



Dear Parents and Carers,

12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**REOPENING OF THE SCHOOL:** The reopening of KMS was very smooth indeed. Everybody adhered to the drop off and pick up times, and the children all came back to school in a cheerful manner – we had no tears whatsoever. The teachers have all reported that the children are ‘raring’ to go and very much enjoying being with their friends again. I cannot tell you how good it is to have the rooms and corridors filled with the sounds of children laughing and chattering, it is simply wonderful to have them all back!

**ASSESSMENT WEEK:** Assessment week had been planned to take place this week. This plan had been made in the Autumn term when we had no idea that a second national lockdown was looming. We felt that it would be inappropriate to welcome our pupils back to school with a set of tests; some were experiencing anxiety over the return to ‘normality’ and exam stress would have further added to this. Instead, the teachers have focussed on getting the children back into a regular routine and having fun. The next assessments will take place early in the summer term, as it is important to identify any gaps in the children’s knowledge so that these can be addressed going forward.

**DOUGHNUT FUNDRAISER:** There was great excitement in school this morning for our fundraiser, from both staff and pupils. Everybody enjoyed their sweet treat and I know that a lot of money will have been raised for the school. I would like to thank Mr Cowley (father of Evan in Y6) for overseeing the order of 480 freshly baked ring doughnuts for the school, Mrs Hargreaves Hands for collecting the huge order from Tesco’s bakery, Miss Golden for organising the event and to all of you who sent in £1 for the doughnuts. I will let you know in next week’s newsletter how much money we have raised.

**SICKNESS:** I would like to remind you of the school policy regarding sickness and diarrhoea. Children need to stay at home for 48 hours following the last episode of illness. All schools follow the Public Health England guidance on this.

**COVID19:** There have been no new cases of COVID19 in school this week.

**WELL DONE:** A huge well done to all of you for supporting your child in their studies since the start of January. I appreciate that many of you, like lots of our staff, had to balance the demands of working and home-schooling. I know that you will all have felt very relieved when the school gates reopened to all children on Monday, and I wanted to congratulate you for all your hard work with your children. The dedication of the teachers in recording lessons, giving live lessons and uploading tasks on to Google Classroom together with your support at home, will minimise the impact that this challenging time will have on their education. Well done to you all!

**COMIC RELIEF:** On Friday 19th March, the school will be raising money for Comic Relief. This year's theme for Red Nose Day is 'What is your superpower?' With this in mind, we will be having a superhero dress up day. The cost to wear your superhero costume will be £1 paid at the school gates. Alongside the dress up day, the children will be taking part in an active challenge. As a school we are aiming to run 1000 miles in two days! If you would like to sponsor the children and staff in this challenge, money can be put in the boxes alongside the £1 admission for the superhero dress up. All contributions will be going to Comic Relief. Thank you for your support in all of the charity events. Mrs Heason

**PARENTS' EVENINGS:** We will be holding our parents' consultations during the week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Due to the current restrictions, these will not be face to face but via telephone:

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Nursery, Reception, Y5 and Y6
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4

Most parents have now booked their appointments via ParentMail, if you are yet to do so, please do not hesitate as the bookings will close automatically 7 days before each Parents Evening. If you need any help booking please call the school office who will be happy to assist.

**ATTENDANCE:** It was great to see the vast majority of children return to school this week, thank you for having faith in the system of controls that we have in place. The attendance for the school this week was 98.36%, both Penguin and Red Kite classes achieved 100% attendance, well done to these classes!

Bluebird: 99.50%	Yellow Wagtail: 93.71%
Red Kite: 100.00%	Puffin: 96.56%
Kingfisher: 94.83%	Swan: 99.60%
Flamingo: 99.61%	Giraffe: 99.26%
Lion: 99.23%	Eagle: 97.86%
Penguin: 100.00%	Leopard: 97.59%
Snowy Owl: 98.71%	Dolphin: 98.57%
Elephant: 99.35%	

Have a lovely weekend.

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