



Dear Parents and carers,

29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**CAROLS AROUND THE PIANO:** It was lovely that so many of you were able to join us this morning for our first Carols around the Piano of this academic year. There was a festive atmosphere in the hall as we all sang the likes of, 'Jingle Bells' and 'O Come All Ye Faithful'. A great way to start the morning! My thanks go to Mrs Spearman for playing the piano and organising the session.

**CHRISTMAS ART AND CRAFT DAY:** Christmas has arrived at King's Meadow! The children have been immersed in Christmassy activities all day and the classrooms have been decorated. My thanks go to all of you who sent in items for the PTA tombolas.

**FSU NEWS:** Reception had an exciting visit from the Fire Service this week. Part way through they were called away to a road traffic incident and we were able to watch them in full action preparing themselves and the fire engine to leave, all sirens blazing. The children really enjoyed our People Who Help Us topic and can be regularly found in the role play area being police officers or fire fighters. They have even arrested some of the teachers! They have also been working hard, writing about the police as part of our assessment week. This week Nursery have been focusing on houses. It was good to have lots of photos sent in from home and we enjoyed looking at the shapes and numbers. We read " The Chimpanzees of Happy Town" and made our own very colourful houses which brighten up the front shelter. Ms Rainer FSU leader

**MATHS CHALLENGE:** This takes place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Years 1-3 are from 9:00am-10:00am and Years 4-6 are from 10:00am-11:00am. Please try to come along and support your child if they are participating.

YR	Avon		Derwent		Severn		Thames	
1	Riva B	Finley M	Emily P	Noah H	Owen L	Emily V	Leo S	Ruby S
2	Jack B	Gabriel J	Freddie D	Finley H	Lexi L	Harrison C-B	Keavy W	Alex G
3	Ethan B	William C	Eddie H	Jack S	Avreek U	Ava-Grace L	Harry S	Tyger T
4	Amy C	Izzy B	Harry F	Noah C	Peter L	Harrison L	Chui-Ha W	Amelie T
5	Evan C	Ellie A	Josh D	Jack H	Tom M	Dennis M	Daisy J-L	Jessica S
6	Georgie B	Abigail C	Irene B	Adam B	Jimmy M	Gus P	Shaynah S	Sean L-R

**SPELLING BEE:** This takes place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Years 1-3 are from 9:00am-10:00am and Years 4-6 are from 10:00am-11:00am Please try to come along and support your child if they are participating.

YR	Avon		Derwent		Severn		Thames	
1	Riva B	Isla S	Noah H	Rosie F	Owen L	Sophie H	Grace S	Lenny F
2	Jack B	Matilda A	Emmanuella M	Finley H	Abigail A	Lexi L	Alex G	Keavy W
3	Mia S	Abigail A	Harry D	Jack S	Ava M	Ava-Grace L	Harry S	Molly J-L
4	Liv B	Lilly H	Jack F	Alfie H-H	Peter L	Clinton M	Abi S	Sammy S
5	Roxy B	Chlauvaughn C	Josh D	Jack H	Henry L	Tom M	Jessica S	Daisy J-L
6	Sophy A	Jamie C	Emily C	Isaac H	Gus P	Darianna P	Zachery T	Shaynah S

**FENCING:** After a long consultation, Oxfordshire County Council has agreed that the school may take ownership of the parking and grassed areas in front of the school. This is fantastic news and it means that we can now use the large grassed area for the children to play on and have lessons outdoors. This will be particularly good in the warm summer months, as the tall trees provide a lot of shade. The new school boundaries will be at the newly erected fences and gates. I would like to thank Mrs Claire Starkey, School Governor, and Mrs Hargreaves-Hands for their hard work (over several years!) with the council, which has resulted in the school being given this extra piece of land. Well done!

