

January 2025

Kymbrook

# The Kymbrook Key

## Hello everyone,

Welcome back to school for the Spring term. I hope you all enjoyed your Christmas break. The children have come back to school in such a brilliant way. All classes are working hard and the children consistently show wonderful focus and effort in their learning. All classes have started new topics. Please refer to our website, under the 'Curriculum' section, for further details of our current topics.

### Library van

We are very fortunate that the Bedford Borough mobile library van visits our village every other Friday and stops right outside our school! We currently have a few children who are supervised by a member of staff as they visit the bus to borrow and return their books, but we would love to see more of them! In order to be able to borrow books, children need a library card. We stock some of the registration forms in our school office, which need to be completed by parents/carers, so if you would like one, please ask Kate or Lisa.



### Children's Mental Health Week

We will be marking Children's Mental Health week, which this year falls on 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February. Children in all classes will do activities in their lessons to mark this special week.

This year, we would like to help raise some money for CHUMS. CHUMS support children and young people with all sorts of mental health difficulties and issues, including bereavement. In Bedfordshire and Luton alone in 2023, they supported more than 3500 children, including some in our own school. We would like to invite children to SHINE BRIGHT, WEAR BRIGHT on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. This can be anything they like, such as brightly coloured clothing, wigs, glitter etc. As always, please ensure that whatever your child chooses is appropriate for a day at school and that they will be warm enough on the playground. A suggested donation of at least £1 will enable CHUMS to support even more children in the future. Thank you.



### Steel pans

As part of our music curriculum, we offer whole school experiences to children in Year 3 and 4. As we have mixed age classes, we do this on a two year rolling programme. One year, they have a series of specialist singing lessons, which culminate in a wonderful concert at the Bedford Corn Exchange. This is called Sing On and we took part in this last year. On the alternate years, we invest in whole class specialist instrumental lessons over a 10-week block. Our Year 3 and 4 children have had their first lessons on steel pans. They made a brilliant start and will learn so much in the next 8 weeks. Parents are invited to a short concert at the end of the project on 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

## Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Workshop session for Y5/6 on our 'Zero Carbon Schools' project. This is a year-long project which Y5/6 are leading on for the school. More on this soon!
<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> to Fri 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Children's Mental Health Week
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Workshop session for Y5/6 pupils on VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls). This links to our PSHE work.
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Shine Bright, Wear Bright day for CHUMS (see separate item) Note: there will be no PE for Zebras and Lions today
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Safer Internet Day Note: PE catch up day for Zebras and Lions. PE kits today please
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Friends of Kymbrook – Break the Rules day. More details to follow. <b>BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM</b>
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Back to school
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day. We would like to invite children to dress up as a book character, if they wish. There is no pressure to do this, normal school uniform is fine. We would also love to invite any willing parents, carers, grandparents to come into school to read a favourite book to the children at around 9am. Please contact Mrs Smith or the office if you are interested. Thank you
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 3 and 4 Multi-sports event at Lincroft Academy
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parent/teacher consultation- booking details to follow
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Parent/teacher consultation
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Red Nose Day- more details to follow
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	Year 5 and 6 will be attending a concert given by the Philharmonia Orchestra at Bedford Corn Exchange, as part of a project called Orchestra Unwrapped. Further details to follow. Note: no PE for Y5/6 today
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Year 1 and 2 Multi-sports event at Sharnbrook Academy
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	9.15am Steel pan concert for parents/carers of Y3/4 children
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>BREAK UP FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Children back to school
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 5 and 6 Multi-sports event at Sharnbrook Academy
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	May Day Bank Holiday
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 3 and 4 Multi-sports event at Harrold Primary School
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	SATs week for our Y6 pupils. Further details to follow.
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 5 and 6 Multi-sports, during the morning at Lincroft Academy
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>BREAK UP FOR MAY HALF TERM</b>
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<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET day for staff</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Children back to school</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Y5/6 Boys Cricket competition at Bedford Modern School (just one team of 8)</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Y5/6 Girls Cricket competition at Bedford Modern School (just one team of 8)</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Y5/6 Quadkids athletics event at the Bedford International Athletics Stadium (just one team of 4 boys and 4 girls)</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 1 and 2 at a Multi-sports event at Riseley Primary School</b>
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Y5/6 Girls football event at Biddenham School (one team of 10 girls)</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>BREAK UP FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>