

The Kymbrook Key

Hello everyone, welcome back to school after the half term break. All of a sudden it is November and we start to look forward to a very busy next few weeks in the run up to Christmas! This newsletter contains a good deal of important information about the upcoming events, including about requesting tickets for performances and letting us know arrangements for pick-ups on specific days. I would ask that you please settle down with a cuppa and a biscuit and go through everything! Several events will require a response from you - these will be sent out on Weduc, so please keep a close eye on this. Our aim is to get as many events as possible out to you all in one go. I know this can seem overwhelming, but hopefully more helpful than us drip-feeding information. Many of the dates were already given in the last newsletter, so hopefully they have already made it as far as your calendars and now this letter will add some more detail for you.

Harvest

Thank you very much for your generous donations to our Harvest appeal- the people at the King's Arms Project were thrilled when we delivered everything. It really does make a difference.



We are delighted to announce that Madame Kaler and Petite Etoile Language School has won another award! Click on the link below to see her and Señora Bentley in action! https://youtu.be/VC_2PdUtAyE

Madame Kaler teaches French lessons to years 3-6 and Señora Bentley runs a Spanish club at Kymbrook Primary:

Spanish after school club: every Tuesday after school 3.20 – 4pm £5.50 per session

Kymbrook Primary has its own web page on the Petite Etoile website where pupils can find French songs, stories, and cultural activities to recap and extend their learning. There is also a gallery where the children's achievements in French are showcased: www.petite-etoile.co.uk/kymbrook-primary

For more information please email Madame Kaler: lisakaler@petite-etoile.co.uk

FREE EVENT

SANTA SCOOT

COME VISIT SANTA AND HIS MAGIC BUS

Start from play park entrance and follow the trail to find Santa.
Once Santa has given your child a free little gift have a look around his magical bus.
Bikes and buggies also welcome.

Great Denham Playground
MK40 3SQ

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cheater.archduke.indoor

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Many thanks to Grant Palmer Limited for supporting this year's Santa Scoot

BEDFORD
BOROUGH COUNCIL

If are free on Saturday 27th November, perhaps you would like to join in with this free event organised by Bedford Borough Council.

Agents for Change

Last week, Mrs Smith took four pupils from Year 5 - Lois, Freddie, Grace and James to a pupil conference held at Biddenham School. During the day, we learnt about our identities and what identity based bullying is.

We started to make an action plan for what we think we need to work on in our school and Mrs Smith will be working with our 'Agents for Change' to make some positive changes, particularly to areas around equality and diversity. It was a very interesting experience and the pupils selected represented our school brilliantly.

Forest School Reminders

Please remember to send children with appropriate gear for Forest School (Mondays for YF, 1 and 2 and Tuesdays for Y3-6). The older children got very wet yesterday when the heavens opened and although we sheltered from the rain, the idea is that Forest School runs in both rain and shine, and everything in between! Most children are brilliant at remembering their boots and waterproofs, so thank you.

Parking outside school

A polite reminder that our disabled parking space at the front of the school is needed every day. Please do not park in it unless you have a blue badge.
Thank you

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

Monday 14th Nov	Mr Cole from Thurleigh to lead Maths Calculation Workshops 3.30pm & 5pm for parents/carers. This is being held at Kymbrook.
Tuesday 15th Nov	9.30-10.30am Open Morning for prospective new parents. You may have seen our flyer. Please spread the word to any neighbours and friends who may be interested in coming to see our wonderful school. Pre-school also have an open morning at the same time.
Friday 18th Nov	Children in Need Day. We invite children to wear mufti today. It could have a spots or stripes theme if they have anything suitable, if not, just normal mufti (please remember children in Y3-6 will have PE, so make sure they are suitably dressed for that, or bring PE kit to change into). We ask for a suggested donation of £1 towards this wonderful charity, which has helped nearly 460,000 UK children in the last year to overcome their challenges. We will also be holding a cake sale at break time and would welcome any donations of cakes (homemade or shop bought). Cakes will be sold for 50p. If there are any cakes left, we will put them out at the end of the day, so if you are here on the playground at pick up, you may want to bring some change just in case!
Tuesday 22nd Nov	Pre-loved uniform sale straight after school.
Thursday 24th Nov	Theatre of Widdershins show. Another visit from this fabulous puppeteer, as a treat for our children.
Friday 25th Nov	Mufti day in return for a Christmas raffle hamper donation. More details to follow from 'Friends of Kymbrook'. As with Children in Need day, please remember Years 3-6 will have PE that afternoon.
Wednesday 30th Nov	Year 5 and 6 children to 'Orchestra Unwrapped' at Bedford Corn Exchange. Please remember, children will need a packed lunch today, as we are eating early in order to leave at 12.00.
Friday 2nd December	Decoration morning This is one of our favourite activities! We invite any parents/carers, younger siblings, grandparents etc who are able to come, to join the children in their classrooms to enjoy some time together making Christmas decorations. You are welcome to stay for the whole morning, as we understand that some families have two or three classrooms to get around! Alternatively, if you can only manage a short time before needing to leave, that is fine too. We will be serving refreshments in the hall for the adults, mid-morning, whilst the children have their break time. You don't need to let us know whether you are attending this, just turn up at around 9am.
Friday 2nd Dec	Year 5 and 6 to sing at the WI Christmas party One of our traditional events is that the Keysoe WI invite us to go over to the Village Hall to provide the entertainment for their Christmas party. This is just for Lions class. They won't be able to have PE today, so full smart uniform please. They are also welcome to bring Christmas hats/headbands or a piece of tinsel around the neck etc to add to the festive spirit.
Monday 5th Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance 2.15pm & 6pm in OUR SCHOOL HALL Our children in Monkey and Meerkats classes will be performing their Christmas play. More information to follow about roles, words to learn, costumes etc. As the village hall had an existing long standing booking, we will be using OUR SCHOOL HALL this year. As is traditional, we will be doing two performances, at 2.15pm and 6pm. If possible, we would ask that if you have younger siblings, you bring them to the afternoon performance, rather than the evening. If you wish, your child (Years Foundation, 1 and 2 only) can stay at school after the afternoon performance and we will look after them until it is

