



Dear Parents and Carers,

10<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**WELCOME BACK:** Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and that 2020 holds good times for you all. The children have all settled back into school life brilliantly and are ready for the exciting and busy term ahead.

**DATES FOR THE TERM:** Please find attached the dates for the term ahead. It is hoped that, with advanced warning, as many of you as possible will be able to come to our events. Please note that the day of **Puffin Class** assembly this term is a **Tuesday** – this is due to us running out of Fridays! I hope that this will not inconvenience Puffin Class parents.

**FSU NEWS:** Over the Christmas holidays the Reception classrooms had a makeover and were painted white throughout. The result is a calmer feel, more open looking space and the children's work really stands out. A brilliant result. This week, we have been focusing on Fish. We have looked at three different types, rainbow trout, mackerel and sea bream and discussed their habitats and the adaptations which allow them to live in water. We have also looked carefully at one of the fish to create our own paintings on aluminium foil. They look fabulous and you will be able to see them displayed in your child's classroom soon. We have also been reading fishy stories, 'Rainbow Fish', 'Commotion in the Ocean' and 'The Fish Who Could Wish'. The children have made their own wishes. Please take the time to read your child's.

This week Ducklings began their two-week topic on 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We have listened to different versions of the story and have been working on our bear voices when joining in with the refrains. We enjoyed making teddy toast and have been having a go at writing "t" for teddy. K Rainer FSU leader

**STAFFING NEWS:** Mr Cox's wife is expecting their first child this term and Mr Cox will be taking two weeks paternity leave. This leave will be covered by Mr Richard Knights, a very experienced teacher and husband of Mrs Knights. I will keep you updated when baby Cox arrives.

As I reported previously, Miss Ryczowski is expecting a baby in the Spring. The start of her maternity leave has now been confirmed as Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Mrs Knights will be covering Flamingo class in her absence. Mr Knights will be covering Mrs Knights' teaching commitments with Y6 and Swan class. There will be a programme of handover meetings to ensure that the transition for all is smooth. I know that you will all join with me in wishing Miss Ryczowski and Mrs Cox well.

#### **IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:**

- The staff attended Prevent (identification of radicalisation) and Chrome Book training on Monday
- Mrs Biggs, Mrs Targus-Stone and Miss Golden attended ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) training
- Mrs Lee attended an ICT census course

**LION CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Mr Cox's class kick off our 2020 assembly programme next Friday. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in this class. Refreshments will be served at the end.

**SCHOOL VISION SCREENING:** On Tuesday, children in Reception Year will be having their School Vision Screening Test. This is being carried out by Oxfordshire Orthoptic Services as part of the NHS screening program. Letters have previously been sent to all Reception parents regarding this, however should you have any questions please contact the School Office.

**Y4 OUTING:** On Tuesday Mr Roberts' class are going to Pizza Express to make pizzas. I am sure they will have a great time and enjoy some delicious food.

**Y6 TRIP:** On Wednesday the Y6 classes are off to visit Bletchley Park, where they will find out about the code breaking of the Second World War. This is a fascinating place to visit and I know that they will have lots of fun whilst learning loads.

**PTA MEETING:** The first PTA meeting of 2020 is on Wednesday at 7.15pm in the staff meeting room (at the back of the library). Please come along and see what the committee are doing for the school and find out how you can get involved.

**MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL:** If your child is interested in drumming, guitar, piano or singing lessons from The Musical Box, then please see the school office. They will be able to advise you of the cost and the availability.

**PAYMENT FOR CLUBS:** We would like to remind you that if you have booked your child/children to participate in any after school clubs, then the deadline for making your payment is today. If payment is not made then please be aware that your child's space may be re-allocated to another student. All clubs with the exception of Gardening Club and Woodland Activities will be commencing next week.

**NURSERY SPACES:** Spaces in our Nursery setting for September 2020 are filling fast. If you have a child that will turn 4 between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, and are interested in a Nursery place, please see the school office for details and an enrolment form. We are currently able to offer both 15 hour (5 mornings) and 30 hour places. Details regarding eligibility for 30 hour funding entitlement can be found on the following website: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

**SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL:** We have previously advised that a School Crossing Patrol person had been recruited by Oxfordshire County Council. Unfortunately, we have come back to school this week to the news that the person who was interviewed will not take up the post. Oxfordshire County Council continue to advertise this position and we will keep you appraised of any developments. If you know anybody who may be interested in the role, please ask them to visit the Oxfordshire County Council Jobs website where the vacancy can be located. [https://careers.newjob.org.uk/OCC/job/Bicester-School-Crossing-Patrol-Officer-Kings-Meadow-Primary-School-OCC9810-OXF/518193301/?feedId=null&utm\\_source=J2WRSS&utm\\_medium=rss&utm\\_campaign=J2W\\_RSS](https://careers.newjob.org.uk/OCC/job/Bicester-School-Crossing-Patrol-Officer-Kings-Meadow-Primary-School-OCC9810-OXF/518193301/?feedId=null&utm_source=J2WRSS&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=J2W_RSS)

**ATTENDANCE:** The attendance for the school this week was 97.54%, which is a really good start to the year.

Bluebird: 85.62%	Yellow Wagtail: 98.12%
Red Kite: 100.00%	Puffin: 97.40%
Kingfisher: 97.00%	Swan: 97.22%
Flamingo: 99.07%	Giraffe: 100.00%
Lion: 96.76%	Eagle: 100.00%
Penguin: 98.33%	Leopard: 96.67%
Snowy Owl: 99.60%	Dolphin: 97.12%
Elephant: 97.22%	

This week we have three classes with 100.00 % attendance, Well done to Red Kite, Eagle and Giraffe classes!

Have a good weekend

Mrs L Daulton



Headteacher