



## Pupils of the Week

	Betty Bee Award	Wilbur Woodpecker Award	Olive Owl Award	Samuel Squirrel Award
Kingfishers	Luke	Hollie G	Bronwyn	Zac
Jackdaws	Isabel	Poppy	Sophia S	Casey
Ospreys	Hermione	Yasmin	Jess	Shanjay
Head of School Award				
Tyler – lovely manners				

Dear Parents

We have successfully made it through another week in these increasingly challenging times. The new lockdown rules are taking their toll on everyone but we are all pulling together. TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More

Since we have to split the playground in half so that two classes can have their breaks without mixing their bubbles, we have had to say no to any ball games and as a result, I am really enjoying seeing the children playing all sorts of games together. I am planning to buy some more equipment as again, we have to split this up so that no classes use the same toys as any other bubble. With the reduced equipment being available however, I have seen a revival of games such as Grandmother's footsteps and a huge range of imaginative play. In these challenging times mental wellbeing is so important and seeing the children playing and interacting with each other is a real pleasure. There have been virtually no arguments occurring and much less frustration - as can occur when playing competitive games such as football!

I have also been looking around the classes at the learning that is going on and I must say that I am very impressed. After the summer holidays there is always a slip in the standard of work that the children produce from what they were producing back in July. With so many children having been off school for several months we knew that the slippage would be greater and that the children's stamina would be significantly reduced.

All the teachers have been working hard to get that stamina back up again in order to catch up on what they have missed. Many of the children have found it a challenge getting back into the expectations. To add to this, we have the introduction of so many rules to deal with: no moving around the classroom; fixed seating; no sharing of resources; etc, all of which have been further hurdles to get over. Everyone, children and adults, have been giving 100% and we are now seeing some exceptional learning going on. The rules about not bringing things in from home have helped immensely in reducing distractions in the classroom which has been fabulous. I assume that this also helps you parents as you aren't being nagged for all sorts of expensive paraphernalia that "everyone else has"!

All in all, in these difficult times, your children and my staff are doing brilliantly and I wish to pass that on to whole school community. TEAM: Together Everyone Achieves More

Thank you all for your support.

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## PTFA

**Bag 2 School - The Beacon (Kilmington Baptist Church) on Monday 16th November by 9am.**

Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re-used and they have arranged to make a collection from us to help raise vital funds for the PTFA. All bags are weighed and they pay us by the total weight collected. The more we collect, the more they pay!!

Please fill the bag (and/or a black bin liner) with any good condition items and return to



**Christmas Cards/Merchandise** – We are pleased to inform you that the orders placed for Christmas cards and merchandise raised £105.30. Thank you!

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

This year we are having to do things slightly different due to the Covid restrictions, but we all know how popular our fantastic Christmas Hampers are and how much we can raise for our lovely school and children.

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 4th December in return for a £2 donation, these can be handed into the class teachers on that day. Then the PTFA will collect the donations and 6 very kind mums have agreed to buy the items needed and make a hamper up each.

Next week we will be sending home with the children two raffle books per family containing 5 tickets in each book £1 a ticket for you to hopefully sell to family and friends! If you require more books please send an email to [admin@kilmington-primary.org.uk](mailto:admin@kilmington-primary.org.uk) or call the office who will be happy to send them home with your child. We are going to set up a Facebook page to sell them too, posters up around the village, please spread the word. Please help us raise the much needed money for our children at Kilmington Primary School. Draw will take place on Wednesday 16th December, via a live, so it will be posted on Facebook also.

On behalf of the PTFA may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and thank you for your support.

## School Diary Dates

**Our forthcoming events and diary dates are on our website listed in the *News & Events* section.**

More specific details can be viewed online by clicking on the relevant event, this will then display the letter content or additional information

[www.kilmingtonprimary.org.uk/news/school-diary/](http://www.kilmingtonprimary.org.uk/news/school-diary/)

<b>November</b>	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bags2School donations – drop off at The Beacon by 9am
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Ospreys Forest School (after lunch)
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Forest School (after lunch)
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Forest School (after lunch)
<b>December</b>	
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kingfishers Forest School (after lunch)
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jackdaws Forest School (after lunch)
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform in return for a £2 donation (PTFA Christmas Hampers)
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Forest School (after lunch)
Mon 14 <sup>th</sup>	Ospreys Forest School (after lunch)
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Forest School (after lunch)
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Christmas Hamper Draw
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform/Christmas Jumpers (no donations required) Pupils Christmas Lunch <b>Last day of term – pick up 1.30pm</b>
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b> <b>Christmas Holidays</b>	
<b>MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – NON PUPIL DAY</b>	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Non-pupil day
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return / Spring Term begins