



Dear Parents,

22nd March 2019

SNOWY OWL CLASS ASSEMBLY: This morning Mrs Powell's class treated us to a wonderful assembly. They showcased the work they have been doing this term. This included a French song about time and a musical composition. They also read out examples of persuasive texts and demonstrated how to change fractions into percentages. The highlight for me was their slide show on how they carried out a scientific investigation into wind resistance – it was brilliant. My thanks go to Mrs Powell, Mrs Babister and Miss Galic (student teacher) for all their hard work with the class.

SPORTS NEWS: Finals week at King's Meadow on Tuesday, we took our netball team to the North Oxfordshire Finals, which were held at Wykham Park Academy in Banbury. After a successful qualifying competition at The Bicester School, where the A team were semi-finalists and the B team won the Plate competition, the team were full of optimism. The draw saw the team up against Christopher Rawlins, Heyford Park, St. Josephs and Edward Field Schools. We were soon to find out this was the difficult side of the draw as Edward Field and St. Joseph's went on to contest the final. Even though we were unable to get out of the group stage, the team competed well in all four games, with some incredibly fast link up play and scrabbling for the ball. Two tight losses and two draws (one against the eventual champions) gave King's Meadow a top 10 finish to be proud of. The team played some of the best netball I have seen from a school team in many a year. Well done to all!

On Wednesday we took the hockey team over to The Cooper School to take part in the North Oxfordshire Finals. With 9 teams competing to be the best in North Oxfordshire King's Meadow began a little nervously, narrowly losing the first two games 1-0. Once the nerves had settled, and Edward had got used to the padding of his new goalkeeping outfit, the team began believing in themselves and competing for every ball. Edward became a wall in front of his own goal and repelled everything that came his way. After a few draws the outfield players finally found their shooting sticks, and wins soon followed. Great goals from Sam and Oliver brought some wild celebrations from everyone, including myself. The greatest achievement throughout the afternoon was seeing the team defeat the eventual champions. Christopher Rawlins had won every game throughout the afternoon and obviously knew they were favourites, but they soon knew they were in a game when Oliver scored early! This brought on a siege to the King's Meadow goal, but a determined defence led by Edward, Jennifer and Ellie who got in the way of everything that came their way. Their shots were chopped, hacked, kicked and smothered away from goal in a hugely entertaining rear-guard action. Supporters from other pitches, who had spotted what could be about to happen, started gathering around to cheer every save. At the final whistle everyone piled on top of their hero keeper and there was a round of applause for all who were watching. When the tournament came to an end, the team were thoroughly proud of themselves. They had had fun, had shown great determination and had learned a number of new skills. Finishing 6th in North Oxfordshire, when playing teams full of club players, is a great achievement. Thank you for a great afternoon! Mr Roberts, PE Coordinator

TITANIC WORKSHOP: On Tuesday the Year 2 children took part in a Titanic Workshop delivered by One Day Creative. They played games recreating features of this unsinkable ship, acted out each part of the journey from Southampton to when the iceberg struck, and role played the first, second and third class passengers that were on board. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable day. Mrs Ward, Assistant Head

FSU NEWS: This week has been assessment week for the Reception children and it has been wonderful to see the progress the children have made since December, we look forward to sharing this information with you at parents evening. The Nursery children have enjoyed their bakery role play area and have been learning traditional rhymes that link with this, such as "Pat a cake, pat a cake" and "Pop goes the weasel", please continue to practise these at home, many thanks. Mrs Obinna, Assistant Head

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- Children were assessed in Maths, Reading and SPaG
- The Choir performed in 'Children Singing for Children' at St Edburg's Church on Monday evening
- Y5 visited Henley on Tuesday
- Mrs Obinna led Early Years training for the Bicester partnership on Tuesday
- Miss Golden and Mr Laurie attended Safeguarding training on Tuesday
- Miss Rees attended Early years training on Thursday
- The Full Governing Body met on Thursday evening
- Some pupils visited Wyndham Care Home on Friday

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH: Environmental Health have visited the school kitchen this week and we are pleased to report that we have been awarded 5 Stars. A huge well done to Sue Tugwood, our Catering Supervisor, and her team for running such a fabulous kitchen.

Y4 PRODUCTION: The rehearsals are in full swing for the Y4 production of, 'Hansel and Gretel'. The performances take place next week: Monday (To school at 10am), Tuesday (To parents and the local community at 2pm) and Wednesday (To parents at 6pm). If you have a child in Y4 then I hope that you will be able to make one of the performances. Refreshments will be available.

EASTER BONNET PARADE: As is now the tradition at KMS, on Thursday 4th April we will be holding our annual Easter Bonnet competition. We ask the children to create an Easter bonnet at home and wear it in our Easter Parade. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for each phase of the school i.e. Foundation Stage, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2. Time to get creative!

STAFFING NEWS: Miss Fullbrook will be leaving us next Friday to follow a new and exciting career. We wish her all the very best for the future and thank her for her dedication to KMS over the past 4.5 years. Miss Ellis will be taking her place as Puffin Class Teaching Assistant. We have appointed Mrs Rebecca Zarcaro as the new Administrative Assistant to work in the school office. She will start after Easter.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: Please find attached the After-School Club programme for next term. I am pleased to report that two clubs are now open to the Reception children. These are Multi Sports on a Wednesday and Zumba on a Thursday. Places are limited at these clubs and will be offered on a strict first come first served basis. Please note the deadline for returning your After-School reply slips is Friday 5th April 2019.

EASTER LUNCH: You will hopefully all have seen the Easter Lunch menu which was sent via ParentMail a couple of weeks ago. Please be advised the deadline for booking this meal is Thursday 28th March 2019.

FORGET-ME-KNOT VISIT: On Thursday 28th March, Year 6 will be again attending the Forget-Me-Not session at the Methodist Church in town. We will be leaving at lunch-time and will be back at school before the end of the school day. As we had such a wonderful time at the session before Christmas, we hope to make this a termly visit. The Year 6s will be taking a home-made afternoon tea down with us, which we will prepare that morning and may showcase some of our assembly, which you will see on Friday morning. Thanks for your continued support with this project. Miss Golden, Upper Key Stage 2 coordinator

KS1 AFTERNOON TEA: On Wednesday KS1 will be treating their parents to Afternoon Tea for Mothers' Day. I am very much looking forward to joining them.

NON-UNIFORM DAY: Next Friday we are holding a non-uniform day. The 'fee' for this privilege is the donation of an Easter Egg. These eggs will then be used in the Easter Egg tombola on Thursday 4th April to raise money for the school.

END OF TERM EVENTS: Another busy end of term at KMS:

- Monday 25th March – Y4 Production to school
- Tuesday 26th March – Y4 Production 2pm
- Wednesday 27th March – KS1 Afternoon Tea / Y4 Production 6pm
- Thursday 28th March – Y6 Mother's Day Tea at the Methodist Church
- Friday 29th March –Year 6 assembly / Non-Uniform Day
- Monday 1st April – Reception assembly 9am / Headteacher's Afternoon Tea / Parents' Evening 3.30- 6 pm
- Tuesday 2nd April - House Maths competition / Musical Extravaganza 2pm / Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7pm
- Wednesday 3rd April – House Spelling Bee / Reading Champion and Maths Whizz treat
- Wednesday 3rd April- Easter Lunch
- Thursday 4th April – Nursery assembly 9am / Easter Bonnet Parade / Easter Tearoom and Easter Egg Tombola after school
- Friday 5th April – Easter Service 9.45am in St Edburg's Church / End of Term 1.30pm

Y6 CLASS ASSEMBLY: Dolphin and Elephant classes are putting on a joint assembly next Friday. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in Y6. Refreshments will be available at the end.

Have a good weekend



Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher