



Dear Parents,

5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**FOUNDATION STAGE ASSEMBLY:** On Monday the reception children treated us to a collection of stories they have been learning in their assembly. The children shared the wonderful tale of the Tiger Skin Rug and showcased their detailed Indian palaces. Well done to all the Reception staff, the children have clearly practised what they needed to say and impressed us all with their rhythms and actions when story telling the Three Bears. Mrs Obinna, Assistant Head

**HEADTEACHER'S TEA PARTY:** Unfortunately, due to illness I was not able to be at the Afternoon Tea Party this term. Mr Laurie and Mrs Lee hosted the event in my absence, and they both had a lovely time. The food was all prepared by our wonderful cook, Mrs Tugwood and it was enjoyed by all of the guests. My thanks go to Mrs Lee for arranging the table decorations and for organising the feast, Mrs Tugwood for creating such a scrumptious tea and to Mr Laurie for taking my place. The guests were:

Class	Head Teachers Tea Party Guests
FSU	Ruby S & Lainey R
Puffin	Theo R
Kingfisher	Maisee L
Swan	Amy D
Flamingo	Mia E
Lion	Adam C
Giraffe	Charlie E
Penguin	Evan C
Eagle	Ruby G
Snowy Owl	Reem H
Leopard	Anna G
Dolphin	Joe F
Elephant	Ryan B

**MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA:** This term's Musical Extravaganza was a great success. Many children performed and there was a good variety of instruments. It was wonderful to hear the Music Box students demonstrate their skills on drums and guitar for the first time. My thanks go to Mrs Spearman for organising the afternoon.

**PARENTS' EVENINGS:** I am pleased that so many of you were able to attend this week's parent consultations. If you were not able to meet with your child's teacher, then please make an appointment to see them at your earliest convenience. Thank you to all of you who filled in the Governors' questionnaire. It is most helpful to know what we are doing well and what we could do better. The results will be collated by the governors and reported back to you in due course.

**FSU NEWS:** Wow what wonderful assemblies both Nursery and Reception shared with us this week, many thanks to those parents who came to see, look out for photos on the website. The Reception children have been on a spring walk looking for clues. They have also had Hetty the Hen laying chocolate eggs for them and using their maths skills to work out how many more eggs are needed for everyone to have one. The Nursery children have been to the woods and found a lovely chocolate treat from the Easter bunny. They also explored a variety of real eggs such as quail, duck and chicken and made comparisons between them. Have a restful holiday, Happy Easter! Mrs Obinna, Assistant Head

**MATHS COMPETITION:** On Tuesday morning we held our House maths competition. We have some gifted mathematicians in school and they all battled stoically to be crowned their year group champion. My thanks go to Ms Rainer for running the competition. The winners were:

<b>Maths Challenge Winners</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>
1	Keavy W (Thames)	Matilda A (Avon)	Evie C (Derwent)
2	Isaac W (Thames)	Ethan B (Avon)	Jack S (Derwent)
3	Charlie E (Derwent)	Jack T (Thames)	Devon H-R (Severn)
4	Isla W (Thames)	Joshua D (Derwent)	Daisy J-L (Thames)
5	Shaynah S (Thames)	Georgia B (Avon) Gus P (Severn)	
6	Isaac B (Avon)	George H (Derwent)	Ella T (Thames)

**SPELLING BEE:** On Wednesday morning we held this term's Spelling Bee. I was most impressed by the spelling ability in the school – some winners had to be decided by spelling words from a higher year group! My thanks go to Mrs Ward for organising the competition. The winners were:

<b>Spelling Bee Winners</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>
1	Jack B (Avon)	Emmanuella M (Derwent) Finley H (Derwent)	
2	Ethan B (Avon)		Molly J-L (Thames) Harry D (Derwent)
3	Peter L (Severn)	Liv B (Avon)	Leia L (Severn) Harrison L (Severn)
4	Jessica S (Thames)	Daisy J-L (Thames)	Roxanne B (Avon) Tom M (Severn)
5	Dariana P (Severn)	Zac T (Thames) Zac W (Thames)	
6	Grace H (Derwent)	Isaac B (Avon)	Phoebe A (Avon)

**READING AND MATHS CHAMPIONS' TREAT:** On Wednesday afternoon we took our Maths Whizz and Reading Champions for their termly treat to Bicester Bowl. The children were being rewarded for their time spent reading, or their time spent working hard on Mathletics. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit and are excited to hear about what the next treat will be in the Summer Term. Mrs Ward and Ms Rainer.

