



Pupil of the week:

Alexa
Coly Class

Eduardo
Otter Class

Tyler
Yarty Class

Dear Parents

You will have no doubt seen our new gates across the lane, these will enable us to have better access to the main building, more space in the cloakroom and swifter evacuation procedures. They also look marvellous! During school times the gates will be closed over the lane but opened once the children have left. The gates will have closures on them but will not be locked. The children will still use the playground for playing and not the lane - but they will be able to have easier access to and from the main building for toilets during playtimes and lunchtimes.

MESSAGE FROM MR LEWIS – THE FEDERATION IT LEAD:

SCREEN TIME

There have been a number of scientific studies published in recent times looking into the effect of significant screen time on children. That is the amount of time they spend looking at a screen on TV, tablet, phone and computer. Whilst all present varying degrees of impact there is a growing consensus of the negative effects that screens have on the quality of sleep. Screen use, especially close to bed time stimulates the brain and can affect the release of the sleep hormone, making it harder for children and adults to get to sleep. We are seeing the effects of this in school, tired pupils do struggle more than their refreshed peers. We would strongly discourage screen use in the hour before bedtime to enable children to switch off and become calmer and ultimately find it easier to sleep.

KILMINGTON CABARET

I am very much looking forward to the Cabaret next weekend – the PTFA are running a raffle so if you have any potential raffle prizes could you pop them in to the office and we will pass them on. If you wish to purchase tickets, please see details below.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance percentage has been calculated for last term – 96.6% which is an excellent figure – well done everyone! I think what has really helped is ensuring that children stay home for 48hours after bouts of sickness or diarrhoea – this ensures that all germs are completely gone before returning to school.

Although this is a good figure there are 20 children in the school whose attendance figure is below 95% which is the significant figure that the Educational Welfare Officer would question.

STAFFING

We are sad to be losing Mrs Greaves from our staff as she takes up a full-time position at her other job. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her well.

We would also like to welcome Mrs Long to her new role as cleaner – she will still be a Meal Time Assistant but will be doing the cleaning in the evening as well.

Lee White
Head of School

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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/

JANUARY	
Mon 21 st	Y3-Y4 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Tues 22 nd	R-Y1 Dance Festival – PACKED LUNCH
Wed 23 rd	Y3 Gymnastics Festival – PACKED LUNCH
Fri 25 th	Y1-Y2 Farm Visit – PACKED LUNCH
Fri 25 th	Kilmington Players Presents – Kilmington Cabaret (see website 'School Diary' for more information)
Sat 26 th	Kilmington Players Presents – Kilmington Cabaret (see website 'School Diary' for more information)
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 – Parents to collect
FEBRUARY	
Mon 4 th	Y3-Y4 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Wed 6 th	Y4-Y6 Move Make Motivate (selected pupils) – PACKED LUNCH – Parents to transport
Mon 11 th	Y3-Y4 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Wed 13 th	Y5-Y6 Quicksticks Hockey (team event)
Fri 15 th	Y3-Y4 Federation Team Building Event (team event)
HALF TERM – 18TH – 22ND FEBRUARY inclusive	
Mon 25 th	Y1-Y2 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Tues 26 th	Y5/Y6 Quicksticks Hockey (team event) 2.30pm to 5.00pm – Parents to collect
Tues 26 th	R-Y4 Parents' Evening (by appointment)
Wed 27 th	R-Y6 Parents' Evening (by appointment)
Thurs 28 th	R-Y6 Parents' Evening (by appointment)
MARCH	
Fri 1 st	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm Village Hall – Otter class to lead
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
Mon 18 th	Y1-Y2 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Tues 19 th	Y5-Y6 Tag Rugby Festival – PACKED LUNCH
Wed 20 th	Y3-Y4 Swimming Gala (team event)
Tues 26 th	Y5-Y6 Go-Ride Cycling (team event) – parents to transport
Wed 27 th	Y3-Y4 Tag Rugby Festival (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	Reception Parachute Festival
Tues 2 nd	Y3-Y4 Gymnastics Celebration
SPRING HOLIDAYS 8th April – 22nd April	
TUESDAY 23RD APRIL – NON PUPIL DAY	

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Kilmington Players Presents

KILMINGTON CABARET

An evening of entertainment including music, comedy, poetry and more
Tickets £8.00 each - includes nibbles

Tickets available from 3rd January at:
Millers Farm shop
New Inn Kilmington
By telephoning Louise on 01297 32358
or Bev on 07971 782806

Friday 25th January and
Saturday 26th January 2019
Kilmington Village Hall
7.30pm

All proceeds to be donated to Kilmington Primary School