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Dear Parents and Carers,

11th December 2020

NATIVITIES AND THE LIKE: The Nativities and Showcase Assemblies have been filmed and will be uploaded onto the website on Wednesday. Please take the time to enjoy these films with your children. A lot of work has gone into the production of these and I would like to thank the staff and pupils for doing such an amazing job.

SPELLING AND MATHS COMPETITIONS: The finals of the Spelling and Maths Bees took place on Monday and Tuesday of this week. I would like to thank the Literacy Coordinator, Mrs Ward and the Maths Coordinator, Mr Cox for organising these events. It was wonderful that so many parents were able to join us, albeit remotely on Teams. The winners were:

Maths Challenge Winners			
Year	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
1	Kate M & Frankie W	Tilda R	
2	Gabriel C	Owen L	Leo S
3	Emmanuella M	Tilda A & Finley H	
4	Eddie H	Mia S & Rania A	
5	Clinton M	Esme S	Jack T
6	Jack H	Dennis M	Keira H & Milly Y

Spelling Bee Winners			
Year	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
1	Imogen G & Fatima S	Sofia L	
2	Isla S & Riva B	Eyad M	
3	Alex G, Emmanuella M, Finley H, Taome B & Tilda A		
4	Harry D & Mia S	Abigail A	
5	Amelie T & Victoria P	Johnson M	
6	Daisy J-L	Henry L	Bailee H

HEALTH AND SAFETY AUDIT: We had our annual Health and Safety audit on Tuesday, and I am pleased to say that we passed with flying colours. I would like to thank Mrs Hargreaves Hands who manages this aspect of school life so efficiently. My thanks also go to Mr Chambers, Mr Laurie and Mrs Starkey (Governor) who support Mrs Hargreaves Hands in this key aspect of school life. Well done all!

Y2 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK: In 2012 the Department of Education implemented a new statutory assessment for all children in Year 1 called the 'Phonics Screening Check'. The children in Year 2 were unable to take part in this in June due to COVID-19 but have sat the test this week instead. We are very pleased with the results and the children have worked incredibly hard. Parents will be notified in a letter which will be placed in the child's bookbag. Mrs Ward, Assistant Head

PHOTOS FUNDRAISER: The deadline has now passed for the photographs and the orders are now with the printing company. The photos will be delivered to the school and they will be put into individual envelopes. These envelopes will then be quarantined for a minimum of 48 hours before being put into your child's book bag. We had a fantastic response to this, and I am delighted to report that £530 has been raised for the school fund. Thank you to all of you who placed an order.

KRISPY KREME SALE: I am pleased to report that £226.71 was raised for the school fund from the Krispy Kreme sale. Thank you for supporting this.

READING AND MATHS CHAMPIONS TREAT: This term's treat for the children who have read the most and completed the most Mathematics tasks will take place next week. Well done to all our champions! They are:

Year	Reading Champions	Mathletics Champions
1	Ellyott P & Oscar W	Aya F & Taylor T
2	Ruby S & Riva B	Jamie C & Hollie L
3	Peyton P & Alex G	Tilda A & Victoria B
4	Molly J-L & Jack S	Amelia P & Johnathan C
5	Victoria P & Harry F	Amelie T & Jack T
6	Jack T & Toby H	Riley W & Ella A

COVID19 UPDATE: There have been no cases of coronavirus this week and we have not had to close any bubbles. Two members of staff, Mrs Lee and Mrs Partridge, are isolating due to the NHS Track and Trace.

STAFFING NEWS: Mrs Bailey starts her maternity leave next week. We will miss her greatly and I will keep you updated on any baby news. Mrs Helena Scott will be teaching Snowy Owl class in her absence. Mrs Scott will be meeting the class and having a handover with Mrs Bailey next week. I am looking forward to working with, and getting to know, Mrs Scott.

ABUSE OF STAFF: I must remind you that all staff at the school have the right to be treated with respect and dignity at all times. This morning we had an incident of a parent shouting at a teacher and using inappropriate language in front of our pupils. This is simply not acceptable. Incidents like this are upsetting for the member of staff involved and any onlookers and can lead to a parent being banned from the school site.

FSU NEWS: In Reception this week we have been drawing and labelling the Nativity characters as well as writing a simple sentence. We have talked about the differences between Bicester and Bethlehem in terms of climate and landscape and compared the forms of transport used in the Nativity story with those we might use now. Our Elf on the Shelf has been entertaining us with the mischief he gets up to and we cannot wait to see what he has been up to each morning. We have also been to the school woodland area this week in search of a missing character. After lots of searching for letters the children were able to sound out the name 'Stickman' and we have enjoyed listening to the story too.

This week in Ducklings, our topic has been Celebrating Christmas. We have been making stable scenes with fields for shepherds to help us to use prepositions. We have been making up Christmas stories and have also been making alternating patterns on Christmas stockings. Ms Rainer FSU leader



Y4 NEWS: On Wednesday evening there was a visitor to the Year 4 classrooms, which has helped to inspire a newspaper article during our big write. The children arrived at school on Thursday morning to find their classrooms turned upside down with trails and footprints giving them clues to who had visited. They were even more enthused when they received an email from the investigating team and footage of the accused. Here is a CCTV image, do you recognise the culprit?