**EASTER BONNET PARADE:** Yesterday we held our Easter Bonnet parades and it was very difficult to choose the winners. The pupils had put in a lot of effort and I was most impressed by the creativity and originality of the hats. The children 'paraded' in their phases and a winner was chosen from each one. The winners were:

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Easter Bonnet Winners</b>
Nursery	Oscar W
Reception	Riva B
1 & 2	Billy D
3 & 4	Kacie S
5 & 6	Edward S

**SPORTS UPDATE:** This week saw two of our teams compete in the Oxfordshire Youth Games, the annual event that invites the top teams from the different regions around Oxfordshire. Following their success in the North Oxfordshire Finals the Year 5/6 cross country girls and the Year 4 footballers had both qualified.

Cross Country: On Tuesday morning we were extremely thankful to Langford School for their help with transport to Tilsley Park, Abingdon, for the cross country. Unfortunately, the beautiful weather we saw at the weekend had well and truly gone and the poor girls were faced with torrential rain and a chilling 5 degrees. The course provided extremely difficult running conditions, but despite a few falls and some very muddy outfits, Jasmine H, Chloe B and Meadow S were a great credit to themselves and the school. A top 10 team finish, out of 238 Oxfordshire schools, is a fantastic achievement. Well done girls, I hope you have warmed up!

Football: With snow, hail and thunder around on Wednesday afternoon, we got lucky down in Abingdon where the sun shone on our Year 4 footballers. After winning the Bicester event back in October, and reaching the semi-final stage of the North Oxfordshire finals in November, the team were one of 20 teams who had qualified. The team, consisting of Tom, Finley, Zac, Daisy, Ellie, Hope and Evan, were seeded in the Plate competition where they played Crowmarsh, Grove, East Oxford and Kingham, in the group stage. After a slow start in the first game, some great battling from Evan and goals from Tom helped the team come back from 2-0 down for draw 2-2. Two convincing wins and an unlucky defeat followed which gave King's Meadow a semi-final place against Bloxham. In a tight semi-final, Zac scored early but the player of the match was definitely Ellie, who pulled off a number of great saves and helped the team into a well-deserved final. Unfortunately, the final was one step too far and King's Meadow were defeated 3-0 by a very impressive St. Ebbs performance. Myself and Mrs Redding thoroughly enjoyed watching the great football on show and the children were all extremely happy with their silver medals. I look forward to seeing them all in our football teams next year. Mr Roberts, PE Co-ordinator

**NURSERY ASSEMBLY:** The 'aah' factor was in abundance on Tuesday morning as our youngest pupils treated us to their assembly. They retold some traditional tales, performed 3 songs and showed their art work. It was brilliant! My thanks go to Mrs Obinna, Mrs Holt, Mrs Peacock and Mrs Cox for all their hard work with the children.

**EASTER TOMBOLA AND TEA SHOPPE:** Yesterday we held our annual Easter Egg Tombola and Cafe. Despite the rain, both were very well attended. Thank you for supporting this by donating an Easter egg, baking a cake, participating in the tombola or visiting the café. My thanks go to the PTA for organising such a fun afternoon to celebrate the end of term. This raised over £500 for the school funds!

**MESSAGE FROM THE PTA:** The totals for the latest PTA fundraising are as follows:

- Y4 performances £151.56
- Easter tombola £369
- Easter tea shop £134.83 (which includes red nose merchandise sales of £33)
- The tea shop/tombola total is just over £50 more than last year, plus the red nose sales.

We would also like to thank the Co-op on Bucknell Road for their generous donation of cakes for the Easter Café. We hope everyone has a good Easter break. Claire Doolan, PTA Treasurer

**WRAP AROUND CARE AND SCHOOL DINNERS:** Please remember to book School Dinners and Wrap Around Care for next term on ParentPay. You can do this at any time until the end of the day on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April. If you use childcare vouchers for Wrap Around Care please email or post your forms into the office by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April. Forms are available on the school website.

**STAFFING NEWS:** I am delighted to report that, following interviews, Mr Richard Cox has been promoted to a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) with immediate effect. Mr Cox will be replacing Ms Rainer as Lower KS2 Phase Leader and Maths Co-ordinator when she assumes her new responsibilities of Foundation Stage Leader. I am very pleased with Mr Cox's appointment and know that his contributions will ensure that KMS continues to be an excellent school.

**EASTER SERVICE:** The term was rounded off nicely this morning when we held our Easter service in St Edburg's Church. The Y3 children acted out the Easter Story brilliantly and the school choir performed two beautiful songs. Mr Ely's talk, with some teacher participation, was both thought provoking and fun. My thanks go to Mrs Spearman for organising the service, the Y3 team for putting together such an excellent dramatization and to Mr Ely for his sermon. It was lovely that 150 of you were able to join us at this special event – thank you for coming along.

I hope that you all have a happy and healthy Easter and I look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.**

Have a good weekend

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Daulton', written in a cursive style.

Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher