



Dear Parents and Carers,

19th July 2019

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY: On Wednesday morning the Y6 treated us to their last ever assembly at KMS. It was a very moving occasion and there was not a dry eye in the house. Well done Y6 you have gone out with a bang!

Y6 END OF YEAR TREATS: As well as being emotional, it has also been a very busy week in Year 6. On Monday evening, the children and staff celebrated a fantastic year with a Pizza Party on the school field. On Tuesday, the children had an amazing day in London. Firstly, they visited the Imperial Museum, linked to their World War II topic. They then walked to the South Bank and after a picnic lunch by the Thames, boarded the London Eye to take in the sights of London from the air. The sightseeing did not stop there, as the children took a return boat trip down the Thames to Tower Bridge. On Wednesday, the two classes took part in the annual Year 6 'Water fight' against the staff. Great fun was had by all

HOUSE COMPETITION: Huge congratulations to Thames, who are the 2019/2020 KMS House Champions. House Captain, Elise W, received the trophy on behalf of Thames in today's assembly. Second place went to Avon, followed by Severn and then Derwent. The points clock now resets for the new academic year starting in September.

HEADTEACHERS AFTERNOON TEA: I had a very enjoyable afternoon on Monday when I was joined in my office for afternoon tea by the 'outstanding' pupils of the term, as nominated by their teachers. Mrs Lee organised the table decorations and the food and drinks – and we were very spoiled! Thank you, Mrs Lee. My guests were as follows:

Class	Pupil
FSU	Rosie F
Puffin	Maya K
Kingfisher	Lexie-Mae W
Swan	Mikayla W
Flamingo	Harry S
Lion	Aimee C
Giraffe	Amy C
Penguin	Katie L
Eagle	Milly Y
Snowy Owl	Dilyan D
Leopard	Lauren N
Dolphin	Holly C
Elephant	Charlie R

WOODLAND NEWS: We are delighted to announce that we have received the Bronze award from the Woodland Trust. In November we will be receiving a variety of trees and bushes ready to be planted in our extended Woodland area. If you would be interested in supporting the school by giving up your time to help plant the trees, please see Miss Rees.

FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS: This week the children met their new teachers and had a fantastic time. They felt very grown up moving to the next year group. We watched the performance of Jungle Book, which all the children watched intently and were very brave when Shere Khan, the tiger, came on stage. They have also been saying good bye to their Year 6 buddies. I would like to wish you a fantastic summer holiday and we look forward to the children returning in September. Ms Rainer, Early Years Co-ordinator

STAFF NEWS: Today we bid a fond farewell to two popular members of our school: Mrs Redding, who has a new teaching post at Glory Farm and Mrs Law whose 1:1 child is moving to secondary school. I would like to thank them both for all that they have brought to King's Meadow over the years and wish them all the very best in their new ventures. I am pleased to report, however, that Mrs Law will be returning to King's Meadow in September in her capacity as a dance teacher. She will be teaching dance across the school on three afternoons per week.

Miss Greatbatch is getting married in August and will return to us in September as Mrs Heason. I know that she will make a very beautiful bride and I am sure that you all join with me in wishing her, and her husband to be, a long and happy life together.

JUNGLE BOOK: The children all very much enjoyed watching M&M Theatrical Productions performance of Jungle Book on Thursday Morning- what a fantastic way to end the term!

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 94.79%, and the overall attendance for the academic year was 96.28%.

Class	Attendance w/c 15/07/19	Yearly Attendance
Yellow Wagtail	88.28%	94.44%
Red Kite	96.67%	94.97%
Bluebird	93.75%	95.29%
Kingfisher	93.75%	95.40%
Puffin	89.81%	96.33%
Swan	98.08%	98.20%
Flamingo	90.74%	95.40%
Giraffe	96.25%	97.37%
Lion	90.83%	96.15%
Eagle	99.17%	96.82%
Penguin	98.79%	97.19%
Snowy Owl	92.31%	96.20%
Leopard	93.27%	96.27%
Elephant	98.70%	95.95%
Dolphin	97.84%	96.24%

The best class this week was Eagle class with 99.17% which is fantastic. The class with the winning attendance this year was Swan class with 98.20%- well done Swan class!

STRICTLY FINAL: On Sunday our Y4 and Y6 Strictly Dance Teams take to the stage for the grand final of the national competition. This will be judged by Brendan Cole, of Strictly fame, and this promises to be very exciting for all involved. Good luck everyone!

PTA NEWS:

SCHOOL START AND FINISH TIMES: As mentioned in the Newsletter dated 5th July 2019, due to issues securing the school site at both ends of the day (including parents being locked in!), we have decided that from September there will be one start time and one finish time throughout the school (Nursery – Y6). The school day will start at 8.45am and finish at 3.10pm for all. The 15 hours Nursery children will continue to end their day at lunch time.

PRICE INCREASES: Oxfordshire County Council has increased the prices of meals from September. This impacts Breakfast Club, Lunch and Koalas. The new prices will be:

- Breakfast Club £4.50
- Lunch £2.35
- After School Club: £8 (if attending an after school club) £9.50 (Full session)

SCHOOL DINNERS & WRAP AROUND CARE: Please remember the last day for booking Wrap Around Care and School Dinners for the first week of term is Thursday 29th August. If you pay via childcare vouchers please e-mail your forms (available from the school website) to finance.2210@kings-meadow.oxon.sch.uk by this date also reflecting the new prices in your payments.

END OF TERM: Today we close for the summer holidays. It has been an excellent year for KMS. The children performed well academically across the school: the GLD scores for Reception, the Y1 Phonics screening, the KS1 SATs and the Y6 SATs were all above the National Average. We have been very successful on both the sports field and the dancing stage and have won this year's Bicester Film Festival. We have all been inspired by the curricular themed weeks – International Week, Art Week and Healthy Schools Week. The children enjoyed participating in World Book Day, the 'P' Factor and KMS's Got Talent. Parental presence at our information evenings has been high and we hope this will continue. The PTA have run some great events and raised a lot of money for the school allowing them to pay for the All-Weather Running Track- the children love it and use it on a daily basis. The school has passed the financial, safeguarding and health & safety audits with flying colours and, of course, we had our very successful OFSTED inspection this year. We have been busy! I would like to thank the wonderful staff at KMS who always go the 'extra mile' for the children. My thanks also go to the School Governors who provide excellent support and challenge to the school. And finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support.

I hope you all have a very happy and healthy holiday and look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 4th September.

Have a good weekend



Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher