



## Pupils of the Week

	Betty Bee Award	Wilbur Woodpecker Award	Olive Owl Award	Samuel Squirrel Award
Kingfishers	Sophia	Hayden	Oscar	Ilaria
Jackdaws	Bella	Sophie	Poppy	Angus
Ospreys	Hana	Sophia	Jasmine	Matthew
Head of School Award				
Hayden – for helping everyone up the bank at outdoor learning				

Dear Parents

Lovely to see everyone back after a restful half term.

**SNACKS**

Many of the older children are still not bringing any fruit or vegetable snacks to eat at playtime. All KS1 classes are provided with fruit through the government scheme and we do have some spare that is offered to the older children. But unfortunately there is not enough for everyone. We are seeing many children getting distracted and grumpy midway through the morning purely because they are hungry. Children go through growth spurts and need a snack mid-morning and fruit or veg is perfect for keeping children going until lunchtime.

**UNIFORM**

I have been asked by several members of staff to remind parents of several uniform points:

- nail varnish is not to be worn at school
- hair that reaches the shoulders should be properly tied up for school – ponytail, pigtails, plaits etc – to keep hair out of the way (and to avoid the dreaded head lice)
- spare socks in PE kits for anyone planning to wear tights

**PARENTS EVENINGS / OPEN EVENING**

These have mostly taken place this week. If you were unable to make an appointment, please contact the office and Mrs McKenzie will pass on your request to the class teacher(s).

Alternatively, in addition to the individual appointments, the school will be holding an open evening on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30pm-5.30pm. Families will be able to come in to the school, look around the classes and look at your children's school books. This is an excellent opportunity for your children to show you what they have been learning in school. Biscuits will be provided!

**PLEA FOR SOIL ETC**

Exciting news! As you may have seen, our new outdoor classroom has been built, and it is absolutely beautiful! We have already started using it and are just waiting for the canvas doors and the internal benches. Alongside the building, and also down the bottom of the playground we have also had several large planters built. We now need some large stones for the bottom of each one; topsoil; compost; manure and wood chippings to finish them off and get them ready for planting.

Please ask around to see if anyone you know has any going spare. If you do know anyone, please let us know, it can be delivered to the playground at any time that the children are not in!

**BANK HOLIDAY**

There will be an extra Bank Holiday allocated to commemorate the Queen's jubilee. The governors of the federation have agreed that this will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Lee White  
Head of School

# 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>November</b>	
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup>	Y5-Y6 Girls Cross Country Final (team event) – PACKED LUNCH
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Y3-Y4 Farm Visit – PACKED LUNCH
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
<b>Wed 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Open Evening for pupil families 3.30pm-6.00pm</b>
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>	
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Kingfishers Outdoor Learning (after lunch)
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>	
<b>January 2022</b>	
Tues 4 <sup>th</sup>	Non pupil day - Staff Training
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Pupils return - Spring Term begins</b>

## 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 accounts as the school does not have access to parent accounts.

### SIMS database updates

Please note that any changes you make 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.

## ABSENCES FROM SCHOOL

If your child is missing school due to illness, please remember  
**you must call the school EACH DAY before 9.00am**

*Please select option 1 and leave a message on our absence line*  
**The absence line is available ANYTIME before school opens**

## LATE ARRIVALS

Pupils arriving at school after 9.00am must be signed in at the school office by their parent/carer. Pupils arriving after 9.10am will be registered as an 'Unauthorised Absence'.



## SIGNING IN/OUT



Please remember, if your child arrives late (after 9.00am) or comes in or out from school at any other time for doctors' appointments, etc... then you must visit the office to sign them in/out. We then have an absolute up-to-date record of who is in school at any moment during the school day – essential to fulfil our Safeguarding