



KIND MOTIVATED SUCCESSFUL

Dear Parents and Carers,

9th October 2020

DROP OFF: Please remember that all children are required to be brought to school by an adult, this is in case a child has a high temperature and cannot be admitted. It has also been brought to my attention that some parents are stopping their car on the road and letting their children out – this is not safe. Children need to be walked to the gates by an adult.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY: Wow, what a vision of yellow across the school today! It has been wonderful day, full big smiles, and lots of laughter. It has been refreshing to feel a bit of normality and togetherness, which is something we have all missed over the last few months. Thank you everyone for dressing up and paying a pound to support the charity Young Minds. The money raised will be much appreciated by all the young people it will go to support. Across the school the children have taken part in lots of activities to raise awareness of World Mental Health Day. At a time where everyone's mental health has faced challenges, today has been a brilliant way of brightening up the day, having fun, laughing and most importantly, teaching our children strategies to support their mental health. I will update you all on our total next week. Thank you again for your support. Mrs. Heason, School Council Coordinator.

WRAP AROUND CARE (WAC): The numbers at Wrap Around Care are slowly increasing and, in a bid to make this facility feasible, we are implementing two changes. Firstly, the latest pick up time is now 5.30pm as opposed to 6pm. And secondly, there will be an increase in the cost of Wrap Around Care after the October half term holiday. Breakfast Club will now cost £5.50 per session and After School Club will be £11 per session. Please note there is no reduction for early collection. It is hoped that these minor changes will ensure that WAC will remain open.

SOCIAL DISTANCING AT THE GATES: The arrival and the exit of the children is now running really smoothly. However, there is still a tendency for some parents to either turn up early or not leave immediately after their child has walked through the school gates. The result of this is that groups are forming and the 'rule of 6' is not being adhered to. Please do not come to the school gates until it is your child's allotted time and please do not wait to wave them off as they walk to their classrooms. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE: I am delighted to report that the attendance at KMS has been excellent since the school returned in September. Last week the County and National attendance figures were 93.6% and 89.2% respectively. Our attendance figure was 98.1% which demonstrates to the school that you have confidence in the restrictions that we have put in place to keep your child safe. Well done KMS!

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. Details of how to give permission for your child to receive the vaccination have been previously sent via ParentMail, we would encourage you to complete the online consent form at your earliest opportunity.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SDP): This year's School Development Plan has now been agreed. Each priority has teacher and governor leads, which are detailed on the plan.

There are four main priorities:

- To continue to construct a cross curricular framework across the school which will allow for a cohesive and holistic approach to teaching and learning.
- To raise attainment of the more able in mathematics.
- To provide a COVID19 Recovery Programme to minimise the loss of academic knowledge and mental/physical well being that may have occurred during the national pandemic.
- To provide a more structured approach to the teaching of phonics and spelling to raise the spelling ability across the school.

These are just the headlines of the key areas that we will be focussing on this year. The full SDP, which will explain how these aims will be achieved and measured, will be uploaded onto the website shortly. Should you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS: In Reception this week, we have been continuing with our focus on the story 'Pumpkin Soup' by developing our fine motor skills, buttering a slice of bread. Once the bread was evenly covered, we added some pumpkin soup made by the teachers and tried it. There were mixed reviews. In the hall we have been working on different ways of moving including crawling, sliding, climbing and a two footed jump. In our guided reading we have used Tales Toolkit to create our own stories with a character, setting, problem and solution. The children had some really imaginative ideas, especially on the ways to solve the problem. We have also been talking about special objects from home (on-line photo). The children have shown great confidence, standing up and talking in front of their whole class.

This week in Ducklings, our mini topic has been 'my feet', and there has been lots of marching, jumping, tiptoeing and stamping to the piano. We have loved buying shoes and trying them on in the shoe shop. (We were Covid-safe and were impressed at how many non- fabric, cleanable shoes we had in our collection!) We have been making prints with wellies and have been counting how many conkers fit inside the outline of our foot. Ms Rainer FSU Leader

STREET TAG: At King's Meadow we feel that a healthy child is a happy child and we are continuing to promote PE and school sport through these difficult times. As part of this I have signed the school up to a new active initiative called Street Tag, details of which are attached. Essentially it is a reward scheme for being active and encourages staff, children and their families to get out and about to earn points for their school (Similar to Pokémon Go).

It would be great to have a full sign up of 250 pupils and all work together to become the 'Most Active School in Oxfordshire'. At school we will be discussing road safety and warning children about the dangers of using electronics while near roads. Before beginning your Street Tag experience, could you please reinforce road safety with your child. I hope to see you all out and about collecting Tags soon. Mr Roberts PE Coordinator

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