



KIND MOTIVATED SUCCESSFUL

17TH July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

LOOKING BACK: At the end of the summer term, I always take time to reflect on the ups and downs of the school year. I could never have imagined that we would be in the middle of a global pandemic and that the government would close schools for months. I had never heard of 'Zoom' or 'Teams' and could not have dreamt that school business would be conducted using these Apps. Google Classroom was just being introduced at KMS and Virtual Learning was something that was beginning to make homework easier - how things have changed! I am so impressed by how quickly the teachers and pupils adapted to online learning and am so thankful that our parents rose to the challenge of home schooling. As I have said before, this partnership between school and home and the willingness of parents and staff to use new technology will ensure that the impact of COVID19 on children's progress will be minimised. It has been quite a year!

ONLINE LEARNING: There will be no lessons set on Google Classroom or Tapestry from now on. I can almost hear the sighs of relief from many of you! I am aware that we are not out of the woods yet with this virus and, should the school be closed again, the online learning will be resumed.

A REMINDER OF START AND FINISH TIMES:

The drop off and collection times and gates are:

- Y6 Park Gate 8.30am and 2.55pm
- Y5 Right Gate 8.30am and 2.55pm
- Y4 Park Gate 8.40am and 3pm
- Y3 Right Gate 8.40am and 3pm
- Y2 Park Gate 8.50am and 2.50pm
- Y1 Right Gate 8.50am and 2.50pm
- Yellow Wagtails Right Gate 9am and 2.40pm
- Red Kites Park Gate 9.05am and 2.45pm
- Bluebirds Park Gate 9.05am and 2.45pm
- Nursery (30 hours) Right Gate 9.15am and 3.15 pm
- Nursery (15 hours) Right Gate 9.15am and 12.15pm

THANK YOU: I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful team that we have here at KMS: the teachers, the teaching assistants, the office staff, the kitchen ladies, the cleaners and the caretaker. They all met the challenges that this pandemic presented with confidence and determination and I could not be prouder to lead such a talented bunch. They embraced Online Teaching, checked in regularly with those that were anxious, organised class chats and quizzes, cooked and delivered lunches to those in receipt of free school meals, cleaned the school and so much more. The school remained open for the children of our Key Workers and this was only possible because our staff were willing to leave the safety of their own homes and put themselves at risk to provide this childcare. All staff said that I could count on their support at the start of this crisis and no one complained about being asked to come into school. They have gone way over and above what is expected of them and I think they are all stars. Thank you all so very, very much!

MESSAGE FROM THE PTA: Thank you to everyone that has supported us over the past year. Unfortunately, our fundraising was cut short, but we still managed to raise a fantastic £9161.84. We have used this money to buy a set of new Chrome Books, help towards the cost of International Week and purchase leavers books for Year 6. As soon as we are able, we will be back with a new list of events for all to enjoy. In the meantime, you can still help us to fundraise for the school by playing the school lottery for £1 a week and by signing up to Easy Fundraising (which donates to the school every time you shop) which is free! Our AGM will be held on the 16th September at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please look out for further details after the holidays. If you would like any further information about joining the committee or volunteering at any of our events please contact us on kingsmeadowschoolpta@gmail.com . We hope you all have a lovely few weeks off and look forward to seeing you all again next year.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS: School closes today for the summer holiday and reopens on Wednesday 2nd September for the children. I hope that you all have a lovely summer holiday and that the sun shines on you wherever you are.



Mrs L Daulton
Headteacher