



Dear Parents,

8th March 2019

PUFFIN CLASS ASSEMBLY: Miss Ryczowski's class entertained us this morning with a wonderful assembly. They retold the story, 'Whatever Next' with great aplomb, told us facts and showed artwork about their study of Captain James Cook and shared their learning about the world. The highlight for me was their demonstration of the Cha-Cha – Puffin Class can certainly swing their hips! My thanks go to Miss Ryczowski and Miss Fullbrook for all their work with the class, to Mrs Biggs for manning the refreshment stall and to Mrs Law for her outstanding teaching of the Cha-Cha.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- Monday and Tuesday we held the very successful Book Fair after school
- Ms Rainer attended the 'Growing Future Leaders' course on Tuesday
- Mrs Fowler has attended a Maths moderation workshop on Tuesday
- Mrs Obinna attended the Early Years Briefing on Wednesday afternoon
- Year 3 children visited Bicester town centre on Thursday on a Geography field trip.
- Also today we held interviews to recruit a new administrative assistant to join our team, news on this will follow soon.

WORLD BOOK DAY: Yet again I have been astounded by the effort that has gone into the costumes for World Book Day – well done to you all! I, on the other hand, was a massive fail! I had my costume ready (honestly) and was all set to come to school as Mary Poppins. Unfortunately, an unscheduled important meeting came up that I could not possibly attend in a fancy-dress costume. I will be 'Practically Perfect in Every Way' next year! My thanks go to all of you for such creative costumes and to the teachers for planning such an exciting day celebrating literature.

BLISS CAKE SALE & RAFFLE: Hannah and Keith Cowley, who are parents at King's Meadow, are running the London Marathon on 28th April for Bliss. Bliss is a charity which supports babies who are born too early or too ill, and their parents. The charity is close to their hearts following the birth of their eldest daughter, Georgina, a former pupil at the school, at 26 weeks into pregnancy. Hannah will be holding a cake sale on today at 3.10 pm in the Quad raising money for the charity, so please drop by to say hello. In addition to this, we have been selling raffle tickets in school this week to win a book signed by David Walliams, which will be drawn during the cake sale.

SCHOOL MEALS: Unfortunately due to equipment failure, the school kitchen are unable to provide hot meals on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. All children who have booked school lunches will be provided with a cold option to include a sandwich, fruit and some cake. The replacement parts are due to arrive on Wednesday and an engineer is booked to come out and rectify the problem. We are hopeful that the normal menu will resume from Thursday, we will however let you know if there are any further changes. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

COMEDY CLUB: The PTA Comedy Club last Friday night was a huge success. Everybody had a great time at the sold-out event and over £800 was raised for the school all weather running track. My thanks go to the PTA for running such an enjoyable evening and to Lone Wolf for making us all laugh. Plans are afoot for more Comedy Club evenings in November and March – please watch out for details as the tickets go really quickly!

FSU NEWS: This week all the FS children have enjoyed some delicious food starting with pancakes, and learning about wholes, halves and quarters. We enjoyed the funny story of 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes', please ask your child what happens at the end. The Reception children have been writing instructions for how to make a jam sandwich and the nursery children have made plum pie! We look forward to our next reading morning with parents dropping in on Thursday 28th March at 9am. Mrs S.Obinna Assistant Head

BAGS2SCHOOL: Many thanks for the donations for Bags2School, your generosity has raised a fabulous £144.00 for the school. Mrs S.Obinna Assistant Head

YEAR 6 SWINDON STEAM MUSEUM TRIP: On Monday 11th March the Year 6 children will be dressing up as evacuees and travelling to Swindon Steam Museum for a WW2 experience. All children have been asked to bring with them a World War Two Lunch. All children need to arrive at school for 8.30am ready for a prompt departure at 8.45am

SPORTS UPDATE: It has been a busy week of sport at King's Meadow this week with hockey, football and athletics competitions. On Wednesday we took two teams over to The Cooper School to take part in the Bicester hockey tournament. With no one playing hockey outside of school in our teams we knew it would be a difficult task to qualify for the next round, but the children were keen to do their best. The B team, made up of Year 4/5 children, started with a promising draw and there was some great battling throughout the team. Tom and Jimmy brought their understanding of team games to help in defence while Meadow and Emily were tireless in midfield. The team were competitive throughout and continued to pick up draws but didn't have much luck in front of goal. They finished their pool in 6th place and have gathered some valuable experience for next years' competition. The A team, made up of year 6s were quite simply amazing! They quickly picked up the rules, battled hard and were full of pace going forward. Jasmine, Ellie and Jennifer lead the team from the back, battling hard and organising the boys. Oliver, Jayden, Sam and Edward hunted the ball down relentlessly and the team played some of the best hockey I have seen from a King's Meadow team. In the pool games they were not only undefeated, they didn't even concede a goal! In the semi-finals they came up against a very good Fritwell team, and although King's Meadow lost 1-0, they had already qualified for the finals and will be heading over to The Cooper School in two weeks to challenge for the North Oxfordshire title. Well done to all. On Thursday, we saw the visit of Chesterton to the football pitches at King's Meadow for a league game for the girls and a friendly for a mixed year 4/5 team. In torrential rain, the girls knew that a win would take them back to the top of the table, so they were keen to get stuck in on such a muddy pitch. They started brightly, first to every ball and putting Chesterton under pressure. Two goals from Ella, following an excellent build up by Jasmine, meant a 2-0 half-time lead. The girls continued to press in the second half, and with goals from Chloe and a hat-trick goal for Ella, saw a comfortable 4-0 win. A home game against Longfields next week looks to be an important top of the table clash. On the other pitch there was some wonderful football played by the team in a 2-1 victory. It was great to see so many year 4 children coming through with confidence on the ball and I look forward to seeing them in the regular team next year. A special mention must go to Zachery for an amazing strike for the first goal and to Jimmy who again showed great teamwork, organisation and sportsmanship skills on the pitch. A huge thank you to the crowd that turned up on such a miserable evening. Finally, this morning, we took our athletics team to the finals of the North Oxfordshire Indoor Athletics to compete against Bloxham, Langford, Edward Field, St John's and Hanwell Fields. The competition was extremely tough this year and even though we won a number of races we finished in 4th position behind the deserving winners Hanwell Fields. A huge well done to all those who took part and a thank you for making such an exciting morning.

COMIC RELIEF: This year's Red Nose Day is due to take place next Friday, 15th March 2019. All children are invited to come to school wearing non-uniform that includes something red! We will also be sending home a template for a 'Design a Rare Red Nose' competition. This will cost 50p per entry and there will be a winner for FSU, KS1, Lower KS2 & Upper KS2. We will also be holding a 'red nose swap shop' at break and lunchtime on the playground.

TIMES TABLE WORKSHOP: If you would like to learn more about how we are teaching Times Tables, how best to support your children and how to effectively use TT Rock stars, we will be holding a workshop for parents on Wednesday 13th March at 3:20pm. Refreshments and creche facilities will also be available during the session. If you would like to attend, please either email or speak to the office or return the slip that was sent home with your children yesterday. Ms K. Rainer, Maths coordinator

PTA MOVIE NIGHT: On Friday 15th March 2019 the PTA Movie Night will be taking place in school. The deadline for signing up to this event has now passed. We hope that all children attending this event have a great time and that it raises lots of money for the school.

DODGEBALL & HOMEWORK CLUB: Please be reminded that there will be no homework club or dodgeball on Friday 15th March.

GIRAFFE CLASS ASSEMBLY: Next Friday Miss Greatbatch's class will be putting on their class assembly. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in this class. Refreshments will be served at the end.

Have a good weekend



Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher