



Dear Parents and Carers,

18th October 2019

HARVEST FESTIVAL: We had a wonderful Harvest Festival this morning in church. The whole school sang beautifully. The choir performed an uplifting song and our percussionists accompanied the 'Harvest Samba' perfectly. The Y5 pupils led the service and it was excellent. Their opening number 'The Greatest Sow' was an absolute showstopper and the rest of their production was of an equally high standard. Well done to all the Y5 pupils and a thank you to Mrs Bailey, Miss McGuire and Mrs Chaundy for all their hard work with the children. My thanks also go to Mrs Spearman for coordinating the event for us, to Mrs Dodson-Wells (mum of Riley) for conducting the choir and to the army of volunteers who helped to walk the school to and from church.

RECEPTION HARVEST CELEBRATION: On Thursday the Reception children treated us to their very first assembly. They sang a couple of harvest songs and performed their entries for the 'P' Factor competition. It was lovely. My thanks go to Ms Rainer, Miss Rees, Mrs Fowler, Mrs Watson, Mrs Holt, Mrs Beckett and Mrs Jordan for all their hard work with the children.

PARKING: Some parents have been complaining to the school about the inconsiderate and illegal parking outside school. I have spoken to some of the drivers and asked them to move on and have reported this matter to the police. The school has no authority to enforce parking regulations - that is the remit of the police. However, the school has requested that the police come and deal with this hazardous situation and this could result in penalty notices being served. It is disappointing that the school has had to resort to such measures, but the regular requests to park considerately have been ignored.

FSU NEWS: In Reception this week we have been celebrating the Hindu festival of Diwali, through learning about the traditional celebrations, making diva lamps, dressing up and making Rangoli patterns in the garden. On Wednesday our Year 6 buddies came to visit us. First, we shared a story and then we had a great time in the Reception garden. The Year 6's were very sad to leave and we are really looking forward to them coming back another day. In addition, we performed our first assembly to parents which was a great success. Thank you to all those parents, friends and family who were able to join us. Ms Rainer FSU leader

The highlight of the week for Nursery was the visit from Henry's Dad Matt. He kindly drove his tractor to school and told us all about it. The Ducklings loved watching the loader go up and down and the lights spin round. A huge thank you to Matt for such an enjoyable visit. Also, we enjoyed singing our two songs to parents on Wednesday. We've enjoyed sampling more delicious bakes from George and Karim and have made jam tarts to go with the 'Thelma Three' story. We're looking forward to International Week next week. Workshops have been booked for the morning slots, so the part time children won't miss out. However, Peter Chand, storyteller is on Tuesday at 2.30pm. The morning children are welcome to return to school for this and then be picked up from the classroom at 3.10pm. Please sign up for your child by Monday so that we know numbers. Mrs Spearman Nursery teacher

Y4 TRIP: Great fun was had by all when Year 4 were invited to Waddesdon Manor to plant tulip bulbs in their Tulip Garden. We took part in three activities which included planting bulbs in pots, planting them in the ground and making an origami flower. The children enjoyed the freedom of getting muddy by popping lot of bulbs into plugs and covering it up again with their hands. The discovery of so many worms and insects gave us the opportunity to discuss their habitat. We are hoping to revisit the Manor in the Spring to see our bulbs in flower. Should you get the chance to visit the Manor, look out for the pots labelled King's Meadow School. Mrs Smith, Mr Roberts and Mrs Heason (Y4 team)

Y2 VISITOR: During this term Year 2 have been looking at leadership and recognising the qualities needed to be a leader. They have written letters to the Queen and have already received an exciting response from Balmoral Castle. On Monday Reverend Hill from Emmanuel Church came to visit and answered the many questions the children had about being a Vicar and the many roles that involves. They were shown what was used to perform a Christening and the ceremonial gowns and stoles that are worn by Reverend Hill. We would all like to thank him for giving up his precious time to talk to us. Mrs Smith and Mrs Tugwell HLTAs

JOY LEWIS: I, along with some other members of staff, attended the funeral of Joy Lewis yesterday. It was a very moving service and one that reflected what a wonderful lady she was. Joy taught at KMS several years ago and ran Kings' Club up until she took ill last summer. She regularly led assemblies in school and often played the keyboard in church at our services. She gave a lot to KMS over the years and we will miss her greatly.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS: The Tempest photographer will be visiting the school on Wednesday 6th November 2019 for family and individual photographs.

Family Photographs

Families with pre-school and/or secondary school children will have photographs taken from 8.15am until 9.00am. Please queue outside The ICT Room, fire door at the front of the school.

Families Photographs, where two or more children are all at King's Meadow School, will be taken later in the morning.

Individual Photographs

All King's Meadow School children will have individual photographs taken.

There is no obligation to purchase any of the photographs taken during the day. However, if you do decide to purchase copies, you should adhere to the deadline date on the order form, which you will receive with a proof copy. Late orders do incur an additional charge from the photography company.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- Mr Laurie and Miss McGuire attended Educational Visits Coordinator training
- Nursery performed a couple of harvest songs to their parents
- The headteacher of Ducklington Primary visited to look at how we teach guided reading in school and has taken away fresh ideas to implement at Ducklington

INTERNATIONAL WEEK: We will be holding our annual International Week next week. This is a hugely popular event at school and this year promises to be as exciting as previous years. Each year group will be studying a different country and there will be activities running through the week linked to the theme of Spirituality. To explore this theme, we have a Rabbi and a Hindu Temple visiting to explain aspects of their faiths. Google are returning with their Virtual Reality headsets and, in addition to seeing landmarks from their chosen country, the children will 'visit' places of religious significance from around the world. Peter Chand will be coming back to entertain us with stories from Southern India. One Day Creative will be teaching the children Aboriginal and Ramayana spiritual dances and our own dancing expert, Andrea Law, will be teaching the children dances from their chosen country. The children will all participate in a Gamelan workshop and will have Indian cooking lessons from Mrs Sharma (mother of Shaynah in Y6 and Sammy in Y4). As is the past, International Food Tasting will take place on the Friday morning. We invite the children to come to school dressed in the colours of the flag that their class has been studying and to sample foods from around the world. The event will conclude with parents being invited to come in to school and see a showcase of work from International Week (3.10pm). This is a fun and enriching week for the children but, unfortunately, it is not free, and the cost cannot be fully met by the school budget. The PTA have kindly donated £2500 towards the costs and we are asking for contributions of £12 per child or £20 per family. Thank you to those of you who have made contributions, but some are still outstanding. No child will miss out due to lack of payment but, if insufficient funds are received then we will not be able to offer such a wide and varied experience next year. I thank you in advance for your support.

The countries being studied are:

- Nursery Netherlands
- Reception Spain
- Y1 Australia
- Y2 Russia
- Y3 Mexico
- Y4 Japan
- Y5 Thailand
- Y6 Kenya

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 97.60%

Bluebird: 93.33%	Yellow Wagtail: 99.00%
Red Kite: 90.00%	Puffin: 99.13%
Kingfisher: 98.33%	Swan: 97.31%
Flamingo: 97.04%	Giraffe: 99.26%
Lion: 97.78%	Eagle: 100.00%
Penguin: 98.00%	Leopard: 99.26%
Snowy Owl: 99.35%	Dolphin: 98.46%
Elephant: 94.81%	

The best class this week was Eagle class with 100.00%. Well done!

Have a good weekend

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