



West Kidlington
Primary & Nursery School

T: 01865 373 369

E: office@west-kidlington.oxon.sch.uk

Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Families

Thank you to all the families who have had reminders about the children wearing the correct school uniform. We are still chasing a few families but the support with this has been positive.

Next week is the final week of Term 1. We break up for half term on **Friday 21st October**.

School Photographs

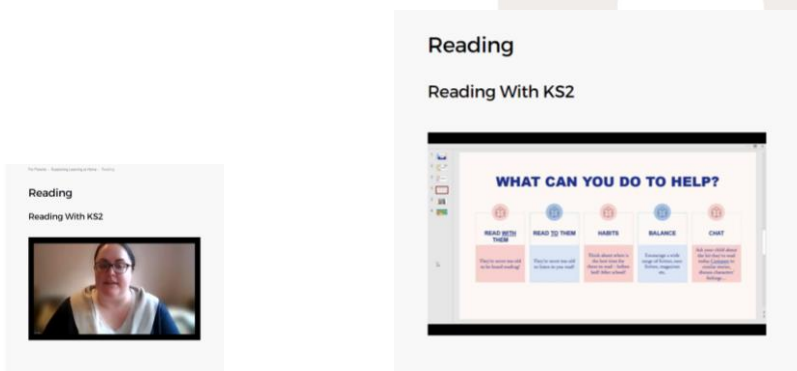
We will be organising individual school photographs of children on Tuesday 1st November. This will be children from Nursery all the way to Year 6.

If you wanted to have a family photo that involves children who do not come to the school (pre-school or secondary) we are inviting Families to arrive at the front of school at 8am on this day. This would make a great Christmas present!

Reading at Home – KS2 Children

Miss Ellis has placed on the school web site an alternative way to get important reading messages to families. Please can you take just 10 minutes to watch this video. There will be something for every family and one small thing could make a difference to your child's reading.

<https://www.west-kidlington.oxon.sch.uk/information-for-parents/supporting-learning-at-home/reading-1>



Mobile Phone Safety

We have had details shared by another school in Oxfordshire (**not** Kidlington) about a scam that has involved children's mobiles phones. We have many children in older year groups who do have a phone. Talking to your child about how they use their phone is important. Below are the details of how someone has targeted children with phones.

The message in this scam says:

"Hello mate, mummy is at hospital they are checking her out and giving antibiotics. Go straight home and I will get you from there."

If your child has a mobile phone, please ensure they are safely using phones and you talk about what they send and receive.

Halloween Disco – Wednesday 2nd November

The Halloween Disco for Year 1-3 will take place from 4.15-5.15pm. Year 4-6 children will be having a disco from 5.45-7pm. The deadline for buying tickets is Friday 14th October. The school office have spare forms if families have lost them.

Road Safety

With increased amounts of traffic nowadays, the safety of children on our roads has never been more important and so it is vital that children learn how to be safer pedestrians and road users. The good news for schools is that Oxfordshire County Council have a child pedestrian Road Safety scheme called Footsteps, aimed at parents and carers. When children are at Primary School, they are normally brought to school by their parents who ensure they cross the road safely by telling them where and when it is safe to cross. This does not prepare children for the time when they start to walk to school without an adult.

If they are ill-prepared, children are much more likely to be killed or injured in a road traffic incident, seen by the fact that the number of child pedestrians hurt rises significantly around 10 -12 years of age – the time at which they begin to go out unaccompanied by adults.

The aim of the Footsteps programme is to encourage parents and carers to help prepare their child for the time they will be independent. They will do this by including the child in decision making while they are together. This is a gradual process that can be adapted to the child's age and ability and parents will be able to assess when their child is proficient enough to be independent.

The programme is simple for parents to use as it can be carried out in normal everyday situations such as walking to school or to the local shops. Rather than telling children what to do, parents are encouraged to ask lots of open questions to make the children think about the decisions they are making. Please take time to look at the guidance that has been sent out with the letter.

Harvest Donation - Can You Help?

We respect that the cost of living impacts all families, but we are writing to ask if you can help? During Monday's assembly we will discuss Harvest and supporting local food banks. Could you possibly help? If you are in a position to share a few tins, dried packet food, toothpaste, shower gel...you could make a big difference. We will be collecting tins and packets on the school gate from Monday to Wednesday next week. The items we collect will be given to a local food bank.

Secondary School Applications (Year 6)

Don't forget to apply for your child's secondary place before **31st October 2022**

KEY DATES

DATE	EVENT
17 th October	Parents Evening – Year 2
19 th October	Parents Evening – Year 2
20 th October (2.30-3.00pm)	Open Classroom for Year 2
20 th October (parents in at 3.00pm)	Roman Day - Year 3
1 st November	School Photos (Hall)

Have a restful weekend.

Kind regards

Mr Isherwood