	<p>time for the evening performance. We ask that they bring a packed tea if they would like to stay. A form will come out on Weduc, so that you can let us know whether your child will be staying at school or whether they will go home and you will bring them back in time to start at 6pm (by 5.50pm please). If your child normally goes to After School Club on a Monday, please liaise with them about whether they will still be attending. Thank you. Ticketing requests will also come out on Weduc. In the first instance, we will allocate two tickets per family for each of the performances, but you will be able to request more, if we have enough, when you reply to the Weduc.</p>
Thursday 8th Dec	<p>Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. If they would like to join in, children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper if they have one, for a suggested donation of £1 to Save The Children. There is no expectation that you will buy a Christmas jumper especially for this day. Normal non-uniform can be worn, perhaps with a little Christmassy addition of a Christmas hat or piece of tinsel. Short concert by our violin and piano pupils. Mrs Edwards will contact the relevant parents directly.</p>
Monday 12th Dec	<p>Workshare. All our parents and carers are invited to come in and look at children's work for a few minutes straight after school. They will have their books ready for you to share together and you can have a look at displays around the classroom. We anticipate this will run from 3.20 until around 4pm, but are aware that parents who have more than one child may need longer.</p>
Tuesday 13th Dec	<p>Christingle Service – Keysoe Church 1.30pm. After lunch, all children in years 3-6 will be walking to St Mary's Church, Keysoe for our annual Christingle service. If you are able, please could you send your child with a large orange that day (Years 3-6 only). We will provide everything else needed to make a Christingle. Parents/carers and families of our KS2 children are warmly invited to join us for our service in the church at 1.30pm. Again, you will be asked on a Weduc form whether you plan on coming, so that we can get an indication of numbers. We will also be asking you what arrangements you will have for your child at the end of the day- will you be taking them straight from the church or would you like us to walk them back to school in time for normal pick up, the bus and After School Club?</p>
Wednesday 14th Dec	<p>Christmas lunch. Information about menu and booking to follow, but this is the date for our Christmas lunch. Children are welcome to bring a Christmas hat or headband if they wish, to wear during the lunch. Children can still choose to bring their own packed lunch if that is what they prefer and they will of course join in with the celebration and have a Christmas cracker (kindly purchased by our Friends association). To help our Christmas lunch go smoothly, it would be brilliant if we had a small group of volunteer parents/carers who are able to come in and help. We would need you from around 11.40am until a little after 1pm. If you are able to help, please just let our office know, with either a quick phone call, email or pop in. Thank you.</p>
Thursday 15th Dec	<p>Children's Christmas Parties All children will be enjoying a Christmas party this afternoon. We are planning on separate parties, one for Monkeys/Meerkats and one for Zebras/Lions. Children are able to bring some party clothes to change into after lunch if they wish. If you are able, we would like to invite parents and carers to donate a small amount of party food. Please remember that the children will have eaten their lunch as normal only an hour or two earlier, so it really is only a little snack! If you are not able, for whatever reason, to send any donations at this time, that is absolutely not an issue. We never want you to feel under pressure to provide things. There will be plenty to go round. In order to try and spread out what we receive, we would suggest</p>

	<p>these guidelines:</p> <p><u>Monkey class</u>: savoury items (e.g. vegetable sticks, mini sausages, a plate of sandwiches, a packet of crisps, pieces of cooked pizza)</p> <p><u>Meerkat class</u>: sweet items (e.g. pieces of chopped up fruit, small biscuits or cakes)</p> <p><u>Zebra class</u>: savoury items</p> <p><u>Lion class</u>: sweet items.</p> <p>Staff will provide drinks. End of the day routines will be as normal.</p>
<p>Friday 16th Dec</p>	<p>MK Theatre Panto Y3-Y6. Please remember a packed lunch today for children in Years 3-6, as we are leaving at 11.35am. We will provide a small snack for children to eat whilst we are in the theatre and there will also be an ice cream provided. There will be no opportunity for children to purchase anything, so please do not send them with any money. We aim, if the traffic is kind, to be back to school around 4.15pm. We will send out a message on Weduc if it looks like we are going to be any more than a few minutes late. We will bring the children off the bus, on to the playground, into their classrooms to collect their bags and then dismiss in the normal way. Please liaise with After School Club, if your child normally attends on a Friday, to let them know whether you need them to collect your child when we get back. Please note: The school bus will come as normal for the younger children.</p> <p>BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS</p>

Thank you for all your help and support with all of these lovely events. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

We look forward to creating a very special time for all of our pupils.

