased with the progress. This is an exciting development for Kilmington Primary School and will ensure that both the Pre-school and school remain financially viable in the current state of budget cuts.

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Head of School

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Y1-Y6 CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT
TUESDAY 18TH AND WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

We will be putting on **TWO Afternoon Performance and TWO Evening Performance only in the Village Hall.** We have allocated 4 tickets **per family** (two afternoon and two evening). These tickets will be available from Tuesday 11th December and can be obtained from Mrs McKenzie in the office. Once the tickets have gone, unfortunately there will be no more spaces for that performance. **Please ensure you have collected tickets by Monday 17th December as any spare tickets will then be open to anyone who wants them.**

In the past some parents did a swap with other parents so more than two people could come on one of the performances. Please can I ask you to organise this yourselves as Mrs McKenzie will not be able to keep a track on exchanged tickets. She will simply give up to 4 tickets per family, based on the above.

The performances are:

Tuesday 18th December 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Wednesday 19th December 2.00pm & 6.00pm

We ask parents of younger pre-school children to please bring them to an afternoon concert rather than the evening concert as they will be less tired and more able to enjoy listening to their brothers and sisters.

Parents please collect children from school following the afternoon performances.

The evening performance starts at 6.00pm therefore we would like the children brought in to school no later than 5.45pm. If you are not stopping to see the evening concert, children can be collected from school from approximately 7.00pm onwards.

There is no cost for the tickets but at the end of performances we will be collecting donations for the School Fund. These donations will go towards helping pay for the hire of the hall.

Dress Rehearsal

We will be rehearsing on Monday 17th December during the afternoon and the children in Axe class will be able to watch the performance then. We aim to have the children back at school for normal home time but please bear with us if we overrun slightly.

Please note that the children will be wearing their school uniform for all the performances.

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 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	Christmas Jumpers can be worn 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 7 th	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	