



Dear Parents

Happy Easter everyone!

BEHAVIOUR AND INDEPENDENCE

As some of you might have been aware, we had visitors from the local authority in school last week, and I am pleased to say that they were extremely complimentary about your children's behaviour. They reported to me that the behaviour of the children was 'impeccable' and their report states: 'Conduct is very good across the school, pupils are polite and friendly towards each other. Pupils respond to adults politely and positively.'

One area that we are working to develop further is the level of independence that children apply to their learning. We want to develop a culture of children driving their own learning, knowing what they need to do to improve and applying their learning across different areas of the curriculum. This is something that will be developed over time but the starting points are about developing independence for themselves in the first instance.

I have spoken to the children about this in assembly and one of the first things we covered was the role of the parent/carer in organising children for school. We have decided that all children should definitely be carrying their own bags, coats, lunch boxes to and from school and putting them away themselves – some children admitted that they do ask their mum to do this for them!

Another aspect of this is letters – these do get left in trays but we will be making an effort to remind children to check their trays every day. Letters to come back to school should be given to the children to hand in to the teacher named on it or the office. I do understand that you want to be sure that letters do end up in the right place and sometimes it can seem easier to do it yourself, but this does mean that the children get worse and worse at remembering things for themselves and they therefore become more dependent on you when we really want the opposite.

I would really like to make this a big focus, starting as soon as we come back from Easter: children organising themselves for school, you can even start this at home – get your children to pack their own school bag, they will need to think about what they need to bring to school each day. It might take a while for them to get used to this but it will be worth it in the long run – we are teaching them important life skills. To do this effectively they need to get rid of any rubbish in their bags - nothing should be in their bags that isn't required for school (toys, billions of rubbers, four or five books....etc)

I am looking forward to seeing how this is developed in the classroom – more independence should lead to more independent learning which will stand them in good stead as we prepare them to become life-long learners.

MISS MOFFATT

Miss Moffat has been working at Kilmington Primary School for a couple of years now and she has been a welcome addition to the team. Unfortunately for us, she has been offered a job with more hours so she has made the decision to take up that position, therefore this will be her last day with us. We wish Miss Moffatt all our best and hope that she will keep in touch.

SUMMER TERM

Please remember that Monday 16th April is a staff training day – no school for children.

Children return to school Tuesday 17th April.

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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/

Thurs 29th	OCCASIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 30th	GOOD FRIDAY (School Closed) PTFA KILMINGTON KANTER- see the school website for more details
Mon 2nd	EASTER MONDAY (School Closed)
3RD – 13TH APRIL SPRING HOLIDAYS 16TH APRIL – NON PUPIL DAY	

APRIL	
Mon 16th	NON-PUPIL DAY – STAFF TRAINING DAY
Tues 17 th	SUMMER TERM BEGINS
Tues 17 th	Yarty class Forest School – PACKED LUNCH (parents to transport)
Thurs 19 th	Axe class Forest School – PACKED LUNCH (parents to transport)
Fri 20th	PTFA Bingo – Village Hall
Tues 24 th	Yarty class Forest School – PACKED LUNCH (parents to transport)
Thurs 26 th	Axe class Forest School – PACKED LUNCH (parents to transport)
w/c 30 th	Y5 Bikeability
MAY	
Tues 1 st	Yarty class Forest School – PACKED LUNCH (parents to transport)
Wed 2 nd	Y5/Y6 Quad Kids Athletics (team event) – Parents to collect from venue 3.30pm
Thurs 3 rd	Axe class Forest School – PACKED LUNCH (parents to transport)
Fri 4 th	Y3/Y4 Federation Team Challenge (selected pupils)
Mon 7th	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 8 th	Yarty class Forest School – PACKED LUNCH (parents to transport)
Thurs 10 th	Axe class Forest School – PACKED LUNCH (parents to transport)
Fri 11 th	Y2/Y3 Kwik Cricket Skills
Mon 14 th – Thurs 17 th	Y6 SATS
Tues 15 th	Yarty class Forest School – PACKED LUNCH (parents to transport)
Thurs 17 th	Axe class Forest School – PACKED LUNCH (parents to transport)
Fri 18 th	KS1 Swimming Gala (team event) – PACKED LUNCH
Tues 22 nd	Maypole & PTFA Cream Tea
Wed 23 rd	Y6 PE Academy Workshop (selected pupils) – Parents to transport
Thurs 24 th	Axe class Forest School – PACKED LUNCH (parents to transport)
Fri 25th	OCCASIONAL DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 28th	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
HALF TERM HOLIDAYS TUESDAY 29TH MAY – FRIDAY 1ST JUNE MONDAY 4TH JUNE – NON PUPIL DAY	