



Dear Parents and Carers,

6th November 2020

VENTILATION: We have been following the scientific and government guidance that states that good ventilation minimises the risk of spreading coronavirus. Since the school reopened, we have achieved this by keeping all windows and doors open. This was not an issue in late summer and early autumn when the temperatures were mild. However, as the cooler months approach this required ventilation will make the classrooms cold. Therefore, we are asking that you dress your child warmly. The addition of a long-sleeved top or vest under their polo shirt, leggings (dark and plain) or thermal tights worn under skirts, tights or long socks worn under trousers and a hat will make the children more comfortable. The advantage of layering is that an item of clothing can be removed if the child is becoming hot. The children are being discouraged from wearing their coats in class as they will not get the benefit of them when they go outside. Like all restrictions, this will be continually under review and I anticipate further government guidance shortly. In the meantime, please send your child to school in their school uniform but with some additional layers. Thank you.

NATIVITIES AND THE LIKE: Under the current regulations it has not been possible to welcome parents into school. And we have been missing you! We love sharing your children's work with you, enjoying services and performances with you, having a coffee and a chat at Friday assembly's coffee bar and so much more. Although we will not be able to invite you back into school for the foreseeable future, we still want you to see what your children have been up to at KMS – and believe me they have been every bit as busy as before the pandemic! Preparations are under way for you to see what is going on..... Watch this space!

THANK YOU: I would like to thank you all for wearing face masks/coverings when you drop off and collect your children. Most of you are now leaving the school site as soon as your child has been temperature checked but a few are still remaining to watch their child go to class. There is no need to do this as your child is with their teacher and is safe. Please remember to Drop and Go. Thank you.

DATES FOR THE TERM:

- Hall boards to be changed on 11th November - shared with parents via video on website
- Non-Uniform and Crazy Hair Day to support Children in Need on Friday 13th November,
- Phonics workshop for parents via Teams on Thursday 26th November (FSU – Y3)
- Christmas Art and Craft Day on Friday 27th November (Non-Uniform)
- Crispy Crème Doughnut Fundraiser to mark the end of Lockdown on Friday 4th December
- Spelling Bee via Teams with parents invited on Monday 7th December
- Maths Championship via Teams with parents invited on Tuesday 8th December
- Treat for Reading Champions and Maths Whizzes on Thursday 17th December
- Christmas Jumper day to support Save the Children Friday 18th December (end of term)
- School Closes Friday 18th December at 1.30pm for the Christmas holiday

STAFF: The school is responsible not only for the health and safety of its pupils but also for its staff. The government is advising that people work from home whenever they can, and we have adopted this policy at KMS. Staff have been asked to do their PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time at home and to leave the premises once their pupils have gone home. Minimising the time spent in school and contact with others will help to reduce the risk of our staff becoming ill. So, when you see the car park empty at 3.30pm this is not because the staff have finished for the day but because they are working from home.

FSU NEWS: RECEPTION: The classes have been focusing on Autumn and Bonfire Night. We have been on a colour walk around the school grounds collecting different signs of Autumn. During PE we have been creating firework dances, influenced by displays set to music. In groups, we have written firework poems using our senses. Outside we have built a hedgehog house, kindly donated by Bicester Green, and have placed it in the woodland area. We are really hoping to get some prickly visitors. **NURSERY:** This week our focus has been Fireworks. We have had some very energetic firework dancing and some great splatter painting and firework printing. We have made rocket collages and have been exploring the properties of 2D shapes. Ms. K Rainer
FSU Leader

MACMILLAN CAKE SALE: I am pleased to report that we raised £275 for the MacMillan Cancer Charity. Thank you to the staff who baked and/or bought cakes and to all of you who donated online.

A NEAR MISS: A local resident brought to our attention a near miss that happened outside school this week. A group of parents were standing chatting on the pavement, blocking the pathway. A child stepped onto the road to pass the group and into the path of an oncoming car. The driver did an emergency stop and the child was uninjured. We educate the children about road safety and the child should not have gone onto the road. However, I must ask that parents do not congregate on the pavement outside school, blocking the way for other adults and children. Thank you.

SPORTS UPDATE: STREET TAG: Huge congratulations goes to all 157 King’s Meadow children/parents that have signed up to the StreetTag app so far. Having started later than a few schools, I thought we would struggle to catch up. However, over half term we took over first position and are on target to become the most active school in North Oxfordshire. As of Thursday, the top three scores are:

King’s Meadow: 2,547,270, Hill View 2,104,505, Christopher Rawlins 1,977,040.

I hope all of those who have signed up are enjoying themselves. It’s great to hear so much excitement in school about how many steps the children have done and how many tags they have found. Please keep up the activity through lockdown and I hope we will still be at the top of the leaderboard at Christmas.

In the race to become the most active at King’s Meadow, benhunt19 is out in the lead, followed by Mrs Bell and Mrs Hughes. Well done to all!

QUADKIDS: During term 1, a number of classes throughout the school took part in the Quadjkids event, comprising of a sprint, a long jump, a long distance run and a throw. All results have been sent away to see how we compared with other schools and I will publish any results when they arrive. These are the top 3 in each age bracket.

Age group	Boys	Girls
Year 1 and 2	Jamie C (Flamingo) 170	Maddison T (Flamingo) 130
	Eyad M (Flamingo) 162	Isla B (Flamingo) 129
	Noah H (Flamingo) 154	Imogen G (Puffin) 129
Year 3 and 4	William C 256	Lily J 218
	Isaac W 243	Ava M 212
	Alfred M 208	Cassidy M 204
Year 6	Samuel S (Dolphins) 233	Isla W (Elephants) 220
	Tom M (Dolphins) 214	Ellie A (Elephants) 189
	William D (Elephants) 205	Jessica S (Dolphins) 160 Lily S (Dolphins) 160

All other scores have been sent to the class teachers so please ask for your total scores. Well done to all those who took part and all of those that demonstrated key values such as determination, passion and self-belief. Keep practising your techniques, especially throwing and jumping skills, and see if you can improve on your score when we go up against other schools in the summer. Mr S.Roberts, P.E Coordinator.

CHILDREN IN NEED: Next Friday, 13th November, the school will be raising money for Children in Need. We will be hosting a 'Crazy hair, non-uniform day' costing £1. Alongside the non-uniform day, the children will be taking part in various Children in Need activities. The campaign this year is Wellbeing, where Jo Wicks, the school's ambassador, has launched a 'Five to Thrive' campaign. Throughout the week, the children will be doing activities that encourage them to Connect, Take Notice, Get Active, Be Curious and Give. Children in Need is a fantastic charity to support and I know the children will have a great week. I am looking forward to seeing their crazy hair dos! Mrs. M. Heason, School Council Lead.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS: The Tempest photographer will be visiting the school next week 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. If your child would normally have P.E on a Wednesday, please send them to school in their school uniform and not their P.E kit for this date only.

POPPY APPEAL: This week there have been collection boxes available at the school gates at the start and end of each day to help raise funds towards this year's Poppy Appeal. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 restrictions we have been unable to sell merchandise this year but still wanted to raise funds for this worthwhile cause. Whilst we will no longer be collecting cash donations, you can still donate through ParentPay if you wish.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: On Monday 16th November we will be launching the 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.

WAC EMERGENCY PHONE: If your child is attending wrap around care and you need to make contact in an emergency outside of school hours, please be advised that the new number to call is: 07526 553508

HEDGEHOG HOUSES: Bicester Green have very kindly donated some hedgehog houses to King's Meadow School. Some reception children have built one of them already and it is in place in the woodland area. Hopefully, it will not be long before it has an occupant for the winter. We have a few more to build and place around the school which will be so beneficial for the local wildlife. We are very grateful to Bicester Green for their support. Mrs. M. Holt

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- The staff had the second part of the 'Supporting schools to respond to children's trauma post COVID19' facilitated by Dr Dave Roberts of the Mulberry Bush on Wednesday evening

Have a good weekend



Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher