



Dear Parents and Carers,

25th June 2021

COVID UPDATE: I am pleased to report that there have been no cases of COVID19 in KMS this week. However, as I am sure many of you are aware, there has been a rise in cases in Bicester schools. This has resulted in some schools having to close bubbles. The KMS community has worked well together, and we have not had a case in school for some time. This has been due to families with a member exhibiting symptoms not sending their children into school, parents collecting pupils when they become symptomatic and self-isolating until they receive a negative result and the restrictions that are operating within school. With cases on the rise, it is as important as ever that we do not weaken in our resolve to minimise the risk of infection at KMS. Temperature checking and hand sanitizing at the gate will continue for the foreseeable future as will the necessity to maintain the integrity of our bubbles. I thank you all for playing your part in keeping everyone safe.

MISS REES: Miss Rees, Red Kites teacher, is leaving us on Tuesday. Many of you will be aware that Miss Rees is expecting her second child in September. Government guidance states that women who are 28 weeks pregnant should work from home until their maternity leave starts. She will be planning lessons and will engage with the children remotely. The children will be supported in school by Mrs Beckett and Mrs Holt. During the Spring Lockdown earlier this year, TAs supported Key Worker children in school while the teacher taught the whole class remotely via Google Classroom or Tapestry and this was very successful. I know that you will all join with me in wishing Miss Rees, her partner Nathan and her daughter Seren the very best as they await the arrival of their baby. I will keep you updated on any news.

FSU NEWS: It has been assessment week in Reception this week and we have been really impressed with how many letter sounds the children know and how well they are using them for reading and writing. At Forest School this week the focus was the fire pit. Some of the children had a go at making a spark before Miss Rees actually lit a small fire, which they used to toast marshmallows. Yum! We also learned how to do the recovery position, ready for an emergency.

This week Nursery have been very excited by the temporary visitor to the class - Lumpy Bumpy the Giant African Land Snail. Children and staff have been fascinated by him and will be sad to see him go next week. We have been learning about sheep, and found out about fleece and how it is turned into wool. Some children had a go at knitting and the class decided it would make a good scarf for Lumpy Bumpy!

CHOCOLATE FUN: In year 5 we have finally been able to enjoy our favourite day of the year, chocolate day! The wing has turned into a chocolate factory! In the Autumn term, the children learnt about the Ancient Mayans and where chocolate originates from- we were finally able to get round to planning our day in a safe way. We have learnt about the history of the cocoa bean, we have drunk hot chocolate, we have designed and made our own chocolate truffles (complete with a box) and we have tasted different types of chocolate, including salted chocolate, 90% cocoa and even chilli chocolate. The children were very brave, but we can confirm there were not many fans of the 90% cocoa chocolate. We hope the children enjoy sharing their chocolate truffles with their parents over the weekend, unless they devour them before they get the chance, and they are too choc-o-LATE. Miss McGuire Leopard Class teacher

Y6 FRENCH CAFÉ: Year 6 have enjoyed taking part in a French cafe experience this afternoon. We have enjoyed ordering our dishes in French and practicing our French vocabulary. We enjoyed: un croissant avec fromage et jambon et une crepe (the children will be able to tell you what they had!). We also sampled some grape juice to represent the vineyards in France. Bon appetit! Miss Golden KS2 leader

Y4 SWIMMING: Our Y4 children had swimming lessons at the leisure centre yesterday. Mr Roberts visited the centre a couple of weeks ago and discussed their COVID safety measures with the manager. He was satisfied that the restrictions in place would keep our children safe and so it was decided that swimming lessons could resume for KMS. Both Mr Roberts and Mrs Heason were pleased with how well the lessons went. These pupils have never been swimming with the school before and they all took to it like ducks to water, so to speak! Well done to Y4.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS: As communicated via ParentMail earlier this week, the class group and Year 6 photographs are now available to purchase from Tempest Photography. To qualify for free deliver to school, please remember to place your orders by midnight on Tuesday 29th June 2021. You will still be able to order after this date but will be charged £5 postage and packing.

THE MUSICAL BOX: The Musical Box have advised us that they are now taking bookings for music lessons for children in KS2 from September 2021. If your child will be in Years 3-6 from September and you are interested in any private music tuition, please contact The Musical Box directly. Please see attached flyer for further information.

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 97.08%. The class that achieved the highest attendance this week was Yellow Wagtail Class with 100.00% attendance, well done to Yellow Wagtail Class.

Bluebird: 96.94%	Yellow Wagtail: 100.00%
Red Kite: 89.42%	Puffin: 94.33%
Kingfisher: 99.31%	Swan: 95.65%
Flamingo: 98.57%	Giraffe: 91.07%
Lion: 98.19%	Eagle: 97.20%
Penguin: 99.67%	Leopard: 99.30%
Snowy Owl: 97.08%	Dolphin: 98.62 %
Elephant: 98.71%	

Have a lovely weekend,



Mrs L Daulton
Headteacher