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Dear Parents and Carers,

23rd April 2021

SOCIAL MEDIA: It has been brought to the school's attention that many pupils are viewing videos on Tik Tok and other social media platforms that are not appropriate for primary aged children. They are being exposed to films with sexual and violent content, and we are hearing inappropriate language in school. Children need to be protected from this. Please supervise your child's use of the Internet.

FSU NEWS: Reception have been continuing with their work around the story 'Handa's Surprise'. We have been looking in detail at some of the fruits in the story and using pastels to draw them. We have some excellent artists. We have also been comparing the types of fruits which grow in Kenya with those which grow in the UK, linking this to the climate in each country. Our Maths focus, this week has been around measurement and the children have enjoyed comparing the capacity of different containers in the outside water trays. They quickly noticed that tall, thin containers often have a smaller capacity to short, wide containers. In Nursery we were fortunate to have our first of hopefully many online meetings with a farmer as part of a national initiative called Farmer Time. The farmer's name is Alana, and she works at Bardsley Howfield Farm in Kent where they grow fruit, supplying to all supermarkets. On Thursday Alana showed us the cherries that she is growing, and we saw bees flying in and out of the triple hive that was placed by the cherry trees. It was really interesting, and our Ducklings sat really well. As part of our minibeast topic this week, we found out lots of facts about slugs and snails and we made banana slugs as a healthy snack!

THE PTA NEEDS YOU: The PTA works hard for the school organising events to raise funds that allow the school to enrich the education for every child. Many members of the PTA have children who will be leaving KMS soon and therefore can no longer be part of this group. These members need to be replaced – if they are not then the PTA may not be able to continue! The school would be a much poorer place, both in terms of finance and fun, if we did not have a PTA. If you are interested in receiving more information then please e-mail the PTA directly at kingsmeadowschoolpta@gmail.com. I thank you in advance for your support.

PTA TREASURE TRAIL: A massive thank you to everyone who took part in the Treasure Trail. We raised £215.30. It was a fantastic trail that everyone thoroughly enjoyed and a huge thank you goes out to the parents who donated it to us. An extra special thank you to Owen L for being our draw master for the afternoon. The winners in the prize draw were-

1st- Harry Baynes

2nd - Jo Provis

3rd - Tina Foster

4th - Sharon Watson

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTERS AND MAPS: The curriculum maps and newsletters for the summer term have now been published to the school website for all year groups. These can be located under the classes tab within the relevant year group for your child/children. We would encourage you all to visit the website and to take a look to see what is planned for the term ahead.

PARENTMAIL UPDATE: We have been advised by ParentMail that they have updated their message priority setting. Going forward they are now emailing parents via the app only – parents with the app will no longer receive a copy of all messages into their inbox (Aside from registration emails and password resets etc). If you are not connected, or are logged out of the app, then you will still receive an e-mail. If you are logged into the app, then you will get the app notification only. If you are logged into the app but fail to look at the app notification by 6pm, this will trigger a daily digest email and the communications will be sent to your e-mail as part of a digest email, just to make sure that you don't miss it. However please be aware that these daily digest e-mails do not contain attachments which you may miss. If you are an app user you can request e-mail notifications for all messages by going into settings on the app and amending your e-mail preferences to 'always receive an e-mail'. We would strongly recommend that all parents download the IRIS ParentMail app to ensure that you never miss any important information from school.

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

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 97.79%. The class with the highest attendance this week was Flamingo class with 99.63%, well done to Flamingo class!

Bluebird: 99.50%	Yellow Wagtail: 98.40%
Red Kite: 97.87%	Puffin: 91.72%
Kingfisher: 98.33%	Swan: 99.60%
Flamingo: 99.63%	Giraffe: 99.28%
Lion: 96.43%	Eagle: 99.31%
Penguin: 99.00%	Leopard: 97.56%
Snowy Owl: 98.71%	Dolphin: 96.55%
Elephant: 96.13%	

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY: School will be closed on Monday for the May Bank Holiday. I hope the weather is kind and that you have an enjoyable long weekend.

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