



Dear Parents and Carers,

28th February 2020

SNOWY OWL ASSEMBLY: This morning Mrs Bailey's class treated us to a fantastic assembly. They told us all about their study of the Mayans, including a description of the delicious chocolate truffles that they made. They performed two lively songs: one on the history of the Mayans set to Bon Jovi's 'Living on a Prayer' and one on punctuation to Brittany Spears' 'Oops I Did it Again'. They had the whole hall rocking and it was a great way to start a Friday! My thanks go to Mrs Bailey and Mrs Chaundy for all their hard work with the class.

CORONAVIRUS: The Department for Health has been sending daily updates to schools regarding the coronavirus. Their advice is that everyone should carry a tissue and catch coughs and sneezes in it and then put the tissue immediately in the bin. 'Catch It, Bin It, Kill It.' They also encourage regular washing of hands with soap and water. Boxes of tissues and anti-bacterial wipes have been dispersed throughout the school and I shared this guidance with the children in assembly on Monday. Our cleaning company have informed us that as a precaution, and with immediate effect, they will be switching to a new cleaning product for hard surface areas (desks, door handles) etc. called Virucidal Cleaner BA053-75 which conforms to EN14476 Standard designed to prevent the spread of Covid-19. I have attached a notice from Public Health England for your information. I will keep you updated of any developments.

BABY NEWS: I am delighted to report that Mr Cox has become a dad. His daughter, Emily Grace, was born in the early hours of Tuesday morning, and both mother and baby are doing well. I am sure that you all join with me in sending good wishes to the Cox family. Mr Cox started his two-week paternity leave on Tuesday. His class will be covered by Mr Knights, as previously reported.

MRS HERRING: Today, in assembly, we said a sad goodbye to Mrs Herring. She was presented with a bouquet, a card and some gift vouchers as a thank you from the school. We wish her all the very best for the future.

WORLD BOOK DAY: On Friday we will be holding our World Book Day. This year we are excited about having Olaf Falafel, the comedian, author and illustrator of 'It's One Giant Leek for Mankind', in school. He will be sharing his love of story writing and illustrating with the children during assembly and then doing a number of workshops. To order a copy of his book please send in £10 in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class no later than Wednesday 4th March 2020. Those children that have ordered his book can go and collect it on Friday lunchtime and get it signed. Mrs M. Ward, Assistant Head.

FSU NEWS: This week, Reception have been reading the story 'The Tiger Skin Rug' by Gerald Rose, which revolves around an old Tiger who sneaks into a palace pretending to be the rug, to eat the palace leftovers. Initially we read half the story and the children made predictions about what might happen to the tiger. We have also been comparing Royal palaces in the UK with those in India and creating our own palaces from cereal boxes and other materials. They look amazing and will be on display soon. As it was Shrove Tuesday this week we have also made and eaten pancakes. In Phonics we have been learning the sounds ai, ee and or as well as investigating rhyming words and the 'tricky words' he, she, we, me and be. The Ducklings' topic has been 'The Gingerbread Man'. We have been singing around the piano, telling the story through music. Our Gingerbread Men which we cooked were tasty (even if a little misshapen!) On Thursday we did a Science investigation to see what would happen if The Gingerbread Man went into the water. We had some interesting predictions and then great excitement as we tested our ideas. Ms K. Rainer, FSU leader

SPORTS NEWS: We have taken part in two great games of football this week. On Tuesday, our girls travelled to Langford for their first meeting since last year's cup final victory. After a couple of defeats supporters could have forgiven the girls for lacking confidence, however they came out and started passing the ball around with great skill and took a well deserved lead. A great through-ball from Jessica S found Lacey P who calmly passed it into the bottom corner. In the second half, Langford looked a lot more dangerous and we had both Isla W and Georgia B to thank for keeping us ahead, however Langford finally gained a deserved equaliser. King's Meadow responded well though and on yet another break away the ball was played through to Abby S, our youngest player, who put the ball in the back of the net. Nearing the end, our girls looked comfortable in holding out for the win until, after a bit of a scramble in the area, the ball was looped over Georgia B and into the net. The game ended 2-2 but the girls should be full of confidence heading into next week's match against Eynsham.

On Wednesday, the A team welcomed Southwold for their second league match of the season. It wasn't long before the boys showed their dominance and opened the scoring through Zachery T. They continued to press and exerted lots of pressure on the opposition, although the boys were trying to score wonder goals from 20 yards out instead of play football. With the score 2 - 0 up at half time, we had a chat about passing and scoring the perfect team goals instead of shots from everywhere. This resulted in a wonderful second half display and a final score of 7-0, with goals from Ashton B (2), Zachery A, Dilyan D, Jimmy M, Tom M and Gus P. A great performance and they also look forward to the visit of Eynsham on Tuesday.
Mr S. Roberts, PE Coordinator

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- Staff had a Mindfulness Yoga session on Monday
- Mrs Stanway Shaw attended a finance meeting on Tuesday
- A visitor talked to the Y6 about his experiences during WWII on Wednesday
- Miss Golden attended a family safeguarding course today

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 96.90%.

Bluebird: 99.50%	Yellow Wagtail: 90.50%
Red Kite: 96.19%	Puffin: 96.14%
Kingfisher: 97.60%	Swan: 94.07%
Flamingo: 97.41%	Giraffe: 95.19%
Lion: 93.70%	Eagle: 97.00%
Penguin: 99.67%	Leopard: 97.00%
Snowy Owl: 99.35%	Dolphin: 99.62%
Elephant: 98.85%	

The best class this week was Penguin class with 99.67% attendance, Well done Penguin class!

PUFFIN CLASS ASSEMBLY: Puffin Class will be putting on their class assembly on **Tuesday** of next week, as specified in the dates for the term. The change of day is due to the World Book Day celebration that will be taking place on the Friday. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in this class. Refreshments will be served at the end.

PTA MEETING: The next PTA meeting is due to be held on Wednesday, 4th March 2020 at 19.15 in the meeting room. Please come along and see how you can help to support your school.

PTA COMEDY NIGHT: The PTA will be running a Comedy Night next Friday. This promises to be a great night out so please come along and join the school. Today is your final chance to purchase your tickets at the early bird price of £10.50, after which the price will rise to £15. Tickets can be purchased using the PTA website www.pta-events.co.uk/kmspta

SPORTS RELIEF: This year's Sport Relief is due to take place on Friday 13th March 2020. The Sports and School Council will be supporting the school in our fundraising. Here is a list of activities that we will be undertaking. Mr S. Roberts, P.E Coordinator

1. Sport relief wristbands will go on sale from Monday 2nd March (£1 each).
2. A non-school uniform day on Friday 13th March. Children to come as a sporting hero or in their sporty gear, ready to take part in activities.
3. A morning mile for parents. The track will be open at 8:30am and children can sponsor an adult to complete either 1km (3 laps) or 1 mile (5 laps) of the school track. Buckets for donations will be present at the start/finish line.
4. Donation buckets will also be on the school gates on Friday 13th.
5. Class challenges on the Friday –
 - Tennis racket keep-uppy challenge
 - Dartboard target throw
 - Speed bounce
 - Skips in a minute
 - Netball shots
 - Burpies
6. Dance area at breaktime and lunchtime dance off.

Have a good weekend



Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher