



Dear Parents and Carers,

13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**CORONAVIRUS:** As you are aware, we received notification yesterday that one of our pupils had tested positive for coronavirus. As a result of this, the Reception classes have been closed until the 25<sup>th</sup> November. The pupils and staff of these classes must self-isolate at home, meaning that they are not permitted to leave their houses. I appreciate that this poses difficulties for parents of the children isolating who have children in other year groups, but children in quarantine cannot leave their homes. This means, unfortunately, that they cannot accompany their parents on the school run. The school received a number of complaints yesterday from concerned parents who had seen Reception children at the school gates at pick up time. To minimise the risk of spreading this virus, those who have been in close contact with a positive case, or who are COVID positive, must not come into contact with anyone outside of their own household. This is not a school rule this is the government's regulation. To keep our community as safe as possible during this pandemic, we need parents to adhere to this rule. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**SCHOOL WORK DURING SELF- ISOLATION:** If a class bubble is closed, the children will be set work on Google Classroom as was the case during the first Lockdown. The teachers have all put together a 2-week block of work that will become live in the event of a class closure, as is the case for the Reception children at the moment. The teachers were asked to prepare this in advance in case of the scenario where the class teacher is too ill to set and mark the work on a daily basis.

If your child is self-isolating, not because of a bubble closure, self-isolation homework is on the school website and should be submitted via Tapestry or Google Classroom.

**HANDWRITING WINNERS:** I had the very pleasant task of judging the handwriting competition this week. The children all wrote out a poem that they had studied as part of Poetry Week. The quality of the handwriting was most impressive and choosing the winners was not easy. Each winner was presented with a selection box in this morning's celebration assembly. My thanks go to Mrs Ward for organising the competition. The winners were:

Year 1	Puffin -Eddie J	Kingfisher – Fatima S
Year 2	Swan – Nicole B	Flamingo – Isla S
Year 3	Lion- Scarlett H	Giraffe – Matilda A
Year 4	Penguin – Eddie H	Eagle- Isaac W
Year 5	Snowy Owl - Esme S	Leopard – Zachery B
Year 6	Dolphin – Alessia B	Elephant – Katie L

**HALL BOARDS:** This week the boards in the hall were changed and they look fantastic! The classes created wellbeing boards and the hall walls are now adorned with rainbows, butterflies and bright colours. Usually you would be invited in to enjoy this artwork, but that is impossible at this time. Instead, we have put together a video of the boards that will be uploaded onto the school website early next week. Children's narration has been included so do make sure that you have the 'narration tool' turned on to get the full effect of the film. My thanks go to the talented staff and children for their artistic skills and to our technical whizz, Mr Cox, for making the video. Enjoy!

**NATIVITIES AND THE LIKE:** We are missing having you in school and we are sure that you are missing seeing what your children are getting up to. To make up for this, the classes are all making a video for you. Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 classes will be performing Nativities. The KS2 classes are putting together a 'class assembly' type of film – a showcase of what has been happening this term. The teachers had iMovie training this week, so they are now all raring to go – Hollywood had better watch out! If you have not given consent for your child to be in a photo or a video on the school website, then they will not appear in the videos. They will not miss out on all the fun, but they will not be part of the final filming. If you would now like to consent to your child being in one of these videos, then please contact the school office. Thank you.

**CHILDREN IN NEED:** Today we celebrated Children in Need with a Non-School Uniform and Crazy Hair Day, alongside other fun activities. The children and staff looked fantastic. I will let you know in next week's newsletter how much money we raise. My thanks go to Mrs Heason and the School Council for organising the event.

**FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS:** Reception this week, have focussed on Remembrance and Children in Need. We watched the Cbeebies film 'Poppies' which sensitively approaches the difficult subject of war, through a beautiful animation. We talked about how important it is to remember the soldiers and we observed a minute's silence at 11am. The children were incredibly respectful throughout and we are really proud of them. The children have also been learning about the important work Children in Need do and we have been designing our own Pudsey Bears. Although we cannot be in school today the children are still creating their crazy hair styles and posting them on Tapestry for all to see. I have seen some strange looking teachers this morning too! This week Ducklings have loved meeting our Tentown character Freddie Four. He has inspired our outside adventures and we have been travelling on the boats we've been building, rowing with our oars and using maps and binoculars. We have enjoyed looking at photos of family who live abroad, and of some of the holidays that we have been on and this has helped us to start to develop our concept of different places in the world. Ducklings have shone this week, both with the observation of silence on 11/11 and with the responsible way they evacuated for the fire drill. Well done Nursery! Ms Rainer FSU leader

**ANTI-BULLYING WEEK:** On Monday 16th November we will be launching annual Anti Bullying Week with an Odd Socks Day. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage the children to express themselves and celebrate that we are all unique. So, wear your odd socks on Monday 16th November, there is no payment for this event, the important thing is to raise awareness of Anti-Bullying Week. Thank you for your continued support of all our charity events. Mrs. M. Heason, School Council Lead.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:** On Wednesday this week we were visited by Tempest Photography who have taken individual photos of all children. In line with COVID-19 guidance the photo proofs are being quarantined for 72 hours and will be sent home with the children on Monday. Details of how you can place your orders will be given on the proof, all orders this year will need to be made online and cannot be returned via the school. If you are unable to place an online order there will be the option to place a telephone order via Tempest Photography Customer Service Department- 01736 751555. The deadline for placing your order to benefit from free postage to school is **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020**.

**RECEPTION 2021:** Applications are now open for Reception places for 2021. If you have a child in our Nursery setting or a younger sibling who is due to start Reception Year next September, please apply now online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions) . The closing date for Reception applications is 15th January 2021, and the national offer date is 16th April 2021. The 15th January closing date is extremely important, as late applications will not be considered until May 2021 after the first offers have been made. Parents who make a late application are less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools. Please be aware that even if your child attends Nursery at King's Meadow School you will still need to apply for a place online. Please contact Mrs Lee in the School Office if you have any questions.

**IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:**

- The teachers had iMovie Training in Monday's staff meeting delivered by Mr Cox
- Mrs Biggs, Mrs Stevens and Mrs Tugwell had diabetes training on Tuesday
- School photographs were taken on Wednesday
- Governor Committees met throughout the day/evening yesterday

Have a good weekend

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