



## Christmas Fair

What a wonderful Christmas Fair it was at the Village Hall last Saturday! Thank you to all who were able to attend. It was a lovely community event and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! Thank you especially to all the families who donated gifts, prizes and cakes, and those who helped out on the day. Next week, we still have spaces left on the Christmas Cake Workshop after school on Thursday. Please click [here to book your ticket](#). And it is Christmas Film Night (for students R-Y6) after school on Friday – tickets on sale Monday via ParentMail. Please check the diary dates below for details of other forthcoming Christmas events.

## Kingham Forest Regeneration

Parents may be aware that a significant portion of our forest area is blighted with Ash Dieback disease. This means, that to keep our children safe, we will soon have to remove 44 trees. Most of the trees affected are at the far end of our forest, so we hope that the sudden removal will not be so apparent.

Although this is sad news, this is also an exciting opportunity to regenerate our forest area, something we have wanted to do for a while. It gives us the chance to think about introducing different areas to our forest e.g. reading areas, glades, covered areas, seating areas etc. and to plant new species that might attract a variety of birds and other wildlife.

After a lot of thought and discussion, we have decided to hold our plans for regeneration and replanting until a few months *after* the trees have been felled. Waiting a few months will allow us the time to see how the forest looks without the trees and begin to visualise our new landscape with a view to replanting in the Autumn next year.

Nearer the time, we will work closely with our children and would love to have family involvement (and perhaps even support with funding).

## Diamond Jubilee - Additional Bank Holiday

It was recently announced that there will be an additional bank holiday on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Where this falls during a school holiday, the Department for Education have asked schools to take an additional day's holiday this year. Kingham Primary School will take this holiday on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June (this was down as an INSET Day) and move the INSET day to Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. (See *School Term and Holiday Dates below*).

## Value of the Month: Simplicity

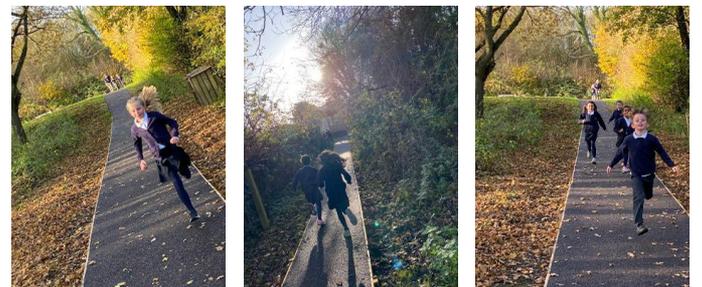
Simplicity is:  
 is appreciating the small things in life  
 is natural and beautiful  
 is relaxing

## Year 3/4 trip to Gloucester Cathedral

Years 3 and 4 had a fantastic time visiting Gloucester Cathedral this week. Dressed up in medieval costumes, the children experienced what life was like as a pilgrim, journeying to the tomb of Edward II. They also had a fascinating tour of the Cathedral, learning all about the history of the building, and got the chance to explore the crypt below, using torches to see marks left by the stonemasons! The trip has really helped students to understand more about religion, pilgrimage and medieval history.



## House Cross Country Competition



Our new track was the stunning setting for yesterday's Interhouse Cross Country Competition. Thank you Miss Ralf for super organisation, and thank you students, as ever, for your enthusiastic participation – there were some incredibly fast times! The winning House was Robin House!

## Diary Dates

Weds 1 Dec	Nursery/Reception Trip to Smart Trees
Weds 1 Dec	Year 4 Ball Skills - Chipping Norton School
Thurs 2 Dec	Little Sprinkles Cake Workshop 3:10pm
Fri 3 Dec	KPSA Christmas Film Night 3pm
Weds 8 Dec	School Christmas Lunch
Weds 8 Dec	Junior Carol Concert All Saints Church 6:00pm
Thurs 9 Dec	KPSA Wreath Making Village Hall 6:30pm
Fri 10 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 10 Dec	Infant Nativity Performance 2pm
Sat 11 Dec	Choir singing at Wild Rabbit 4pm
Mon 13 Dec	Infant Nativity Performance 5pm
Tues 14 Dec	Infant Nativity Performance 2pm
Weds 15 Dec	Infant Class Parties (am)
Weds 15 Dec	Pantomime (pm)
Thurs 16 Dec	Junior Christmas Disco
<b>Fri 17 Dec</b>	<b>Last day of Autumn Term</b>
<b>Weds 5 Jan</b>	<b>First day back</b>

# **School Term and Holiday Dates**

## **2021/22 Academic Year**

### **Autumn Term**

3 September - 22 October

*Half term holiday 25 October - 29 October 2021*

2 November - 17 December

*Christmas holiday 20 December - 31 December 2021*

### **Spring Term**

5 January - 18 February

*Half term holiday 21 February - 25 February 2022*

28 February - 8 April

*Easter Holiday 11 April - 22 April 2022*

### **Summer Term**

25 April - 27 May

*Half term holiday - 30 May - 3 June 2022*

8 June - 21 July

*Summer holiday 22 July – 6 September 2022*

### **Inset Days 2021-22**

1 September 2021

2 September 2021

1 November 2021

4 January 2022

7 June 2022

### **Additional Diamond Jubilee Holiday**

6<sup>th</sup> June 2022