



Pupils of the Week				
	Betty Bee Award	Wilbur Woodpecker Award	Olive Owl Award	Samuel Squirrel Award
Kingfishers	Ruben	Lily	Ellie	Hollie D
Jackdaws	Emi	Sophie	Arthur	Juliana
Ospreys	Billy	Megan	Matthew	Riley
Head of School Award				
Kingfishers class for their class story				

Dear Parents

What a lovely autumnal week we've had. I am pleased to see everyone with their coats in school – thank you! I am also pleased to report that there have been no further tests after the isolated case of COVID that was reported in the Pipits bubble before half term, and everyone has come back to school healthy and safe. Please remember that if your child displays ANY of the main symptoms: new continuous cough; high temperature (at or above 37.8; loss of sense of taste or smell - they must stay off school have a test. The rest of the family should self-isolate until you have the result of the test.

#### PTFA

Thank you to the PTFA for arranging the pumpkin decorating competition, it looks like they all had great fun designing and colouring them. Prizes will be coming home this afternoon.

Please continue to have a sort out for the Bags 2 School collection which will happen on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 'The Beacon' Baptist Church. As the charity shops have closed this is an excellent opportunity to have a clear out.

#### LOCKDOWN

We have revisited our risk assessment and are satisfied that the existing measures that we have in place while the children are on the school premises are sufficiently robust: Frequent hand washing on entering and leaving the classrooms; no children mixing between class bubbles; extra cleaning of tables; having fixed seating arrangements in their classrooms; staggered drop off and collection times; staggered lunchtimes...

My staff are working extremely hard, coping with all these new guidelines but this has made everything we do so much more complicated, we are doing this for your children so that they can continue their education safely, but we do not wish to be put in danger ourselves.

We are all extremely concerned about the lack of social distancing among some of those dropping off and collecting children from school. I have seen numerous groups of parents standing together chatting, around the school and in the car park - many of whom are nowhere near 2 metres from each other. I have also seen people hugging children who are not from their family bubble. Now that the country is in a **compulsory lockdown** stating that an individual can meet one other person outside their family bubble, but still maintaining social distancing, **no-one should be within 2 metres of anyone else who is not in their family bubble**. The new guidelines are inconvenient but they are there for everyone's safety.

To ensure that our families and staff are protected do not gather with anyone who is not in your family – keep 2 metres away at all times.

I will be re-marking out the two metre steps on the approaches to the school and expect all members of the school community to adhere to this.

## REPORTS

Due to the restrictions this term, instead of holding parents' evenings, we have written short reports for you on how your child is doing in school. If you do have concerns then an appointment can be made with the class teacher, but for obvious reasons we are keeping these to a minimum.

## TIMETABLES

We all know that children thrive on routine and although we do try to stick to set timetables for the class, there are times that things need to be changed. Staff illness or self-isolation for example, might mean that someone different takes the class and plans something different from the class teacher or spelling assessments might not happen on the day that they were planned. We cannot use the hall for PE so all PE is done outside and this is obviously weather dependent. We will endeavour to keep things as stable as possible however and appreciate your support for this. If PE is missed, we can re-schedule but we only have the one playground so this could be decided at the last minute, so we ask that PE kits are in school at all times – this will enable us to take advantage when the weather is suitable.

These are difficult times for us all and the teachers are working really hard to maintain as much normality as possible.

I hope that you all remain safe and well through the coming weeks.

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Head of School

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## 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>	
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Forest School (after lunch)
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)
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)
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>	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Non-pupil day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Pupils return / Spring Term begins