



Dear Parents,

25th May 2018

SNOWY OWL ASSEMBLY: Miss Gray's class treated us to a wonderful assembly this morning. They showcased work that they have been doing this term including space in science, angles in maths and Harry Potter in literacy. They performed a fabulous song all about the planets and acted out how to play Quidditch. My thanks go to Miss Gray, Mrs Ellis and Ms Law for all their hard work with the class.

STRICTLY DANCING COMPETITION: A huge well done to our dancers in Y5&6 and in Y3&4 for winning the Oxfordshire round of the Dancing Schools UK competition. They are all fantastic dancers and fully deserved to be crowned the best in our county. They now go through to the Grand Final on the 23rd June and I wish them all the very best of luck (not that they will need it!). My thanks go to Ms Law for patiently working with our pupils and turning them in to such wonderful dancers. A mention must also be made of Ms Law's partner, David, who has come in to school on numerous occasions to support and guide the children towards their success. What a team!

ART WEEK: This week the children have been participating in the National Gallery's Take One Picture. They have been studying, 'An Experiment on a Bird in the Air Pump' by Joseph Wright of Derby. The whole school has been buzzing with the excitement of art and the results are amazing! I do hope that you are able to come in to school at the end of the day and take a look at the children's work. I would like to thank the staff at KMS for getting fully involved in this initiative and to Claire Spearman for leading the week for us. We were thrilled to learn that the National Gallery is running a digital display of some of our work from last year. So if your child was in Mr Widdows' or Mrs Spearman's class last year you may see their work in the National Gallery. The exhibition is running until mid-August; check the Gallery's website for details. We very much hope to repeat this success - watch this space!

STAFFING NEWS: I am delighted to announce that following interviews this week, we have appointed two Assistant Head Teachers. Sarah Obinna will be the Assistant Head with the responsibility for the creative curriculum/enrichment and Michala Ward will be the Assistant Head with the responsibility for raising standards. Mrs Ward will continue to lead KS1 and teach Flamingo Class and Mrs Obinna will continue to lead Foundation Stage. These are exciting appointments and will ensure that King's Meadow will build on and develop its excellent provision for all.

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Israel, who has been with us for two years. She has brought a lot of laughter and enthusiasm to KMS and will be missed by us all. I am sure you join with me in wishing her the very best in her new venture

Wrap Around Care and School Dinners: Thank you to the parents who have handed in Wrap Around Care forms for next term. If you use Childcare Vouchers and you have not yet handed in a form for next term it is essential that you email or drop them through the letterbox before Monday 4th June. We cannot guarantee your child a place if you do not. Forms are available on the school website. If you book on ParentPay for Wrap Around Care or school dinners you must book by Thursday 31st May for the following week. Please see the new school lunch menu on the website which will commence after half term.

SPORTS NEWS: On a very sunny Wednesday morning we took 48 children down to The Bicester School to take part in the Bicester School's cricket competition. The tournament was split into 3 different categories: Year 5 only, Year 6 only and girls only. In the girls competition there were some great performances in the field and with bowling, however batting proved to be a little tricky and both teams ended up failing to make the semi-finals. In the Year 5 competition, both teams showed some glimpses of brilliance but struggled against a few more experienced teams. Finnley H was a standout performer on the day with some great batting and fielding. Both teams again missed out on the semi-finals, but are more experienced and ready for next year. In the Year 6 competition both teams were much more competitive. The B team, led by the great bowling of Kai K and the fantastic fielding of Lennon P started well and were unlucky to miss out on the quarter finals, missing out by only 10 runs. The A team qualified for the quarter finals in great style though, with Kieran W starting with the ball and Josh L starting with the bat. The team's confidence continued to build and other players started to contribute to the wins including some great boundaries from Jack S. Following the defeat of local rivals Chesterton in the semi-finals the team faced Southwold in the final. Unfortunately for us we came up against an exceptional team who caught everything, bowled like Jimmy Anderson and batted like Joe Root. Needless to say, Southwold were deserving champions, however we did extremely well to make the final. A big thank you to Mr Cox, Mrs Hughes and Mrs Watson for their help. Mr S Roberts PE coordinator

FSU NEWS: The FS has been a hive of activity this week; it has been centred on the "Take One Picture" art project. Guided by Mrs Spearman the children have thoroughly explored light and dark, the effects of blowing air on strips of paper, birds and much more. We were thrilled to have archaeologist, Lucy Lawrence, visit us and explain what could be seen in the scientific jar in the picture. She showed us collections of skulls and many other artefacts. Children and staff alike were inspired by her presentation. We look forward to welcoming you this afternoon to share the children's art work. Next term the Reception children will start to experience whole school assemblies and spend lunch time on the KS1 field, this is part of our transition program in preparation for Yr1. Have a restful half term, many thanks for your continued support Mrs S Obinna FSU Leader.

NEW DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS: On 25th May 2018 there are some changes to the current data protection regulations called the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). At KMS we regard the protection of personal data relating to children and parents/carers as a very important matter. On the school website, in accordance with best practice; we have published our updated Data Protection Policy and Pupil Privacy Notice. The Pupil Privacy Notice outlines the pupil information that we collect, hold and share, including the lawful basis about how we use this information. If you would like a printed copy of the Data Protection Policy and Privacy Notice, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

APPROACHING STAFF: At times circumstances arise in school that pupils and parents find disappointing and frustrating. The school is always happy to explain the rationale behind an upsetting decision. However, staff must be treated with dignity and respect at all times. It is inappropriate and unacceptable to verbally abuse a member of staff.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME: We are expanding the Foundation Stage Unit to include the Studio and its garden. Due to this we now have a greenhouse that is surplus to requirements. If you would like it then please contact the school office. Please note that it will have to be dismantled and transported by the new owner.

UNIFORM: A polite reminder of our uniform policy. Shorts may be worn but they must be grey or black smart school shorts and not track suit bottom shorts. Football kits are not part of the uniform policy and should not be worn during PE lessons. Black, sensible school shoes or sandals should be worn and not colourful trainers, sandals or flip flops. I thank you in advance for your support.

DIARY DATES FOR THE WEEK AFTER HALF TERM:

- Monday 4th June – Term 6 starts
- Wednesday 6th – Friday 8th June - Y4 Grendon residential
- Friday 8th June – Puffin Class Assembly
- Saturday 9th June – Summer Fayre (12-3pm)

School closes today for the half term break. I hope you all have a healthy and happy holiday and that the sun shines on you wherever you may be. I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 4th June.



Mrs L Daulton
Headteacher

