



KINETON PLAYGROUP NEWSLETTER

11 July 2024

THIS WEEK AT PLAYGROUP SPORTS REPORTS

We were very lucky at the start of this week to avoid the rain for our sports days. All the children did such a fantastic job both of joining in the races and cheering on their friends from the sides. The parents also put in a valiant effort! Thank you to those who bought in cakes and to everyone who donated.

The rest of our week has been filled with excited talk about starting school or going on holiday as well as playing with trains and riding bikes in the garden. The children have also been talking about the Euro's and showing off their own ball skills in the garden. Some opted for a bat and ball to hit rather than a football however!

'SCHOOL READINESS': BEING READY TO HAVE FUN, SOCIALISE & LEARN

What it isn't: already knowing everything you are going to learn at school; being able to read and write; becoming anxious that you don't know things; worrying about change

What it is: being able to listen, to follow simple instructions, to get dressed in your uniform, to manage your belongings, to make friends

Top tips: try not to talk about school too much - children are excited about it but also a bit unsure; name EVERYTHING!, and possibly sew special ribbon or tape on the outside at the back of the neck

Ideas to practise: towards the end of the summer holidays do a few practice runs - ideas include putting uniform on and off - check fastenings are easy to manage eg for going to the toilet, and that neck openings are big enough; take coats and shoes on and off; identify and find belongings and fit them into a book bag; walk the route to and from school.

KINETON EVENTS

Kineton Farmers' Market: Saturday 13 July from 10.00am in the Market Square

Lovely things and yummy food to buy from local small companies.

Summer BBQ: Saturday 13 July 12-3pm at Kineton Primary School

Fun activities and stalls run by the Friends of Kineton Primary School including bouncy castles, beat the goalie, hook a duck, splat the rat, welly wanging, balloon modeling, yummy food and much more to raise money for school resources and equipment.

Compton Verney Half Marathon & 10k Run: Sunday 14 July, start 9.00am (half) and 9.15am (10k) from Compton Verney

Come out and support the runners along the routes, they would really appreciate it! The Half Marathon comes through Kineton then loops to Little Kineton and Radway before turning back through Kineton to Compton Verney.

The 10k route goes through the Lighthorne Road, through before returning to Compton Verney.

<https://www.tempoevents.co.uk/events/compton-verney-half-marathon/>

WINCKS GOLD AWARD

We are very proud to share with you that we have achieved a 'Gold' level Warwickshire Inclusion Kite-marking Scheme (W.Inc.K.S) 2024-25. We have held WIncKS awards since the system started in 2017, and we are very happy to continue to hold the gold award this year after achieving it in the first year it was awarded last year.

SAFEGUARDING, HEALTH AND CHILD PROTECTION INFORMATION FOR THE AUTUMN - FLU VACCINATIONS

All primary (year R to year 6) and secondary (year 7 to year 11) children will be offered flu vaccinations in their schools by the school age immunisation service. Schools will share relevant information with you in the autumn term when they are given details.

Other groups eligible for a flu vaccination from 01 September 2024 under the NHS programme include two and three year olds, pregnant women, over 65s, carers, anyone over six months old deemed at clinical risk and close contacts of immunocompromised individuals.

'HOT DINNERS' NEXT YEAR

Next year, all being well, we hope to run 'hot dinners' again Mondays to Fridays each week starting from Monday 09 September. The cost of each meal will be £3.22 (which includes VAT, which isn't charged at school). The menu is on a 3 week rota and is very similar to school - for details see <https://educaterers.co.uk/our-menus> Places are limited and priority will be given to children in their pre-school year. Please let us know if you would be interested.

TERM DATES 2024-25

Term dates for next year are shown below. Playgroup sessions will reopen on Wednesday 04 September, but please remember that this first week is NOT covered by funding, and you must pay fees if your child attends. The first funded day of term will be Monday 09 September 2024. If you need any wraparound care at the start of term for children who will be starting reception class at Kineton Primary School, please let us know.

SUMMER RAFFLE

We have a wonderful Summer Raffle with tickets available to buy now from the office. Please see out attached poster with more information.

Summer term 2024:	Monday 08 April to Friday 19 July 2024 Summer Holiday Club available: Monday 22 July to Friday 16 August
Autumn term 2024:	Wednesday 04 September to Friday 20 December 2024 (04 - 09 September - fees only, not funded) Half term: Monday 28 October to Friday 01 November 2024
Spring term 2025:	Tuesday 07 January to Friday 11 April 2025 Half term: Monday 17 to Friday 21 February 2025
Summer term 2025:	Monday 28 April to Friday 18 July 2025 Half term: Monday 26 to Friday 30 May 2025
Autumn term 2025:	Start date Wednesday 03 September 2025 (tbc)

Holiday Club will run over the half terms, Easter holidays and first four weeks of the summer holidays (except bank holidays). Please ask for details.

