



Dear Parents,

15th December 2017

SNOW: Well, Christmas certainly seemed to have arrived early on Sunday morning when we all woke up to a thick blanket of snow. Beautiful as it was, it did cause disruption! The Oxfordshire roads made travelling to school too treacherous for those adults and children who do not live within walking distance of KMS, and too few members of staff live within walking distance to allow us to open with the correct staffing ratios. I hope that the closure did not cause you too much inconvenience.

FSU NATIVITY: Today our very youngest pupils entertained the school and parents with their magical Nativity. They performed with flair and enthusiasm and delivered a most polished performance. It was wonderful that so many of you were able to join us despite the last minute date change due to the cancellation of Monday's performances. My thanks go to the FSU team for putting on such a beautiful show and to the PTA for running the coffee bar.

PANTOMIME TRIP: We had a brilliant trip to the Oxford Playhouse to watch 'Jack and the Beanstalk' on Tuesday morning. We had the theatre almost exclusively to ourselves and the children loved hearing Kings Meadow and Bicester being mentioned. A highlight for all of us was having Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Ward sing on stage – they were real troupers and made the day for the children. As ever, the children were all perfectly behaved and this was commented on by the theatre staff. I would like to thank Mrs. Redding for coordinating this event for the school; booking the tickets, arranging discounts, completing the risk assessment, sorting out the seating plan for the entire school, organising the required 9 (!) coaches and ensuring that staff to pupil ratios were correct – a mammoth task that she carried out without complaint. Well done Mrs. Redding!

MATHS CHAMPIONS: We held our maths competition on Wednesday morning to find the top mathematician in each year group. My thanks go to Ms. Rainer for organising the competition. The winners were:

Year 1	Jack S	Year 4	Kai S
Year 2	Liv B; Isabelle B	Year 5	Isaac B
Year 3	Tom M; Dennis M	Year 6	Caleb C

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA: We held our termly Musical Extravaganza on Wednesday afternoon and it was well attended by parents. We had many performers who played on a range of instruments including; trumpet, guitar, piano, clarinet, flute and drums. It was a wonderful concert and I was delighted by the talent that we have here at KMS. My thanks go to Mrs. Spearman and Mrs. Bethan Hunter (music teacher) for running the event for the school.

HEADTEACHER'S AFTERNOON TEA: I held my Christmas afternoon tea for 14 outstanding pupils yesterday. The teachers all nominated a child in their class who has worked hard and behaved well for the whole term. The office staff organised a scrumptious feast for us including sandwiches; sausage rolls; cocktail sausages; strawberries; melon and lots of cakes and biscuits. We played I- Spy and the conversation ranged from what they were hoping to get for Christmas, where they would be spending the holidays to who was going to win Strictly. It was a joy to spend some quality time with such polite and interesting children. My thanks go to the office staff for decorating the table so beautifully and putting on such a lovely tea. My guests were; Maisie S, Ella T, Scarlett H, Isabelle R, Mathew B, Harry F, Abin J, Lottie G, Jimmy M, Kacie S, Elissa C, Daniel C, Mason K.



CINEMA VISIT: Today our reading champions were treated to a visit to the Vue in Bicester to watch Paddington 2. The cinema provided the tickets for the children free of charge which was most generous. My thanks go to Mrs. Ward for organising the trip and to Mrs. Tugwell for accompanying the children.

ASHMOLEAN TRIP: Today Year 4 visited the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford as an enrichment of their study of Ancient Egypt. I am sure that they will have had an interesting and fun day.

FSU NEWS: The FS children thoroughly enjoyed the pantomime, many of the children were off their seats dancing and singing along to the show. Mrs. Herring who works with our nursery children has decided to focus on her commitments to the Wrap Around Care offered at school. As a result she will leave the FS team in the New Year. She will be missed by children and staff and we thank her for all her work. Mrs. Holt who leads our nursery is supported by Mr Craft and their continuity of work is supported by the appointment of Miss S. Stevens who has been a regular volunteer within the FS and brings with her a creative background. We have been impressed to see how independent the children are at zipping up their coats and putting on their gloves, hats and scarves, well done!

PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE: Huge thanks to all that came along to support the PTA Christmas Fayre. We raised a fantastic £1470.87. Well done PTA.

HOUSE POINTS: This terms winner was Thames with a total of 2346 points. Their prize is a non-uniform day on Monday 18th December.

WRAP AROUND CARE AND SCHOOL DINNERS: All bookings for Wrap and Around Care and school dinners for the first week back after the Christmas holidays need to be made by **Thursday 28th December 2017**. If you pay by childcare vouchers please send your forms by email to the school office address or put the forms through the school letterbox by **Monday 1st January 2018**. All bookings for Wrap Around Care and School Dinners for Monday 11th December when the school was closed have been cancelled so you should see a credit on your account reflecting this.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU: Please be advised that week commencing 1st January 2018 school lunches will be served as per week one of the current school lunch menu (available on the school website). Week commencing 8th January 2018 will be as per week two; we will then be moving on to a new menu from Monday 15th January 2018 which will be put on the website in the New Year.

THE WEEK AHEAD:

Monday 18th December: Spelling Bee KS1 9:00am & KS2 10:00am/Christmas Lunch/FSU Party

Tuesday 19th December: Christmas Jumper Day (**£1.00 donation for Save the Children**)/Carol Concert 9:45am in St Edburg's Church all invited/Early Closure 1:30pm

Have a good weekend

Mrs L Daulton
Headteacher