



Dear Parents and Carers,

8th November 2019

EAGLE CLASS ASSEMBLY: Well done to Mr Roberts' class for a brilliant assembly this morning. They demonstrated confidently the tricky concept of decomposition in maths, played some tunes on the recorder and told us about the topics they have studied since returning to school in September. They have studied Rivers, Japan and are now investigating Ancient Egypt. What a busy class. A highlight of the assembly was an Egyptian fact song set to the tune of the Bangles' hit, 'Walk Like an Egyptian' – most of the adults found it hard to keep their arms still during this performance! My thanks go to Mr Roberts and Mrs Smith for all their hard work with the class.

HOMEWORK: Staff at the Koalas Wrap Around Care are concerned that parents have the expectation that they will do their child's reading and homework whilst at the club. Reading for the younger pupils needs to be done on a 1:1 basis and this is something that the Koalas cannot provide. The expectation from the school is that parents hear their children read regularly at home. This is a key role that parents play in ensuring that their child reaches their true potential. The staff are happy for children to do their homework and read whilst in their care, but they cannot have a member of staff offering them 1:1 support. The school runs a Homework Club on Fridays, free of charge, where children can be offered help with their studies.

FSU NEWS: In Reception, this week, we have been reading 'Pumpkin Soup'. We went into the woodland area and found a very large pumpkin, which we all helped to carve and made into pumpkin soup. Lots of the children thought it was delicious and even had seconds. We have also been learning about Guy Fawkes and why we have Bonfire Night and fireworks. We watched clips of fireworks and created firework poems. In the garden the children have created firework dances using fabric and used the log pile to create a 'bonfire' for toasting marshmallows. Next week the Reception classes will be visiting the cinema and welcoming parents to our second book share session. We hope you will be able to join us on Thursday 9-9:30 am. As before, please wait in the school Reception and a member of the FS team will welcome you once the children are registered and settled. This week in Nursery has been all about fireworks. We have enjoyed swirling about with scarves, splatter painting and doing glitter firework name writing. Thank you so much to the fabulous response to the reading homework. It's not too late to do it! Ms Rainer, FSU Coordinator

MATHS INFORMATION EVENING: On Wednesday we will be holding a maths information evening for parents. The teachers will be demonstrating how the four methods of calculation (Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division) are taught across the school. The presentation will start at 5.30pm and is expected to finish just after 7pm. There will be a creche for our pupils whose parents are attending the event – they can come back to school in their pyjamas and enjoy a hot chocolate and a biscuit whilst listening to a bedtime story. I hope to see many of you there.

KOALAS: The Wrap Around Care provision is becoming increasingly popular, which is fantastic news and a testament to the wonderful work done by Mrs Herring and her team. However, this does mean that we are experiencing difficulties with late bookings. If parents call up to request a place after 2pm this makes getting more staff and extra food very problematic. Therefore, parents who call in to book places late in the day run the risk of being told that the Koalas are full. I hope that this will not happen as the school likes to help parents out, but parents must work with us. Thank you for your support with this.

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. Thank you.

CINEMA TRIPS: Next week all children from Reception to Year 6 will be visiting the Vue Cinema in Bicester. The children will be walking into town and will need to take a drink of water with them. This is a lovely treat for the children, and I would like to thank the Vue Cinema for their generosity. Please see below the dates each year group will be attending and the films that they will be watching.

- Monday 11th November- Year 5, 6 & 1/2 Y4 A Dog's Way Home PG
- Tuesday 12th November- Year 2,3 & 1/2 Y4 The Missing Link PG
- Wednesday 13th November- FSU & Y1 Angry Birds 2 U

CHILDREN IN NEED: In support of Children in Need this year, on Friday, 15th November 2019 we will be holding a Pyjama Day costing £1 per student. There will also be a design a Pudsey face competition costing 50p. There will be a winner chosen from both KS1 and KS2, the prize being a large Pudsey Bear each. The winners will be revealed on Monday, 18th November 2019. Unfortunately, we will not be selling Children In Need merchandise as previously advised as the supplier was unable to meet our order. Instead the school council will be running a cake stall at break time on Friday, the cakes will cost 50p each so please remember to send in your child with some money. Donations of cakes will be very welcome, please bring them in to the school office on Friday morning.

LEOPARD CLASS ASSEMBLY: Next Friday Miss McGuire's class will be putting on their class assembly. Please make every effort to attend. Refreshments will be served at the end.

BRITISH CYCLING GO RIDE SESSIONS: On Wednesday 20th November 2019, British Cycling will be coming in to school to offer 'Go Ride' sessions to all children in Years 5 and 6. Children are asked to bring their own bikes and helmets for the event where possible. If your child does not have a suitable bike and helmet for this session, please could you speak to your child's teacher so that they can try and arrange spares.

PTA MEETING: At the PTA meeting on Wednesday night Mrs Becky Nash was elected as the new Chair of the PTA. I look forward to working with Mrs Nash.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS: This week your children will have brought home their photograph proofs following Wednesday's session with Tempest Photography .If you would like to order your photographs via school please do so by returning your orders in the enclosed envelope by no later than **Wednesday 13th November 2019**.We would however recommend that you place your orders online via the Tempest website using the details provided on your proof. We have been advised by Tempest that there are a greater number of packages available to purchase online including some that are really great value. If you do choose to order online, please be aware your images will be available to view in the next few days.

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 96.46%

Bluebird: 94.00%	Yellow Wagtail: 89.50%
Red Kite: 95.24%	Puffin: 100.00%
Kingfisher: 97.08%	Swan: 98.52%
Flamingo: 98.89%	Giraffe: 98.52%
Lion: 93.33%	Eagle: 96.00%
Penguin: 95.67%	Leopard: 96.00%
Snowy Owl: 99.03%	Dolphin: 97.69%
Elephant: 95.19%	

The class with the best attendance this week was Puffin Class with 100.00%, Well done!

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- Mrs Daulton and Miss Ryczowski attended the PTA EGM Meeting
- Ms Rainer attended an Early Years Conference
- Parents attended a Maths Course provided by Abingdon and Witney College, next week the final session of this six week course will be held in school
- Miss Golden attended an LCSS updated meeting
- Mrs Hargreaves-Hands attended a HR & Finance User Group Meeting
- Cycle Proficiency training began for children in Year 6
- Mrs Ward held a Phonics Follow-up session

COMEDY NIGHT: I hope that this evening's Comedy Night is a huge success and that you all come away smiling.

Have a good weekend

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'L. Daulton'.

Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher