



Pupils of the Week				
	Betty Bee Award	Wilbur Woodpecker Award	Olive Owl Award	Samuel Squirrel Award
Kingfishers	-	Isla	Xander	Harry
Jackdaws	Ava	Amelie	Jackdaws class	Georgie
Ospreys	Billy	Jasmine	Seb	Shanjay
Head of School Award				
Jaxon for looking after his brothers every morning and making sure they get to their class safely				

Dear Parents

Lovely weather for the PTFA duck race this morning.

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Camren

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Hollie G

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Harry + Katie

(Prizes have been given to the children – please look out for them)

Many thanks to the PTFA for organising this event and arranging for the sun to come out to help the ducks on their way!

At my last meeting with the other Heads of School in the federation we were discussing moving forward with the relaxing of restrictions in line with the national guidance. We were also discussing the detrimental effects on children's mental well-being with them not being allowed to play with other children, and we all agreed that relaxing playtimes would be a good next step as it is widely confirmed that outdoor activities are considered low-risk for transmission.

With this in mind we have been trialling a new lunchtime routine. The most overwhelming difference I have noticed is how delightful it is to see children playing with their siblings and older children playing with younger children. The 'little ones' worship the older children and they in turn love playing with the younger children. This school has always promoted cross-age relationships, it is a massive plus-point of the school and I am pleased to be getting back that atmosphere.

The children seem to be loving the new lunch time routine, not least because they don't have to wait so long before they get to eat! We will continue to move forwards within government guidelines and fingers crossed for things to be completely back to normal by the end of the summer term.

(For any isolation purposes, 'close contact' would not include anything that took place outdoors so there would be no change to the existing procedures if anyone were to test positive.)

#### DATES

Please keep an eye on the "School Diary Dates" at the bottom of the newsletter, especially regarding when your child's class are doing their Outdoor Learning as they need to come to school appropriately dressed for that day's weather. We have had to call home several times as children haven't come in the correct clothing and we know that it is terribly inconvenient for you to have to come back with the clothes required! We do remind the children many times but you know what they can be like!

In addition to the Newsletter, our forthcoming events, diary dates and term dates are on our website listed in the **News & Events** section. More specific event details can be viewed online by clicking on the relevant listing, this will then display the letter content or additional information.

## **CLASS DOJO**

While Class Dojo was invaluable while schools were doing 'hybrid teaching', please be aware that teachers and support staff do not have the time to routinely check Class Dojo for comments so please don't rely on this as a method of communication. Email is the preferred method to contact any member of staff, or you can email the office and it can be passed on.

## **ILLNESS**

Please could I remind families that after tummy bugs that include bouts of sickness and/or diarrhoea children **MUST** remain off school for 48 hours from the last occurrence. Stomach bugs are not nice for any family to have to deal with, the germs spread so easily and we do not wish for other children to be coming down with the same bug.

We do realise however, that children can have an isolated case of sickness for a range of other reasons: bouncing on a trampoline; eating too many sweets; coughing fits etc. which are not down to tummy bugs but the children are not always able to tell us this. Children just say, "I was sick last night." and we are then wondering if they should actually be in school. If you do experience an isolated case it would be great if you could phone or email the office to advise that this has happened, we are then 'in the know' and won't have to worry about passing on germs.

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## **PARENT CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **ParentMail**

Please remember that if your mobile number or email address has changed, it is the responsibility of the parent to update their account 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.

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**Moved House?**

Don't forget to advise the school office if you have moved home.

# School Diary Dates

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

<b>May</b>	
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ospreys outdoor learning – after lunch
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Pipits Farm Visit – parents to transport / PACKED LUNCH
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfisher outdoor learning – PACKED LUNCH
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ospreys outdoor learning – after lunch
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfisher Science Day (parents to transport: arrive 9.30am / collect 2.30pm) - PACKED LUNCH
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	Jackdaws outdoor learning – after lunch
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfisher outdoor learning – PACKED LUNCH
<b>Mon 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTFA Bag2School collection 9.00am – Baptist Church car park for drop off</b>
<b>Fri 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTFA non-uniform day – donations for Spring Hamper</b>
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June Half Term</b>	
<b>June</b>	
<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTFA Hamper Draw</b>
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6 Woodroffe Transition Day
<b>July</b>	
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	R-Y5 Move up morning
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Axe Valley Transition Day
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Holyrood Transition Day
<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PTFA Whole School Trip – PACKED LUNCH</b>
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 STEM day
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	(Reserve Sports Day)
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	TBC Y6 Bikeability
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup>	TBC Y6 Bikeability
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	TBC Y5 Bikeability
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	TBC Y5 Bikeability
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Whole School Picnic – PACKED LUNCH</b> Last day of term – normal pick up time
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Non Pupil Day – Staff Training
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed – Occasional Day
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	School Closed – Occasional Day
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September Summer Break</b>	
<b>MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER – NON PUPIL DAY</b>	