


<p>Kilmington Primary</p>  <p>School</p>	<p>WEEKLY NEWSLETTER</p> <p>20.11.20</p>	<p><i>Nurturing Life Long Learning</i></p>
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Pupils of the Week				
	Betty Bee Award	Wilbur Woodpecker Award	Olive Owl Award	Samuel Squirrel Award
Kingfishers	Bronwyn Hollie D	Ethan	Katie	
Jackdaws	Amelia	Max	Hazel	Ava
Ospreys	Olly Marcus Megan	Sahara	Ivy	Seb

Dear Parents

I cannot believe that there are only four weeks left of the term! It really has flown by this year. I am sure that you will agree that this has been a tricky year but I am really pleased to be able to keep the school up and running for the benefit of our children's well-being. The importance of routine is well documented and although many of them are concerned about the Coronavirus, being able to come to school and get on with their learning and socialising will have made a huge difference. We are still noticing a lot of 'nit-picking' about situations that normally they would brush off: complaining about class-mates; squabbles over toys; upsets over who is playing with whom and the general stamina for learning is still a work in progress!

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Forest School

It has been great to have been able to start up some of the Forest School visits again – the children have loved having that outdoor time which again will be enormously beneficial to their mental well-being. Please keep an eye on the diary dates (below) for when your child's class is going to Forest School so that they can come in appropriate clothes and bring their wellies.

PE

As we are unable to use the hall for PE so we are doing most of our PE outdoors – again this will benefit the children and we will be doing this as long as the weather is OK. As it is so weather dependant we may well swap the days around so please ensure that PE kit is in school at all times so that we can make the most of any opportunities that may arise.

Playtime and lunchtime

Again, we will be going out to give the children that outdoor time unless the weather is really awful. Even in the drizzle they love being outdoors and we want them to get as much of this as possible.

Games

I mentioned previously that the children are all playing together really brilliantly. The only thing that we have noticed is that there seems to be a lot of children acting out games that they have been playing online that are mainly involved with killing other people. Although the children will say that 'it's just a game' the play is getting far too physical and I feel that playing at killing each other is inappropriate for the school environment. We have covered (or will be covering) this in our ongoing PSHE lessons but would like your support in talking to your children about why acting out these games is unsuitable and possibly detrimental to their emotional health. Mrs Shaw will soon be producing some information for parents about online games and APPS but in the meantime I would encourage all parents to take a close look at the games that your children are playing.

COMMUNICATION

While we were in lockdown back in March, we introduced the Classdojo communication system which proved a fantastic medium for passing on home learning and sharing what you had been doing at home. We have kept the system in place in case we need to isolate a bubble and we can then offer home learning again with a minimum of hassle, and we still use it in class for reward points which the children really enjoy. Now that we are back into our normal routines, we feel that we do not need to use the Classdojo for communication purposes in the same way.

Please, if you have information such as a change of adult collecting the children, or a notification of an absence, you must email the office: admin@kilmington-primary.org.uk and a message will be passed to the class teacher. Messages on dojo are not accessed during the day as teachers are teaching the classes and this is not what Dojo was set up for.

Information such as dates for Forest School will be communicated via this newsletter and any class information will be sent via the Parentmail system.

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PTFA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported the Bags to School collection on Monday. We sent off a massive 910kg worth of reusable goods that will go towards helping others which is amazing and for doing so, we raised £273!

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/

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

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.