



Pupils of the Week				
	Betty Bee Award	Wilbur Woodpecker Award	Olive Owl Award	Samuel Squirrel Award
Kingfishers	Jaxon	Bronwyn	Alex	Caroline
Jackdaws	Ava	Toby	Willow	Ellie
Ospreys	Jasmine	Sidney	Hana	Freya W
Head of School Award				
Sophia S – looking after her friends when they needed her				

Dear Parents

Third week back and the new routines are working out well. We have been able to resume whole school assemblies which I am very pleased about. Collective worship brings the school community together and helps the school bond. The older children help the younger children and sit with them during the assembly and there is a genuine feeling of communal responsibility for each other which was sadly lacking during the restrictions of Covid. I am grateful to both St Giles and The Beacon for the use of their worship spaces.

#### **HIGH 5S NETBALL**

We have been able to start up the sporting events organised by Colyton Grammar School once again. It was really wonderful to be able to take a team from Ospreys class to the High 5s netball. Anne Harris is an excellent teacher and absolutely amazing with the children. She and her team of sports leaders taught the children the rules of High 5 netball and they were able to play practice games against other schools.

Those children who attended will now be able to share their new knowledge with the rest of the class during PE lessons and will start a competitive league next week – I will let you know how they get on.

#### **PLAYLEADER TRAINING**

Play leader training for Year 6 has been arranged for the week before half term. After that we will be working with Year 6 to improve playtime games for all children.

We are looking to expand our range of toys / games that are available to the children at playtimes. We have already introduced a 'book box' but if you have any small games that would be suitable: card games, Jenga, etc we would be most grateful.

#### **READING**

Gentle reminder that ALL children are expected to read at home, ideally on a daily basis. Class teachers check the reading diaries at least weekly and I have heard that several children are not reading at home and we are only three weeks into term.

We place a great deal of emphasis on all aspects of reading – children reading their schools books, enjoying picture books, being read to by an adult. The more reading that can be done the better progress will be made.

Please try to set up a home routine that includes reading time and sharing books, this will help your children enormously.

If you would like to access more books from our school stock, please talk to the class teachers – they will be most happy to help out.

## HARVEST

Reminder that there will be a small Harvest Celebration at The Beacon Baptist Church on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm. Each class will do a small piece for you – all parents are welcome to attend. There will be refreshments afterwards – very kindly organised by The Beacon.

We are taking this opportunity to support the local Foodbank so we would welcome any donations to this cause. We will collect the items as part of the assembly so children can bring any items in on the day. They take all tinned and dried goods that are in date. Other items they take are toilet rolls, nappies, personal hygiene products, household cleaning products and pet food.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs Shaw would like to announce the exciting news that she is expecting her first baby in January 2022. I am sure you will all share in congratulating her. We will be interviewing for a replacement to cover her maternity leave over 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.kilmington-primary.org.uk/news/school-diary/](http://www.kilmington-primary.org.uk/news/school-diary/)

<b>September 2021</b>	
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	Y5-Y6 High 5s Netball (team event) – 4-5pm Parents to transport
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Celebration 1.30pm – Parents welcome
<b>October</b>	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	Y5-Y6 High 5s Netball (team event) – 4-5pm Parents to transport
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Cross Country (team event)
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup>	Y5-Y6 High 5s Netball (team event) – 4-5pm Parents to transport
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup>	Y5-Y6 High 5s Netball (team event) – 4-5pm Parents to transport
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Play Leader Training
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Half-term</b>	
<b>November</b>	
w/c 1 <sup>st</sup>	Parents' Evening – Dates/Times TBC
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup>	Y1-Y2 Multi Skills – PACKED LUNCH
Mon 29 <sup>th</sup>	Y5-Y6 Sports Hall Athletics (team event) – 4.00-5.30pm parents to transport
<b>December</b>	
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of Autumn Term
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b> <b>Christmas Holidays</b> <b>TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY – NON PUPIL DAY</b>	