



Pupil of the week:	<b>Seren</b> Coly Class	<b>Gosha</b> Otter Class	<b>Hattie</b> Yarty Class	<b>Poppy</b> Axe Class
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Dear Parents

Half term is upon us again and we are all ready for a break. Year 3 and 4 had a wonderful time at Hooke Court and I am sure that they have made some memories to treasure forever. My thanks go to Mr Davis and Miss Smith for organising this trip and for giving up their own time to provide such an experience for your children.

#### **PARKING (AGAIN)**

After raising this issue a number of times I am still amazed by how many cars are still driving in and out of School Lane at drop-off and pick-up time.

### **THIS IS A DANGER TO ALL OUR CHILDREN**

There is adequate space to park in the two car parks so please use the car parks when dropping off and collecting your children.

#### **PARENT GOVERNOR**

Following the recent Parent Governor Elections, ballot papers have been counted and verified, so we can now announce that Becky Lovatt was elected to stand on our Governing Body.

#### **PARENTS' EVENINGS**

Signing up sheets will be in the library on Tuesday after half term.

#### **WORLD BOOK DAY – 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2018**

We have had requests from children for another dressing up day – coincidentally World Book Day is coming up, this is a fun day where we celebrate books and reading. Children can come to school dressed up as a character from a book. We will also be holding our book swap event which was so popular last year. Children should bring in any books that they are ready to pass on and we will let everybody choose a book of their choice to take home (for free) If you could have a sort out for any books that your children have read and would like to pass on please send them in from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Children will also bring home their free book token on World Book Day

#### **CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

This term's celebration assembly will be held at on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 2.30pm in the Village Hall, Yarty class will be leading. If you have any certificates you would like presented please bring them in to the Head's office **BY THURSDAY**. I am teaching all day on Friday and am on play and lunch duty so I have to get all the certificates prepared Thursday evening. Last time some came in on Friday, didn't get taken up with the pile and children were upset – I don't want this to happen for any child so please ensure that they are in my office by Thursday.

#### **SAFER INTERNET DAY**

This Tuesday was UK Safer Internet day and to coincide, internetmatters.org has released some very helpful new guides and information for parents. <https://www.internetmatters.org/> There are interactive videos with direct links to sites and information related to specific areas of online safety so they are worth a look. Split into age groups, the advice is dealt with in 3 areas; Learn about it, Talk about it, Deal with it. For further online safety information, please visit our [Axe Beacon Federation site](#).

#### **APPROPRIATE CONTENT IN GAMES, VIDEOS AND APPS**

Discovering a great film, TV programme, game or app is brilliant and it can be a real positive for pupils to share their passions and shared interests with others at school. However, we see in school that when a child has an interest in an activity, game or video that has been deemed unsuitable for their age group this can have repercussions, not just for their own personal well-being but the well-being of others. Discussing content that has been explicitly rated for 15 and 18 year olds within school can encourage other children to discover this content prematurely, which may cause nightmares or upset them in other ways.

This would also extend to the use of Social Media. Typically, terms and conditions of the common platforms (e.g. Instagram, Snapchat) mean that users must be 13 years or over to use the app or site. This means that younger users are being placed into a mature online environment that has the potential to deliver content for which they are not emotionally ready. Children mature and grow at different rates and as parents you are best placed to know what content your child is ready for and to support them when it gets too much. However, what one child enjoys may be completely inappropriate for another.

As a school, we completely discourage any sort of discussion and regarding age-inappropriate games, films, apps with potentially violent and inappropriate content and seek to guide pupils to respect each other and each others' well-being.

Guidance around TV and films tends to be quite clear - guidance around games can be less transparent. <http://www.askaboutgames.com/> has lots of specific advice about games, and the ability to ask questions on the website to find out more.

Lee White  
Head of School

## School Diary Dates

**Our forthcoming events and diary dates are on our website listed in the *School Diary* 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/school-diary/](http://www.kilmingtonprimary.co.uk/school-diary/)

<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTFA Cake Sale – Valentine Theme / Axe &amp; Yarty class to donate cakes</b>
<b>HALF TERM – 12<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Axe class Swimming Lessons
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>PTFA Meeting – 7.00pm at Bev Reed’s house</b>
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Celebration Assembly at 2.30pm - Village Hall – Yarty class to lead
<b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Y5/Y6 Quicksticks Hockey (team event) – Parents to collect 5.00pm
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Y3/Y4 Swim Gala 1.15pm-3.00pm (team event)
<b>MARCH</b>	
<b>Thurs 1<sup>st</sup></b>	World Book Day – Dress up day and Book Swap
<b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Axe & Yarty Parents’ Evening – by appointment
<b>Tues 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Axe, Yarty, Otter, Coly Parents’ Evening – by appointment
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Axe class Swimming Lessons
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Y6 PE Academy Workshop (selected pupils) – Parents to transport
<b>Wed 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Axe, Yarty, Otter, Coly Parents’ Evening – by appointment
<b>Thurs 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Otter Parents’ Evening – by appointment
<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Y5/Y6 Residential Visit
<b>Wed 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Axe class Swimming Lessons
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Y3/Y4 BSO’s Schools’ Concert
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Axe class Swimming Lessons
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Rec/Y1 Parachute Festival
<b>Fri 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Y3/Y4 Federation Team Challenge
<b>Wed 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Y3/Y4 Gymnastic Festival Egg Rolling – 2.00pm
<b>Thurs 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>OCCASSIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY (School Closed)</b> <b>PTFA KILMINGTON KANTER</b>
<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>EASTER MONDAY (School Closed)</b>
<b>3<sup>RD</sup> – 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL</b> <b>SPRING HOLIDAYS</b>	
<b>16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL – NON PUPIL DAY</b>	

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**THE KILMINGTON KANTER**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**Entry forms are now available to download from the school website.**

**[www.kilmingtonprimary.co.uk/news/kilmington-kanter/](http://www.kilmingtonprimary.co.uk/news/kilmington-kanter/)**

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**PTFA MEETING - WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY**

7.00PM at Bev Reed's house

*Did you know that you become a member of the PTFA when your child becomes a pupil of the school?*

Please come along to help come up with new ideas