



### Pupils of the Week

	Betty Bee Award	Wilbur Woodpecker Award	Olive Owl Award	Samuel Squirrel Award
Kingfishers	Jasmine	Rosie	Olly	Ivy
Jackdaws	Jack	Angus	Amelia	Georgie
Ospreys	Ellie	Alana	Rita	Jaxon

## WELCOME BACK!

My assemblies this week have been based around the word 'welcome' and it is really lovely to be able to say welcome back to the children and to you parents. Thank you all so much for working through the new way of doing things – particularly the morning and afternoon routines. It always a gamble to see whether your carefully thought-through plans actually work on a practical level but I have been very impressed at how adaptable everyone has been, it has meant that the new term has started smoothly, which is beneficial to us all.

Now that the children all know where they are going and to ensure that we maintain social distancing among adults, please ensure that you are keeping **two metres** from other families on approaching the school and on departure. There are marks on the floor to indicate 2 metre gaps, but I have noticed several people hanging around chatting right by the gate which means that others can't get to the gate while still maintaining a 2 metre gap. Once your children have entered the 'school zone' we respectfully ask that you leave the area so that it is clear for others to approach. I will be enforcing this next week – you have been warned!

### SNACKS

We have all noticed just how long the mornings are when you get up with the alarm and have breakfast early, then have to wait until lunchtime for food, rather than what has become the norm of just grabbing something when you are peckish. We are suggesting that children bring a snack for morning play – fruit or vegetables only please. We have food waste bins in the playground to compost the scraps, doing our bit to become an Eco-School.

Please also ensure that your child brings a water bottle so that they can keep hydrated throughout the day.

### SCHOOL RESOURCES

At the beginning of lockdown every class sent home a learning pack, some of which had various school resources in them. Could we kindly ask that you have a hunt around at home and see if there are any school resources lurking around?

- Reading books
- Handwriting textbooks
- Dice
- Whiteboards
- Pens....

Thank you.

### MEAL TIME ASSISTANT

We have a vacancy for a Meal Time Assistant. If you would be interested in this post, there is information on the school website.

## **WEATHER**

The weather is currently not too bad (don't speak too soon) but will soon become more Autumnal and chilly in the mornings. We do have to keep the classes well ventilated and are therefore keeping windows open as much as possible, so please ensure that your child has a jumper / cardi / sweatshirt / hoodie (when the order finally gets here!) in school. They may want to also wear a vest as the weather gets cooler later in the year.

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## **A NOTE FROM THE PTFA TEAM!**

A very warm welcome to all our new parents who have joined the school. As you are now part of our PTFA team (you are automatically a member once your child starts school) we would like to let you know there is a Facebook page you can request to join (Kilmington Primary School PTFA) to keep you in the loop of all the great things we do and how we raise money for the children of the school.

We have been in previous years very successful at this, which in turn have given the children lots of great things to enjoy, such as new reading books, laptops, PE equipment and amazing whole school trips to cave's, zoo's, just to name a few!

Covid restrictions has put a stop to some of this, so we are hoping you will have some fantastic ideas we can raise money safely and coincide with all the regulations at this time. We also have a great WhatsApp group to share ideas on and we would love to hear from you, if you would be so kind to email [emmardservices@hotmail.com](mailto:emmardservices@hotmail.com) with your name and mobile number we will add you to our group chat. On that note we have our yearly AGM next month and would be so happy to see new faces, we do need to know numbers, once we know numbers we can work out which way we can safely do this, it will probably be by zoom in the evening, if you think you could possibly make this please email [emmardservices@hotmail.com](mailto:emmardservices@hotmail.com) with your name, thank you.

We are a small PTFA group currently running on 6/7 mums which all have children in the upper school heading towards secondary, we would love to see carry on running as a strong group and raising lots for many years to come!

Just helpers and ideas are very much most welcome!

Dates for the Diary

Monday 16th November we will have a bags for school collection at the Baptist church drop off 9am please.

AGM- Date to be confirmed when we know numbers

Next term - Christmas Hampers

From the PTFA Team

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## **PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **ParentMail**

Please note that if your mobile number or email address has changed, it is the responsibility of the parent to update their accounts as the school does not have access to parent accounts.

### **SIMS database updates**

Please note that any changes to ParentMail or ParentPay are not transferred to the schools SIMS database, therefore please advise the school office regarding any changes to your contact details.