SPORTS UPDATE: Streettag - Well done to all those who continue to gain points for the school in the Streettag competition. We are still in second place behind Hill View, however both Christopher Rawlins and Bure Park are both rapidly catching up. This round of the competition is due to finish on the 28th December, so if we can all make a big effort over the next few weeks, then we can hopefully hold onto a podium position.

Individually, Benhunt19 is still well out in the lead but there is a great battle going on between Mrs Bell and Mrs Hughes for second place. With only 2000 points between them, it looks like they'll be pounding the streets over Christmas trying to beat each other.

Cross country - Over the past few weeks all King's Meadow children have been taking part in a virtual cross country event. Year 1/2 children have run 1000m, Year 3/4 1500m and Year 5/6 2000m. The top 4 times from each grouping have been sent off to the North Oxfordshire School Sports Partnership to see where we rate against other schools in the area. I have included the top 4 children in each group below and wanted to say a huge well done to all those who took part and showed determination to get to the finish line as soon as they could.

Year 1/2 boys 1000m		
POS	Name	Time (m.s)
1	Sam H	4.29
2	Gabriel C	4.37
3	Oliver L	4.42
4	Jamie C	5.06
COMBINED TEAM TIME		18.14

Year 1/2 girls 1000m		
POS	Name	Time (m.s)
1	Amelie B	4.53
2	Nicole Z	5.12
3	Elizabeth D	5.25
4	Darcey H	5.44
COMBINED TEAM TIME		20.34

Year 3/4 boys 1500m		
POS	Name	Time (m.s)
1	William C	6.50
2	Noah M	7.03
3	Louie P	7.04
4	Max A	7.05
COMBINED TEAM TIME		27.62

Year 3/4 girls 1500m		
POS	Name	Time (m.s)
1	Ava M	7.42
2	Kristina	8.29
3	Molly JL	8.48
4	Cassidy M	8.49
COMBINED TEAM TIME		32.68

Year 5/6 boys 2000m		
POS	Name	Time (m.s)
1	Zac B	10.01
2	Mason T	10.12
3	Henry L	10.15
4	Riley J	10.19
COMBINED TEAM TIME		40.47

Year 5/6 girls 2000m		
POS	Name	Time (m.s)
1	Isla W	9.29
2	Jess S	9.52
3	Ellie A	11.20
4	Bianca D	12.13
COMBINED TEAM TIME		42.14

MINCE PIE MONDAY: Please remember that we are supporting Sobell House's Mince Pie Monday fundraiser on Monday. Sobell House is the designated hospice for our area, located beside The Churchill Hospital in Oxford. The children need to bring in £1 for a mince pie or a Christmas shortbread biscuit. These will be eaten whilst the children complete some Christmas activity sheets provided by the charity. I thank you in advance for supporting this event.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHS: Please be advised that Tempest photograph orders that were ordered for delivery into school will be sent home with your children next week.

CHRISTMAS DINNER: Our Christmas dinner will be split over two days due to the restrictions that are in place for COVID19:

- Tuesday Reception and KS1
- Wednesday KS2

Please note that those who have ordered a school lunch on Tuesday or Wednesday but are not having a Christmas dinner will be served a cold packed lunch. I hope that the children and the staff enjoy this festive meal that our catering team always prepare so well. If your child is having a Christmas meal and does not usually eat a school dinner, please be sure to contact the School Office if they have any allergies or special dietary requirement so that we can ensure that they are catered for appropriately.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY: Next Friday, 18th December 2020, the children are invited to come to school in their favourite Christmas jumper in exchange for £1 donation for Save The Children. Children should wear their regular uniform (P.E Kit if it is their usual P.E day) with their Christmas jumper on top. Collection buckets will be available at the gate.

PTA NEWS: Thank you to everyone who purchased a balloon for the Virtual Balloon Race. The race is underway and you can now see how far your balloon has travelled and check the leader board. However, there is a long way to go so all that could change. Just visit www.balloonrace.com/KMSPTA. We will announce the winners next week when the race ends. The Christmas light trail maps are now available to purchase through the PTA events website. Please visit www.pta-events.co.uk/kmspta and we will email you your copy. Thank you to everyone who has added their lights to the map. Don't forget to turn on your Streettag app and get points for the school as you go.

GOVERNOR NEWS: We have had one nomination for the Parent Governor vacancy and I am delighted to let you know that Joanna McKenna has been duly elected onto the KMS Board of Governors. Jo has a child in nursery at KMS and is a qualified accountant for a local multi-academy trust. Jo will bring to the board a combination of financial skills, experience working in education as well as a parental perspective to the ongoing development of the school. Sophie Hill, Chair of Governors.

END OF TERM: Next Friday we close at early for the Christmas holiday, please see below for the staggered collection times. Some schools are electing to close next Thursday, as was offered by the Department for Education, to lessen the impact of the NHS Tracking and Tracing on the school in the run up to Christmas Day. We considered this but, after consultation with other Bicester schools, we have decided not to. We felt that it was very short notice for parents to find childcare. Therefore, all children will be expected to be in school for the final day of term, Friday 18th December. Thank you.

Staggered Collection Times – please collect from usual gate:

- 13.10: Years 5 & 6
- 13.15: Reception
- 13.20: Years 1 & 2
- 13.25: Years 3 & 4
- 13.30: Nursery

Have a good weekend

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