



Dear Parents and Carers,

5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**REOPENING OF THE SCHOOL:** The staff and I are looking forward to welcoming all the pupils back to school on Monday. In last week's newsletter I explained the restrictions that will be in place and reminded you all of the allocated times to drop off and collect your children (please see below). This ran smoothly last term, but only when parents did not arrive before their child's assigned time and left immediately once their child had entered the school grounds. So please only approach the gates when it is your child's turn to be welcomed into school and leave as soon as they have had their temperature checked. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**DROP OFF/PICK UP TIMES AND GATES:** Here is a reminder of the drop off and collection times and points for your children. We politely request that all adults continue to wear a face mask at the school gates to help to protect our community. Please note that the Nursery, Blue Group and Red Group times have changed:

YEAR GROUP	PARK GATE	RIGHT GATE
Y6	8.30am/2.55pm	
Y5		8.30am/2.55pm
Y4	8.40am/3pm	
Y3		8.40am/3pm
Y2	8.50am/2.50pm	
Y1		8.50am/2.50pm
YELLOW		9am/2.40pm
RED	9am/2.40pm	
BLUE	9am/2.40pm	
NURSERY (30 HOURS)		9.05am/3.05pm
NURSERY (15HOURS)		9.05am/12.05pm

**P.E DAYS:** As advised in last week's newsletter, children should continue to come to school in their P.E kit on their P.E days. There have been some changes to the P.E rota for this term, please see below the days your children will be doing P.E in term 4:

Year 1	Kingfisher: Monday & Thursday	Puffin: Monday & Thursday
Year 2	Swan: Thursday & Friday	Flamingo: Thursday & Friday
Year 3	Lion: Monday & Friday	Giraffe: Thursday & Friday
Year 4	Eagle: Monday & Wednesday	Penguin: Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 5	Snowy Owl: Tuesday & Thursday	Leopard: Tuesday & Wednesday
Year 6	Elephant: Monday & Wednesday	Dolphin: Monday & Wednesday

**SYMPTOMS:** Please do not send your child in to school if they develop COVID19 symptoms:

- A raised temperature
- A new continuous cough
- A loss or change to the sense of smell or taste

The child may return to school once a negative test has been obtained or after 10 days from the onset of symptoms.

Children should also not come to school if:

- They have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID19.
- Anyone in their household or support or childcare bubble develops symptoms of COVID19
- They have been advised to isolate by NHS test and trace or the PHE local health protection team, which is a legal obligation

**MRS WARD:** Mrs Ward is having an operation and will therefore not be in school next week. Mr Laurie will be teaching Flamingo Class in her absence. I am sure you all join with me in wishing Mrs Ward a speedy recovery.

**KINGFISHER CLASS:** There has been a change in plan regarding the cover for Kingfisher class during Miss Meyer's absence, due to Mrs Ward's absence. Miss Meyer will continue to teach Kingfisher class remotely from Monday. Miss Meyer cannot be in school due to the potential risk posed to pregnancy by the coronavirus, but she will provide online learning as she has been doing since the start of the spring term. Mrs Biggs and Mrs Chaundy will support the children in class. From Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March until the end of the summer term the class will be taught by Miss Ryczowski when she returns from her maternity leave. Please note that Kingfisher Class, like the rest of the school, must return to school on Monday.

**WORLD BOOK DAY:** World Book Day had a very different feel to it yesterday but, despite the Lockdown, it was celebrated in style remotely at KMS. Thank you for participating and making it such a fun day for your children. I am sure, like me, you enjoyed the 'Masked Reader' – did you manage to work them all out? I have to admit it took me ages, but I got there in the end. My thanks go to Mrs Ward our literacy coordinator for organising the day, to our 'Masked Readers' for their Oscar worthy performances and to the teachers for planning such a fun array of activities.

**DOUGHNUTS:** To celebrate our first week back at school after lockdown, we will be holding a doughnut fundraiser for the school funds on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Your child will need to bring £1 to school on Friday in order for your child to receive their sugar ring doughnut. Your child will enjoy their doughnut after lunch on Friday in class. We are looking forward to celebrating with your children!

**COMIC RELIEF:** On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> – Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4

You will be able to book your own appointment for your telephone call through your ParentMail account. The booking system will go live at 7pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021, and you will be sent details via ParentMail at this time. Each parent will be able to book one appointment per child, on one of the days listed above relevant to their child's year group. Parents who have previously advised us that more than one appointment is required will have the ability to book an appointment per parent. We would encourage you all to book your slots promptly. Bookings will close 7 days before the Parents Evening session, for example, bookings for Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 will close on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021. This should allow all parents time to make their bookings. If you have changed your telephone number recently please ensure that you update the office with this information in advance of your appointment to avoid any problems.

**COVID19:** There have been no cases on COVID19 in school this week. The staff are continuing to carry out the lateral flow asymptomatic testing twice a week, to keep our community as safe as possible. If you decide to carry out this testing on your child, then you need only inform the school of a positive test result. Please note that the school cannot provide parents with these tests, nor carry out the tests on pupils. Please see below further advice from The DFE regarding home testing for families of children attending primary school:

*Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:*

- *through your employer, if they offer testing to employees*
- *by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests*
- *by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most*  
<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

*If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.*

*Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.*

*Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.*

**SUPER TROUPER NOMINATIONS:** Our final week's Online Super Troupers are as follows:

<b>Class</b>	<b>Online Super Trouper</b>
Duckling	Sophie T
Bluebird	Daniel P
Red Kites	Alex H
Yellow Wagtails	Mason W
Kingfisher	Lyla D
Puffin	Ellyott P
Swan	Riva B
Flamingo	Tiffany M
Lion	James T
Giraffe	James G
Penguin	Jack S
Eagle	Maisie S
Snowy Owl	Peter L
Leopard	Abby S
Elephant	Isla W
Dolphin	Henry L

King's Meadow PTA Needs You!

The PTA is a vital part of the school's community. They are responsible for organising many events throughout the year such as the school discos, film nights, quizzes and fayres which are loved by parents and children alike. In the past, money raised has paid for many things such as our running track, play equipment and new up-to-date books. But all of this cannot be done without the dedication of our brilliant PTA.

However, we need new active members to replace some long-standing and experienced members who will leave us at the end of the academic year as their children move on to further education. Without new members, the PTA events that we all love so much may not be able to run. It may seem like a big commitment, but it isn't, we need volunteers for all roles such as helping run stalls and assisting at discos. If you are interested in joining our amazing PTA team, please contact [kingsmeadowschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:kingsmeadowschoolpta@gmail.com)

Have a lovely weekend.



Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher