



Dear Parents and Carers,

14th May 2021

SAFEGUARDING: If you have concerns about the behaviour of a child, then please bring these to the attention of the school. Please do not approach the child concerned directly. It is very frightening for a child to be approached by an adult and can cause distress. Thank you.

PARKING: Despite the fact that we currently have a staggered 45-minute window for drop off and pick up, the school is still receiving complaints regarding inconsiderate and illegal parking. When parking, please remember that children are crossing the road and be mindful of the road markings. Thank you.

COVID RESTRICTIONS: Unfortunately, not much will change in schools following the government's latest announcement regarding the next stage on the path out of lockdown. The most significant change in schools is that pupils and teachers no longer need to wear masks in lessons; this has never applied to primaries so the ruling will have no impact on KMS. The guidance is still very much focused on retaining the integrity of bubbles and minimising contact between groups. We had hoped that restrictions surrounding bringing large groups together would be lifted but this is not the case. Regrettably, we can still not hold assemblies, put on productions or open up our extensive after school programme. This also means that Sports Day will look very different this year. I am still working with Mr Roberts on what this will look like at KMS, but we do know that the children cannot compete in front of a large group of spectators. This means that we will not be able to invite parents in to watch the races and I appreciate how disappointing this will be for you. Hopefully, the next announcement on June 21st will bring news of a relaxation of restrictions in primary schools.

FSU NEWS: In Reception, we have been reading the story 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin. Floella came to England from Trinidad as part of the Windrush generation, and we have been thinking about how her life changed from living in a large house in the sunshine to a one-bedroom flat in London. We have also considered how she would have felt travelling with just her siblings. The children have begun to write a letter to Floella to ask her a question about her story. After listening to the music of Trinidad the children have enjoyed using two small bins as steel drums, although I am not sure the teachers have enjoyed it quite as much! Ms Rainer and Mrs Fowler have been reminiscing whilst watching Floella in 'Playschool' and the children enjoyed it too! In the garden we have been using natural objects to create art and using paint to replicate fabric patterns on the paving.

This week the Ducklings have been enjoying the story of the 'Very Hungry Caterpillar'. We have been learning a rap explaining the lifecycle of a butterfly, and some of the children have been using great vocabulary on the topic. During Farmer Time, Alana the farmer took us to her pear orchard. She showed us how lots of the leaves have been eaten by caterpillars and explained how they spray the trees to get rid of the pests. On Wednesday we enjoyed making natural collections and using them to create circles on the field as part of our Mental Health Awareness week. Our art looked fabulous before the rain and wind came! Ms Rainer, FSU leader

COVID UPDATE: There have been no cases of COVID19 in school this week.

CREATE A SHAPE CHALLENGE: King's Meadow School will be taking part in the 'Create a Shape Challenge'. This involves using an exercise app (like MapMyRun, Strava or RunKeeper) to draw unique shape. There are full details and examples on the attached sheet. We will be holding year group competitions with a small prize for the winners at the end of it. The deadline for shapes, which can either be printed, emailed in or placed on Google Classroom for us to print off, is Friday 11th June. The aim is to get everyone active and to have a bit of fun! Mr S Roberts, P.E Coordinator

ABSENCE REQUESTS: We would like to politely remind parents that all requests for term time absence should be made via the school office using a 'Request for Term Time Absence' form. This form can be located on the Parents Information section of the school website, or requested from the office. Please use this form for all absence types including medical appointments as it ensures that these are recorded correctly.

NCMP HEIGHT & WEIGHT PROGRAMME: We would like to remind parents of children in Reception and Year 6 that the School Health Nurse will be in school next week, on Wednesday 19th May 2021, to carry out the National Child Measuring Programme height and weight check. Full details regarding this have previously been sent out via ParentMail. Should you have any questions regarding this please direct them to Amy Laburn in the School Health Nurse Team on 07717701032.

GOVERNOR QUESTIONNAIRE: Many thanks to those of you who have taken the time to complete the governor questionnaire. We are always grateful to hear ideas on how we can improve our practice – and it is also wonderful to hear that we are getting things right! The closing date for the submission is next Friday so there is still time to share your views on the school.

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 95.95%. The class that achieved the highest attendance this week was Eagle Class with 98.26% attendance, well done to Eagle Class.

Bluebird: 97.50%	Yellow Wagtail: 97.00%
Red Kite: 86.32%	Puffin: 95.80%
Kingfisher: 96.28%	Swan: 97.60%
Flamingo: 95.15%	Giraffe: 94.96%
Lion: 96.43%	Eagle: 98.26%
Penguin: 94.67%	Leopard: 97.87%
Snowy Owl: 94.19%	Dolphin: 97.93%
Elephant: 97.10%	

Have a lovely weekend.



Mrs L Daulton

Headteacher