



Pupil of the week:

Maisie
OspreysCamren
JackdawsCasey
Kingfishers

Dear Parents

Apologies for the absence of the newsletter on Friday – here it is!

ATTENDANCE

As you are probably aware, as a school we are charged as with all other schools by the government and Local Authority to maintain good attendance by our pupils so they are not prevented from achieving their full educational potential.

Every half term I check attendance figures for all children in the school. Attendance under 95% is flagged up and I make a note of the names and percentages. The following half term those figures are checked again. If there is an improvement, no action will be taken; if there is a further drop however, I start to get more concerned.

The target figure as a school for overall percentage, to be in line with Devon average, is 96.2%. For the first time in a few years, our school attendance has now slipped below this figure and is now 95.1%. This is disappointing as we have always maintained an average well above the Devon figure but the latest figures show that we are not. In fact, 29 pupils had an attendance figure of below 95% - that is nearly a third of the school and is quite an alarming thought.

Please ensure that every effort is made for your child to attend school. Also, parents should also ensure that if children have upset stomachs, that they have been clear of any incidences for 48 hours before returning to school so as not to pass on the germs.

I am hoping to be able to report an increase in our overall percentage next half term.

WATER BOTTLES

There are still children who are not bringing their own water bottle to school. It is essential that children can have easy access to plenty of drinking water – with their own bottle, children can have easy and instant access to water whenever they need it – during lessons, during play time, during lunch time – please ensure that every child brings their own bottle to school which can be re-filled with water from the filtered water fountains whenever it is required.

PARKING

It has been brought to my attention that there have been further instances of inconsiderate parking at the junction of School Lane, Whitford Road and The Street. This is the main pedestrian crossing area for those families that walk to school and vehicles parked at this point, or paused while dropping off their children, cause a major obstruction – parents and children are having to get right out in the road to be able to look for traffic which makes crossing increasingly dangerous.

There have been several near misses that have been reported to me and I really do not want children's journey to school to be any more hazardous than it needs to be.

We are extremely lucky to have two car parks at our disposal so there really shouldn't be a need to drop children off from cars at this point – **please use the car parks**, and the children can walk safely through the church grounds to school. Thank you.

Lee White
Head of School

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/

MARCH	
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)
Thurs 21 st	Y5-Y6 High 5s Netball (team event) – parents to transport 2.15pm-5.15pm
Fri 22 nd	Y6 Flash Mob Dance Session (selected pupils)
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
Fri 28 th	Y5-Y6 Observatory Visit – 6.00pm to 8.00pm (Parents to transport & accompany)
APRIL	
Mon 1 st	Y1-Y2 Swimming Lessons – parents to collect
Tues 2 nd	Reception Parachute Festival
Tues 2 nd	Y3-Y4 Gymnastics Celebration
Wed 3 rd	N-Rec Wetlands visit – PACKED LUNCH
FRIDAY 19TH	PTFA KILMINGTON KANTER
SPRING HOLIDAYS 8th April – 22nd April	
TUESDAY 23RD APRIL – NON PUPIL DAY	
Tues 23rd	NON-PUPIL DAY – STAFF TRAINING DAY
Thurs 25 th	N-R Forest School – PACKED LUNCH – parents to transport
w/c 29 th	Y5 Bikeability Training
Tues 30 th	Y1-Y2 Forest School – PACKED LUNCH – parents to transport
Tues 30 th	Y3-Y4 Mini Tennis League 4.00pm-5.00pm (team event) – parents to transport
MAY	
Wed 1 st	Y5-Y6 Rounders League 4.00pm – 5.45pm (team event) – parents to transport
Thurs 2 nd	N-R Forest School – PACKED LUNCH – parents to transport
Thurs 2 nd	Y3-Y4 Quad Kids Athletics (team event) – parents to collect 3.30pm
Mon 6TH	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 7 th	Y1-Y2 Forest School – PACKED LUNCH – parents to transport
Tues 7 th	Y3-Y4 Mini Tennis League 4.00pm-5.00pm (team event) – parents to transport
Wed 8 th	Y5-Y6 Rounders League 4.00pm – 5.45pm (team event) – parents to transport
Wed 8 th	Y5-Y6 Quad Kids Athletics (team event)
Thurs 9 th	N-R Forest School – PACKED LUNCH – parents to transport
Fri 10 th	TBC Y3-Y4 Kwik Cricket Skills Festival
Tues 14 th	Y1-Y2 Forest School – PACKED LUNCH – parents to transport
Tues 14 th	Y3-Y4 Mini Tennis League 4.00pm-5.00pm (team event) – parents to transport
Tues 14 th	Y6 PE Academy Workshop (selected pupils) – parents to transport
Wed 15 th	Y5-Y6 Rounders League 4.00pm – 5.45pm (team event) – parents to transport
Thurs 16 th	N-R Forest School – PACKED LUNCH – parents to transport
Fri 17 th	Celebration Assembly 2.30pm Village Hall – Kingfishers to lead
Tues 21 st	Y1-Y2 Forest School – PACKED LUNCH – parents to transport
Tues 21 st	Y3-Y4 Mini Tennis League 4.00pm-5.00pm (team event) – parents to transport
Wed 22 nd	Y5-Y6 Mixed Kwik Cricket (team event) – PACKED LUNCH - parents to collect 4.00pm
Wed 22 nd	Y5-Y6 Rounders League 4.00pm – 5.45pm (team event) – parents to transport
Thurs 23 rd	N-R Forest School – PACKED LUNCH – parents to transport
Fri 24th	OCCASIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 27th	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
HALF TERM HOLIDAYS – MON 27th to FRIDAY 31ST MAY	
MONDAY 3RD JUNE - NON PUPIL DAY	