



Dear Parents and Carers,

17th May 2019

KINGFISHER ASSEMBLY: What a great way to start a Friday morning – watching Miss Meyer’s class dancing. They were great! In addition to telling us facts about the UK and singing an action song about a dragon called, Keith, they performed two dance routines – Zumba and a Salsa. I was most impressed with their rhythm and the shaking of their hips! My thanks go to Miss Meyer, Mrs Biggs and Mrs Law for all their hard work with the class.

SATS: We were proud of the way the Y6 and the Y2 children have handled their SATs tests this week. They all tried their best and were in good spirits throughout. Well done to you all.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNORS: Governor visit update – School Development Plan – Literacy. I visited the school on the 9th May to meet with Mrs Ward to discuss progress regarding the literacy area of the School Development Plan. We reviewed the huge range of developments which have taken place so far to boost literacy across the school. These include: story sacks for FSU, reading competitions, access to the library at break times, reading focused visits to Bicester Library and Wyndham Care Home, parent information evenings and teaching visits to other local schools to share ideas. This is having a positive impact on literacy, reading and comprehension across the school as evidenced in the recent assessments and Mrs Ward is continually reflecting and thinking of new ways to boost literacy. Mrs S. Hill, Chair of Governors

FSU NEWS: The Reception children have continued with their story ‘The Smartest Giant in Town’ and have created boats and tested them, finding out about what materials are good for floating and sinking. The Nursery children have thoroughly enjoyed watching the track being built on the field; this has supported our topic on transport very well! We have also been learning about Ramadan and would like to thank those parents that have contributed and supported this. We are all excited about Art Week next week and exhibiting our work for parents to view. Mrs S. Obinna, Assistant Head

ALL WEATHER RUNNING TRACK: Work started last Monday on the installation of the all-weather running track. It is coming along nicely and should be ready for use next Wednesday. I would like to thank the PTA for their generous donation of £15,000 to fully fund this project.

PARENTING WORKSHOP: We will be offering a 5 week Positive Parenting course from Thursday 13th June until Thursday 11th July. This course will be held in the school and run by Bex Dalton, our Home School Link Worker (HSLW) and Karen Ariss from Abingdon and Witney College. The course is free and will run from 9 – 11 am on Thursday mornings. If you are interested in attending, then please contact the school office. Please note that places are limited.

NON SCHOOL-UNIFORM DAY: KMS certainly had a ‘party’ feel today as the children came to school dressed in their home clothes. Thank you for sending in bottles or jars for the PTA tombolas. As you can see from the piece about the running track – every child in school gains from the money raised by our hardworking and dedicated PTA. Please continue to support their good work.

NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL: You are invited to go along to St Edburg's School on Wednesday 22nd May from 6pm to hear more about Bicester's newest secondary school, Whitelands Academy, due to open in September 2020. This will be an opportunity to hear from both Oxfordshire County Council and The White Horse Federation.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL: Following parents' recent concerns, we can confirm that we are still waiting for Oxfordshire County Council to recruit a new School Crossing Patrol person. In the meantime, please take extra care when crossing the road outside school.

BOREATTON PARK TRIP: On Monday, Year 4 children embarked on a residential trip to Boreatton Park in Shropshire. While there, they had the opportunity to try a variety of activities. They especially enjoyed raft building, trapeze, wall climbing and the zip wire. All the children showed their growth mindsets, inspiring bravery and excellent teamwork throughout the trip. Their maturity grew over the three days and we know that the new skills they have developed will follow them through the rest of their time at Kings Meadow. Mrs L. Bailey, Penguin Class Teacher

DANCING COMPETITION: Tomorrow our Y4 and Y6 dance teams will be competing in the regional round of the UK dancing schools' competition. They have worked so hard and been taught so well by Mrs Law that I am sure they will do well. Good luck to you all!

ART WEEK: Next week we will be participating in the National Gallery's 'Take One Picture' initiative. The staff have been working hard to create interesting activities for the children to do based on a famous piece of fine art. The picture will be unveiled to the children next week. Please pop in at the end of school next Friday to see what your child has been creating; this week always results in outstanding artwork by the children. My thanks go to Mrs Spearman and Miss Chevis for leading this so expertly for the school.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- Leopard class visited Pizza Express to learn about ingredients and make their own pizzas on Tuesday
- Ms Rainer attended a Designated Safeguarding Lead course on Thursday
- The Full Governing Board (FGB) had their meeting on Thursday evening
- Miss Chevis and Miss Ryczowski presented the new history and geography curriculum to the Senior Leadership Team on Tuesday and to the FGB on Thursday evening.
- Mrs Hargreaves-Hands attended the FGB on Thursday evening to present the new budget

Y4 ASSEMBLY: Next Friday the Y4 classes will be putting on a joint assembly all about their adventures in Boreatton Park this week. 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