



Dear Parents

As you know this has been a very short half term, with lots of events going on. Next half term is a longer one but we already have lots of events planned – this is always the case at this time of year.

Several issues have been raised so I would like to give some further information to hopefully explain some of the concerns that have been brought to my attention.

The diary is fairly full, and I do realise that there are a several things that we will be asking parents to transport the children to. The trouble is that, in this term, there are so many schools going on trips that it is really difficult to get coaches for all of the events. Most of the local coach companies are fully booked in the mornings for their school runs, and this is the same for after school activities. Our sports fund does allow us to pay for coaches to sporting events but this is only relevant if we can actually get a coach that is free!

We do try to only ask for parents to transport when the events are local – most of the 'parent collections' are either Axminster, Seaton or Colyton Grammar School - the exception being when sports teams do very well and get through to higher rounds – these have been held at Ottery St Mary, after school, which IS more of a trek but again, we cannot get coaches to transport a small group at that time of day. Also, we do not know if we need to attend these events until we have done the first rounds, by which time it is very unlikely that we can get transport.

We do not put the location of these events on the school diary as, for Safeguarding purposes, we do not wish to advertise where our children are when they are outside the school premises – the diary dates are on our website and are therefore open for anyone to read!

In the past I have had complaints that we ask parents to pay for too many things and this can become a problem for many families, so we try to avoid asking for parental contributions too often. Larger class trips do require parents to contribute and therefore they need to be cost effective. When we leave in the morning, if we wait until coaches are available to transport the children after the school runs, then we miss most of the morning – if we are asking parents to pay for a school trip, then we need to get the most for your money and this is why we tend to leave early for a longer trip. At the end of the day, if we get the coach to collect before the school runs, then we also miss most of the afternoon session so this is why whole day trips get back after school finishes.

We really try to give your children a broad wealth of activities and being a village school we are mindful that we must ensure that our children are not limited by our resources – this is why we use places like Monkton Wyld for Forest School and The Flamingo pool for swimming lessons.

We really do appreciate the problems that arise – we try to give parents as much notice as we can and hope that you all understand that we want to give your children a wealth of experiences.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term – don't forget that there is no school this Friday and no school the Monday after half term. Children return on Tuesday 4th June.

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SUGAR RUSH CAKE SALE

THURSDAY 23RD MAY
DONATIONS FROM
JACKDAWS AND OSPREYS

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE
KILMINGTON PTFA



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/

MAY	
Thurs 23 rd	N-R Forest School – PACKED LUNCH – parents to transport N-R PARENTS INVITED FOR 1.30PM TOUR
Thurs 23rd	PTFA Cake Sale – Donations from Jackdaws & Ospreys
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	
JUNE	
Mon 3rd	NON-PUPIL DAY – STAFF TRAINING DAY
Tues 4 th	Y5-Y6 Quad Kids Final 4.00pm-6.00pm (team event) – parents to transport
Thurs 6 th	Y5-Y6 Wetlands visit – PACKED LUNCH – parents to transport
Thurs 6th	PTFA MEETING – after school 3.35pm Kingfisher class
Wed 12 th	Y4-Y5 High 5's Netball Training 4.00pm-5.15pm (team event) – parents to transport
Thurs 13 th	PTFA Pipits class Film Night – PTFA Meet Pipits parents
Tues 18 th	R-Y1 Athletics
Wed 19 th	Y6 The Woodroffe School – Transition Day
Wed 19 th	Y4-Y5 High 5's Netball Training 4.00pm-5.15pm (team event) – parents to transport
Wed 19 th	Y4-Y6 Move Make Motivate (selected pupils) – PACKED LUNCH
Thurs 20 th	Y5-Y6 Aquathlon (selected pupils) – PACKED LUNCH – parents to transport
Tues 25 th	Y3-Y4 Multi Skills – AM
Tues 25 th	Class photographs – PM
Wed 26 th	Y6 Colyton Grammar School – Transition Day
Thurs 27 th	TBC Y1-Y2 Multi Skills Festival
Thurs 27 th	Y5-Y6 Outdoor Activity Day – PACKED LUNCH – pupils at school 8.15am
Fri 28th	PTFA Film Night
JULY	
Tues 2 nd	Y5-Y6 Music Extravaganza – PACKED LUNCH – parents to transport
Wed 3 rd	R-Y5 Moving up morning (after registration)
Wed 3 rd	Y6 Axe Valley Academy –Transition Day 1 (small schools)
Thurs 4 th	Y6 Axe Valley Academy – Transition Day 2 (all schools)
Thurs 4 th	Y5 Play Leader Training - PACKED LUNCH
Fri 5 th	Y5-Y6 Federation Sports Day (team event)
Tues 9 th	Y5 Stem Day
Wed 10 th	Y5-Y6 Multi Skills – PACKED LUNCH
Wed 10 th	Rec Federation Sports Day – early to school 8.45am – PACKED LUNCH
Thurs 11 th	Y6 PE Academy Activities Day – PACKED LUNCH – parents transport to CGS
Tues 16 th	Whole School Day out (PTFA Funded) – PACKED LUNCH – parents to transport
Mon 22nd	Non-Uniform – donations for Village Fayre Chocolate Tombola
Tues 23 rd	Y6 Leavers Assembly 2.00pm – Village Hall
	Y6 Leavers Tea Party (by invite)
	Y6 Leavers Meal 6.00pm to 8.00pm
Wed 24th	NON-UNIFORM DAY WHOLE SCHOOL PICNIC– PACKED LUNCH Last day of Term – 1.30pm finish