



Dear Parents,

9<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**ELEPHANT CLASS ASSEMBLY:** We were transported back to the 1940s by Miss Golden's class this morning. They put on a performance about being evacuated in the Second World War. We watched an excellent dance routine explaining the Blitz and saw them bid a teary farewell to their mothers as they were evacuated to safer places. They sang period songs and were dressed in the clothes of that time. It was most impressive! A photo presentation about their recent trip to The Steam Museum played whilst parents enjoyed a cup of coffee – what a fun day out they had. My thanks go to Miss Golden, Mrs Chaundy, Mrs O'Brien, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Targus-Stone for all of their hard work with the class.

**GROWTH MINDSET:** You may have heard your child talking about developing their 'Growth Mindset'. Like all schools, King's Meadow has always encouraged our children to develop a positive attitude to learning. In introducing 'Growth Mindset' to the school, we are seeking to involve and focus the children in a greater manner. We have attached a brief guide to Growth Mindset, including the 8 statements we are using in the classrooms and how you can help your child at home. Mr Laurie, Deputy Head

**ONLINE SAFETY DAY:** The whole school, pupils and staff, were engaged in Online Safety activities and training on Wednesday. We were joined by Paul Hay, an Online Safety consultant, who highlighted the dangers of the Internet and how to avoid them. He delivered a most informative presentation to the staff after school and a similar one to parents in the evening. All who heard him speak were impressed. Information from Paul's talks will be available on the school website shortly.

**TAKE ONE PICTURE:** In May the school participated in the National Gallery's initiative of 'Take One Picture'. Alongside hundreds of schools nationally, our pupils studied Pintoricchio's 'Penelope with her Suitors'. The resulting artwork was fantastic and I am delighted to report that we have been shortlisted to have some of our work displayed in the National Gallery – such an accolade for the students and teachers involved. Mrs Spearman, our Art Coordinator, is on a training course at the Gallery in London today, so I am hoping that we will find out if we have made the 'final cut'. I will keep you updated.....fingers crossed!

**BAGS2SCHOOL:** Please look out for your Bag2School bag; this is a successful fund raising event that we run every year. By getting involved in our collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys. Please note bedding, curtains, and household linen cannot be accepted (refer to [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com) for details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. Bags2School will be collecting from our school on **7th March only**. Please bring your bag to the school hall **by 9:00 am** and help us have a successful collection. **Do not bring bags prior to this date.** Thank you, Mrs S. Obinna

**FSU NEWS:** The FS children have been busy huffing and puffing this week! They have been exploring the story of the Three Little Pigs and have been to the woodland area to build a stick house; they have created wolf wanted posters and textured pictures. There is a whole school expectation to read every day with your child. We are aware that many of you are already doing this, through sharing story books, comics, e-book and your child's reading book. Can we please ask that you record what you have read in the reading diary so we can share these discussions with your child? Many thanks Mrs S. Obinna, FSU leader

**WRAP AROUND CARE AND SCHOOL DINNERS:** Please remember to make your Breakfast and After School Club and School Dinner bookings for the first week back by Thursday 15th February. If you pay for Wrap around Care by childcare vouchers please fill in a booking form (available on the school website under Parents Information) and post it through the school door or email it to the school office. Thank you. Mrs S. Stanway – Shaw, Finance Officer

**HEAD TEACHERS' CONFERENCE:** I will be attending the annual head teachers' conference 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February, after half term. In my absence, Mr Laurie will assume responsibility for the school.

**JUNIOR CITIZEN:** Year 6 are off to Junior Citizen in Oxford on the Wednesday after half term. This is a valuable experience as it teaches the children how to be safe in a variety of situations. I hope they have an enjoyable morning and come away with lots of safety tips. Permission and payment can be made on ParentPay as per the recent letter.

**FLAMINGO CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Mrs Ward's class will be putting on their class assembly after the February holiday, on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in this class. Refreshments will be available at the end.

**WORLD BOOK DAY:** This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The official day is on the Thursday but, due to the clash with KS2 swimming, we have decided to hold ours on the following day. We are doing things a little differently this year and are not asking the children to dress up. Instead, we are inviting a famous poet in called James Carter who will enthuse and inspire our children. He creates a lively and engaging atmosphere in which to learn all about poetry. His mission statement is to enable children to feel excited and confident about using language, and to get them writing expressively and to the best of their abilities. So no pressure there then! The cost for this visit is £1.20 per child. This will need to be paid on ParentPay. The payment is a voluntary contribution and no child or family will be discriminated against for not contributing. Costs will be covered by the school for those in receipt of Income Support or Job Seekers' Allowance, in which case parents should contact the office with the necessary up-to-date documentation. Should insufficient voluntary contributions be made, the visit will have to be cancelled. Thank you. Michala Ward, Literacy coordinator

**BOOK FAIR:** Travelling Books Book Fair will be running 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th of March. This coincides with the official World Book Day on the 1st March. After half term the Book Fair leaflet and voucher will be sent home with the children. More details will follow. Mrs. Watson.

Have a healthy and happy half term break.



**Mrs L Daulton**  
Headteacher