



Dear Parents and Carers,

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020

**LEOPARD CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Leopard class delighted us this morning with their highlights from last term. This included work on forces where the children made their own parachutes and tested different materials for air resistance. Impressive PowerPoints had been made using our Google Chrome books and we were tested on how to crack codes using our coding skills. Samba dancing skills were displayed as well as a song all about the Mayans. Well done Leopard class, what a lot of work has been packed in! Our thanks go to Miss McGuire and Mrs Chaundy for all their hard work with the class. Mrs M. Ward, Assistant Head.

**INTERNET PROBLEMS:** We experienced Internet issues this week and, as a result, our communication with parents has not been as swift as it usually is. Thank you for your patience with this problem – it is in hand and should be rectified shortly.

**FSU NEWS:** Reception have been focusing on bears this week. On Monday the teachers acted out the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' to the amusement of the children. They then had the opportunity to play the characters in our role play area. We have also been investigating a bear's cave and discovering the creatures that live in the dark. Lots of children have also been enjoying having a Teddy Bears Picnic and they are looking forward to their own bears having an adventure at their sleepover this weekend. What will they get up to.....?

This week Ducklings have been focusing on The Three Little Pigs. We enjoyed running away from the Big Bad Wolf and burning his bottom in the cauldron. We have been learning how to make pink for our pig paintings which look lovely in the classroom. Ms K. Rainer, Early Years Coordinator.

**SPORTS NEWS:** A huge congratulations to the year 5/6 athletics team this week as they took a commanding victory in the Bicester Schools Sportshall Athletics competition. It is always difficult to know how the teams are doing early in the event as the children are all over the hall competing individually in their respective field events: speed bounce, vertical jump, chest push, javelin, long jump and triple jump. However, witnessing some of our throws in the chest push and javelin, we were quietly confident. We then moved on to the running races where, after a few early stumbles, we dominated. Extra practice on how to pass a relay baton paid off and we stormed to victory after victory. The final results made for some very happy faces!

1st - KMS - 252  
2nd - St Mary's - 194  
3rd - Chesterton - 186  
4th - Five Acres - 152  
5th - Fritwell - 132  
6th - Brookside - 104.

We have now qualified for the North Oxfordshire finals which will take place on Wednesday 12th February. Congratulations to everyone who took part and a big thank you to Mrs Targus-Stone for her help and support. Mr S.Roberts, P.E Coordinator.

**IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:**

- Staff had training on Dyslexia on Monday
- Mrs Powell attended training for administering Y6 SATs on Tuesday
- Mr Cox and I attended Safeguarding training on Wednesday and today respectively
- The Designated Safeguarding Leads received training on an online record keeping system
- Ms Rainer attended Early Years training on Tuesday and yesterday
- Miss Golden attended the Bicester partnership SENCo meeting yesterday
- The Governors held their committee meetings yesterday

**PTA EVENTS:** Thank you to everyone who has brought tickets for the Family Bingo Event on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February. This event is now sold out. Tickets are now available on the website for the next Comedy Night on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. It has proven to be a fantastic night and tickets are limited. Just a quick reminder that the deadline for purchasing tickets for the disco being held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January is Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Becky Nash, PTA Chair.

**WOODLANDS INFORMATION EVENING:** On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm we will be holding a Woodlands information evening for parents of Year 5 children. This will take place in Dolphin class, please make every effort to attend if your child is in Year 5.

**MENTAL HEALTH DROP IN SESSION:** On Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 14.30 The Mental Health Support Team will be in school offering a drop-in service for parents. If you have any concerns or questions about your child’s mental health, please come along and have a chat with a member of the team.

**NURSERY COLLECTION AND DROP OFF:** We would like to remind all parents to ensure the prompt collection of their children at the end of the school day. Collection time for those children doing 15 hours is 11.50am and for those children who are with us all day is 15.10. Please also be aware that buggies are not permitted inside the school building, including inside the nursery during drop off and collection times. The room is not big enough to accommodate the children, parents and buggies. It is also a health and safety hazard as it makes moving around and out of the building difficult. Thank you.

**DOLPHIN CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Miss Powell’s class will be putting on their class assembly next Friday. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in this class. Refreshments will be served at the end.

**ATTENDANCE:** The attendance for the school this week was 96.82%.

Bluebird: 93.00%	Yellow Wagtail: 99.50%
Red Kite: 94.29%	Puffin: 100.00%
Kingfisher: 98.8%	Swan: 95.56%
Flamingo: 97.41%	Giraffe: 97.78%
Lion: 99.26%	Eagle: 96.00%
Penguin: 95.33%	Leopard: 96.33%
Snowy Owl: 97.74%	Dolphin: 94.62%
Elephant: 96.54%	

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

Have a good weekend



Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher