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Dear Parents and Carers,

16th October 2020

PARENTS' EVENINGS: I am pleased that the teachers managed to speak to almost every parent this week. If you missed your call then please contact the school office to arrange another one, if you have not done so already. The staff have reported that many of you are very happy with the changes that the school has put in place to keep our community safe during this dreadful pandemic. Thank you - it is wonderful to hear when we get things right.

MENTAL HEALTH DAY: I am delighted to report that we raised £434 last Friday for Young Minds charity. This is an excellent amount, and I would like to thank Mrs Heason for organising the event for the school and to all of you who donated. Well done everyone.

FSU NEWS: In Reception we have been focussing on diversity and celebrating our differences. We have been watching Apple Tree House on Cbeebies and discussing the different ethnicities of the characters and the issues raised. The theme of one episode was gender specific jobs. I am pleased to report that the children were very clear that anyone can do anything, irrespective of whether they are a boy or a girl. The diversity theme has also been reflected in our story time. In addition, we have been thinking about what makes us special as the children have been recognising qualities such as kindness. What a fabulous group of children they are.

Ducklings have been a bit shocked this week by our latest Tentown character, Thelma Three, who takes three jam tarts from King One in the story. We made a jam tart snack and spread the jam onto the pastry. We did lots of role play based on Thelma Three and it was sweet that some of our Ducklings found it hard to even pretend to take the tarts away! Earlier in the week, we went for a lovely walk marvelling at the signs of Autumn and we have noticed that there are lots more leaves on the ground now. Ms K.Rainer, FSU Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS: Quadkids: Lots of the pupils at King's meadow have been running, jumping and throwing this week as part of a virtual Quadkids event against other schools in North Oxfordshire. The results will be collated during next week and sent off to see how well we have done. I hope to hand out Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates to the top three in each age bracket next week. Well done to all those who showed determination during the event.

StreetTag: Thank you to all of those who have signed up to StreetTag and have been getting out and about clocking up steps and points for the school. As a school we are currently in fourth position but are starting to close in on the top 3 schools (Dashwood Academy, Deddington Primary and Hill View Primary). A well done to all that have taken part so far and a special mention to Mrs Bell who is a long way out in front, in the King's Meadow league table. Steve Roberts, PE Coordinator

FLU IMMUNISATIONS: On Tuesday 20th October 2020, the School Health Nurse Team will be visiting school to administer Flu Vaccinations to all children in years Reception to Year 6 where permission has been granted. The deadline for completing the consent form has now passed, should you have any queries about this or any matter regarding the immunisation programme please contact the School Health Nursing Team directly on 01869 604095. It is very important that you inform both your School Health Nurse Assistant on 07717701032 and your school office before 08:45 on the day of immunisation if any of the below apply.

- Your child is unwell on the day of immunisation
- They are currently taking or have been prescribed steroid tablets to control their asthma in the two weeks prior to the vaccination session in school
- They have suffered with active wheezing in the 3 days prior to the vaccination session and/or have increased the use of their Bronchodilator in the 3 days prior to the vaccination session in school

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS: The Tempest photographer will be visiting the school on Wednesday 11th November 2020 to take individual photographs. Children will be taken for their photographs a class at a time and Covid-19 safety measures will be in place. All King's Meadow School children will have individual photographs taken, although there will be no obligation to purchase these. Due to Covid-19 the photo proofs will not be sent home on the day of the photographs as they have been in previous years and will follow at a later point with instructions on how to order. Unfortunately, due to the guidelines surrounding not mixing bubbles it will not be possible to have sibling group photos taken at the current time.

LUNCH MENU: We have been advised by the catering team that the current lunch menu will continue after the Half Term holiday. Week commencing Monday, 2nd November 2020 will start with the children being served food from the week one menu. The menu can be located on the Parents Information section of the school website.

BICESTER BABY BANK: Please find attached a flyer from the Bicester Baby Bank. This is a very worthwhile charity that the school is happy to support. If you would like to donate a gift these can be handed in at the school.

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