**SPORTS NEWS:** It has been a busy couple of weeks for sport at King's Meadow. Last Thursday we took a group of Year 3/4 girls to a multi-sports event at the sports centre where they took part in a number of activities such as obstacle races, dance and boxing. A similar event was held this week for the boys where they also enjoyed the boxing and using the spring board in a gymnastics activity. Both groups really enjoyed the event and a number of children were nominated for demonstrating a great passion for sport. Well done to all of those that went. Last Wednesday we were visited by a member of British Cycling, who ran fun cycling sessions with the year 5s and 6s. Lots of children brought in their own bikes but British Cycling also brought theirs to share around. Each session began with bike handling and safety before some fun bike races and relays around the school field. Those who found it difficult, or had never ridden a bike before were given the opportunity to have a go, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Finally, our footballers had their first game yesterday. We took the A team away to Glory Farm but after a bright start and great header by Samuel S to open the scoring, Glory Farm deservedly came back and won the game 2-1. However, Man of the Match performances from Gus P and Evan C leave us with some great optimism for future games.

**FLU VACCINATIONS:** Flu Vaccinations are due to take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 for all children in Reception - Year 6. If you have not yet provided your online consent and wish your child to receive the vaccine please do so no later than Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019. The details on how to do so have been provided by ParentMail, please speak to the office if you need further assistance.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019, we will be having our annual Christmas Lunch. If your child would like a Christmas Lunch this year, please remember to book this via ParentPay by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

**BUGGIES:** Please leave buggies outside when attending school events. If a child is sleeping, then the pram can be left in the reception area. The baby will be clearly visible from the back of the hall where the audience sits. The hall is not big enough to accommodate the whole school, parents and buggies. It is also a health and safety hazard as it makes moving around and out of the hall difficult. For the Nativity performances, please park your buggies in the bike sheds. Thank you.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:** We have a busy few weeks ahead so here is a reminder of what's going on:

- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** Y3 Hill End Trip (Lion Class) / Y1 Nativity to parents 2pm
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** Y3 Hill End Trip (Giraffe Class) / Y1 Nativity to parents and the community 2pm
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December** Maths Challenge (Y1-3 at 9am & Y4-6 at 10am)
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December** Spelling Bee (Y1-3 at 9am & Y4-6 at 10am) / Musical Extravaganza 1.30pm
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** Carols around the piano 8.20 am / PTA Christmas Fayre after school
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December** Flu Vaccinations for children in Reception- Year 6
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** Y2 Nativity to parents 6pm
- **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** Whole school visit to the Pantomime
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** Nursery Nativity to parents 9.10am / Maths Whizz and Reading Champion treat / Y2 Nativity to parents 2pm
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December** Carols Around the Piano 8.20 am
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** Nursery Nativity to parents 9.10am / Head Teacher's Celebration Afternoon Tea 2pm
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** Reception Nativity to parents 2pm / Koalas' Christmas party
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** School Christmas Dinner
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** Carol Concert in St Edburg's Church am / Christmas Jumper Day / School closes for Christmas 1.30pm

**IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:**

- The staff had a mindfulness yoga session on Monday
- Penguin Class visited Pizza Express on Tuesday
- Mrs Powell attended a Reading Course on Wednesday
- Mrs Ward attended a Designated Safeguarding Lead forum in Oxford on Thursday
- Y3 & Y4 Boys attended a Sports Festival at The Bicester School on Thursday
- The Full Governing Body met last night
- 15 children participated in the Cross-Country Final today (results to follow next week)

**ATTENDANCE:** The attendance for the school this week was 93.66% this was due to a sickness bug that has been rife amongst both pupils and staff. Please be reminded that all children who are suffering from sickness or diarrhoea should remain off school until 48 hours after the symptoms have subsided.

Bluebird: 94.00%	Yellow Wagtail: 92.00%
Red Kite: 93.81%	Puffin: 96.67%
Kingfisher: 94.27%	Swan: 91.48%
Flamingo: 96.30%	Giraffe: 95.93%
Lion: 95.56%	Eagle: 90.00%
Penguin: 96.00%	Leopard: 92.67%
Snowy Owl: 96.77%	Dolphin: 85.00%
Elephant: 94.07%	

The class with the best attendance this week was Snowy Owl Class with 96.77%, Well done!

Have a good weekend



Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher