



Dear Parents and Carers,

25th September 2020

DROP OFF TIMES: The drop off times are getting much quicker in the mornings and we have decided to welcome the Reception classes into school at a slightly earlier time. From Monday the start times will be:

- Yellow Wagtails 8.55am (Right Gate)
- Red Kites and Bluebirds 8.55am (Park Gate)

Please note Nursery will remain at 9.15am.

COOLER WEATHER: To minimise the risk of spreading Coronavirus, the rooms in school have to be well ventilated, meaning that doors and windows have to be open. As the weather cools it would be a good idea for your child to wear a vest under their polo shirt and have their school jumper / cardigan with them every day.

SCHOOL UNIFORM: We have reviewed our Uniform Policy and would like to draw your attention to some changes to the 'Hair' section. This now reads: *We would ask you to keep hair accessories simple and avoid items like large bands, bows, flowers and bandanas. Long hair should be tied back, so that it is not a distraction in the classroom or a safety hazard during PE sessions. This will also help with avoiding the spread of headlice. We ask for no lines, patterns or words to be shaved into haircuts. No Mohicans. No brightly coloured hair e.g. red, pink or blue.*

We would also like to remind you that children should not be wearing tops with logos, e.g. Adidas, for PE.

WRAP AROUND CARE: As per our risk assessment for COVID19, no parents are permitted beyond the school gates. Children can be dropped off for Breakfast Club and picked up from After School Club at the Park Gate at the following times:

MORNING: 7.30AM, 7.50AM and 8.10AM (no admittance after this time)

EVENING: 4.30PM, 5PM, 5.30PM and 6PM (late collection will incur the usual fine)

Please note that the gates will only be manned at these times.

OPEN DOOR POLICY: It is tricky to operate an 'open door' policy in school when parents are not permitted beyond the gates! That said, communication between school and home continues to be a top priority at KMS. The teachers are all on the gates in the morning and at the end of the day and brief messages can be given and questions asked at this time. If, however, a longer conversation is required then please ask the teacher to give you a call or email the school office requesting a call from your child's teacher. Please do not let the current restrictions stop you from bringing concerns to our attention. Thank you.

FSU NEWS: DUCKLINGS Our topic this week has been "My Hands". We have been talking about all the amazing things we can do with our hands, including looking after people. The children have been practising having kind hands through our Hospital roleplay area, and we have seen lots of mark making whilst in the Waiting Room. We have also ventured out into the school woodland area this week and managed to get back safely in spite of the children insisting that they saw a bear!

RECEPTION This week has continued with the theme of harvest and bread. We have visited the school woodland area and found a pumpkin! The children were excited to discover what was inside and they really persevered when scooping out and chopping up the flesh (safe knives of course). A piece of the pumpkin has been left so we can see what will happen to it over the next week. Within our bread theme the children have been enjoying watching the process of making bread and the effect of yeast, as the loaves rise. Once they are baked, we will be making careful observations to see what happens to bread which is left out. Karen Rainer FSU leader

PTA NEWS: We are delighted to still be able to offer personalised Christmas Cards and Gifts this year. Hopefully, you should all have received an information sheet and template via ParentMail. A member of the PTA will be in the playing field next to the school every day from 2.30pm Monday 5th October - Friday 9th October. All orders can then be made through PTA events. If you have any questions or need help with a template please contact us via the email: kingsmeadowschoolpta@gmail.com or via the KMS Community Facebook page. Also, as we are unable to offer our usual uniform sales due to current COVID19 restrictions we have set up a new Facebook page for second-hand uniform. Please search for KMS PTA uniform sale and request to join. We are still taking donations, please contact the above email to organise collection. Becky Nash PTA Chair

Have a lovely, if wet, weekend.



Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher