



29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents,

**WOODLANDS ASSEMBLY:** We were treated to a wonderful assembly by the Year 6 children this morning. It was wonderful to hear about their adventures in Woodlands; presented in the style of, 'I'm a Celebrity'. Thank you for all your kind words to the accompanying staff and for the kind gifts that you gave to them in assembly – they were all very touched by your thoughtfulness and generosity.

**MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON:** This afternoon we will be holding a MacMillan Coffee Afternoon. Please join us for a cuppa and a piece of cake and help us raise needed funds for this very worthwhile charity. I will let you know next week how much we raise. Thank you.

**FSU PRESENTATION:** There will be a presentation on phonics and maths in the FSU on Wednesday at 2.30pm. Please come along if you have a child in Foundation.

**HANDWRITING COMPETITION:** Yesterday we celebrated National Poetry Day and we included our first handwriting competition as part of this. Mrs Ward and Miss Barrett chose a winner from each year group. The best hand writers in the school are:

Year 1 Bethany F

Year 2 Devon H

Year 3 Milly Y

Year 4 Macie C

Year 5 Grace H

Year 6 Kai K

The children were all rewarded with a certificate and house points in this morning's assembly. Their winning pieces will be displayed in the library. Well done to you all!

**INTERNATIONAL WEEK:** On the last week of term (16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October) we will be holding an International Week. The children will be working off timetable and all lessons will have an international dimension. Each year group will be studying a different country and on the Friday we would like the children to come dressed in the colours of that country's flag. In addition to the class activities we have planned for an array of workshops to take place throughout the week. There will be international dance lessons, stories from the Indian Subcontinent by Peter Chand, African drumming, French theatre performances, Gamelan workshops, Judo and Taekwondo presentations, lessons in batik and an international food tasting morning. It is all very exciting and I am delighted to say that the PTA has offered to pay for the whole event! They are very kindly covering the full cost of £5,500 (£14 per pupil) for this fantastic week. Thank you PTA!

The countries that the children will be studying are as follows:

FSU Spain

Year 1 Australia

Year 2 Russia

Year 3 Brazil

Year 4 Germany

Year 5 India

Year 6 New Zealand

The school kitchen has got fully on board with this initiative and has designed a delicious international menu for this week, the menu is attached. Please note that if your child wishes to have school lunch during international week this will need to be pre-ordered to allow the cook time to order in sufficient supplies (deadline for ordering is **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October**). There will be a separate email regarding this on Monday.

**FSU NEWS:** This week the children have thoroughly enjoyed their walk to the local shop, getting a free bag and a treat and we look forward to sharing what we got up to at our reception assembly on 11th October at 9am in the school hall. We have had some FS staffing changes and sadly Mrs Peacock has left Nursery to join Year 3, we wish her all the best. Mrs Holt remains with Nursery and is joined by Mrs Herring. We are also fortunate in the FS to have Mr Craft who will be working with both the Reception and Nursery children. Please can we ask parents to use the correct doors at the end of the day going in through the cloak room into the blue room and out through the red room, this avoids congestion and is on our risk assessment. Many thanks. Sarah Obinna FSU leader

**WRAP AROUND CARE:** The Wrap Around Care will now be known as King's Meadow Koalas. This name was chosen by the children and ties in perfectly with the new class names.

**WRAP AROUND CARE BOOKINGS:** We are getting close to capacity for the number of children that we can take on a daily basis. Whilst we will do our best to honour any last minute bookings please try and book any dates that you know in advance to avoid disappointment.

**MATHLETICS EVENING:** It was good to see so many of you at the Mathletics Information evening on Wednesday evening – the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Regularly completing Mathletics tasks at home will have a big impact on your child's learning. Please encourage them to do so. Miss Rainer will be organising special treats at the end of each term for the 'Mathletics Champion' in each class – the child who has participated in Mathletics the most times. This term she will be taking the champions to the cinema.

**WHOLE SCHOOL OUTING TO THE PANTOMINE – RECEPTION TO YEAR 6:** We are pleased to inform you that we have booked to see '**Jack and the Beanstalk**' on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at the **Oxford Playhouse**. Please see separate email.

**TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY REMINDER:** The Tempest photographer will be visiting the school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017 for family and individual photographs.

#### Family Photographs

- Families with pre-school and/or secondary school children will have photographs taken from 8.30am onwards. Please queue outside The ICT Room, fire door at the front of the school.
- Families' photographs, where two or more children are all at King's Meadow School, will be taken later in the morning.

#### Individual Photographs

- All King's Meadow School children will have individual photographs taken. There is no obligation to purchase any of the photographs taken during the day. However, if you do decide to purchase copies, you should adhere to the deadline date on the order form, which you will receive with a proof copy. Late orders do incur an additional charge by the photography company.

If you wish to discuss issues relating to school photographs, please see the school office.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher