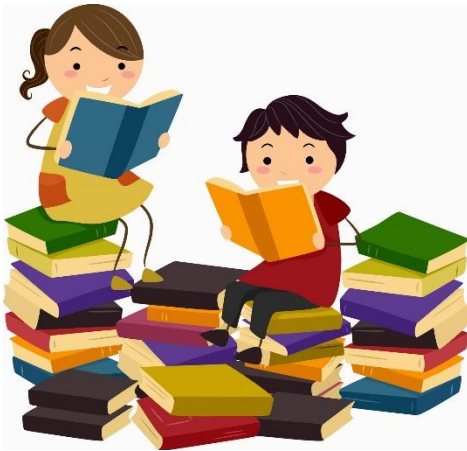


Hello everyone. We are well and truly back in the swing of things after the Christmas break. The children are focused, working hard and enjoying their learning, which is fabulous to see. There are lots of future dates for your diaries, so please make a note of these.



World Book Day

This year, World Book Day is on Thursday 2nd March. We are going to be visited by a local author, Helen Todd on this day. We are trying to be particularly mindful of the amount of additional things we ask families to do, at this time, when everyone already has their own priorities and so have decided not to ask children to dress up as a book character this year. Instead, we will organise a range of fun activities to mark the occasion. We would love to have some parents, carers and grandparents come in and read a favourite book to small groups of children. If this is something you might be interested in, please let myself (Mrs Smith) know, or the office. The children will also bring home their World Book Day voucher. This entitles them to one of the special WBD books or £1 off a different book.

Uniform reminders

Thank you for everything you do to support our uniform policy. We are very proud of how smart our children look. I need to just point out a couple of things which are beginning to slip. Any earrings worn should be small, plain studs. Larger, more decorative fashion earrings are not part of our uniform. In addition, the uniform policy for PE days states that children should be wearing navy joggers/ leggings or shorts. We are starting to see shorts layered over 'skins' which are not part of our PE uniform. Thank you.

Parking

Sorry, but I need to have a little moan. I have been informed that some parents and carers have started to park in the entrance to the fields along Keysoe Row East at pick up time. May I politely remind you that this is private property and that unless you personally have the permission of the farmer, you should not be using his field for your car parking space. Please also be mindful of parking on the bend across the B660 from school. Thank you.

A proud moment

We love to see the children showing and telling us their achievements from home in our Friday 'Achievement Assemblies'. Please do encourage your children to share- we often look at wonderful art work, brilliant models and hear about sporting achievements. In addition, we sing Happy Birthday to those children who are celebrating, the House Captains announce the house points for the week and we see which class has the highest attendance that week. The whole assembly is led by our Y6 pupils, who take it in turns, as one of their responsibility jobs. It really is one of the best bits of the week!

I particularly wanted to share with you the extraordinary sporting achievements of one of our pupils. Joey is in Year 4 and is truly a rising star in the world of BMX. In 2022, Joey raced the 10 round HSBC National BMX series for Milton Keynes BMX club. His goal was to reach the A final at each round (this is the top 8 riders) and therefore qualify for the 2023 World Championships in Glasgow.

His race category, 'Expert male 8s', usually fields 50 riders. Each round compromises 3 Qualifying races, followed by a Quarter Final, Semi Final and A Final.

Joey's results were:

Rounds 1 & 2 Manchester: 4th, 4th

Rounds 3 & 4 Gravesend: 2nd, 2nd

Rounds 5 & 6 Glasgow: 2nd, 3rd

Rounds 7 & 8 Peckham: 2nd, 3rd

Rounds 9 & 10 Birmingham: 4th, 5th

This gave him a **National number 2 ranking**, qualifying for the Glasgow **World Championships** in August 2023, representing Great Britain.

In addition this year, Joey will again contest the National series, plus European championship rounds in Belgium and France, for his new sponsor, Team BMX Hype.

I am sure you will agree that this is very exciting indeed and such a wonderful achievement so far. It's clear that Joey is very talented and we are extremely proud of him! If you would like to see more, you can follow Joey's journey on Instagram: www.instagram.com/joeytomkins666



Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

Date	Event
Tuesday 24th January	Meeting for parents of current Y2/3 children about Grafham residential – after school
Friday 10th February	Friends of Kymbrook- ‘Break the rules’ day (more details to follow from them) Break up for half term
Monday 20th February	Children back to school
Tuesday 21st February	Bags2School- a Friends of Kymbrook fundraising event (more details to follow)
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day and author visit- Helen Todd
Friday 3rd March	Science morning for all pupils in Y3-6. We have been invited to St Thomas More School to take part in science lessons in their labs. Details about transport to follow.
Thursday 9th March	Y3/4 children to a Multi-sports event at Lincroft in the morning
Friday 17th March	Red Nose Day- further details to follow
Tuesday 21st March	Y1/2 children to a Multi-sports event at Sharnbrook academy in the afternoon
Monday 27th March & Tuesday 28th March	Parent consultation evenings
Friday 31st March	Break up for the Easter holidays
Monday 17th April	Inset day for staff
Tuesday 18th April	Children back to school
Monday 24th April	Y5/6 children to a Multi-sports event
Thursday 27th April	Film Club after school- a Friends of Kymbrook event. More details to follow
Monday 1st May	May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	Y3/4 children to a Multi-sports event at Harrold Primary School in the morning
Thursday 4th May	A Coronation celebration event in the afternoon- more details to follow
Monday 8th May	Additional Bank Holiday for the Coronation
Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May	Year 6 children to sit the Key Stage 2 SATs tests
Thursday 18th May	Y5/6 children to a Multi-sports event at Lincroft in the morning
Friday 26th May	Crazy hair day- a Friends of Kymbrook fundraising event Break up for half term
Monday 5th June	Children back to school
Thursday 8th June	8 pupils from Y5/6 to an athletics event at the Bedford International Athletics Stadium. Details to follow for those pupils.
Tuesday 13th June	Y1/2 children to a Multi-sports event at Riseley Primary School in the afternoon
Tuesday 20th June	Y5/6 Girls football (1 team of 12) at Biddenham School in the morning
Friday 30th June	Sports Day- parents/carers welcome from 1.15 pm
Monday 3rd July	Reserve Sports day in case of bad weather
Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th July	Transition days for Y6 pupils who are moving up to Sharnbrook Academy
Thursday 13th July	KS2 (Years 3-6) Summer play. 2pm and 6pm
Friday 21st July	9.00 Leavers Assembly for the parents/carers of our Y6 children. Break up for the summer holidays.