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Dear Parents and Carers,

9th July 2021

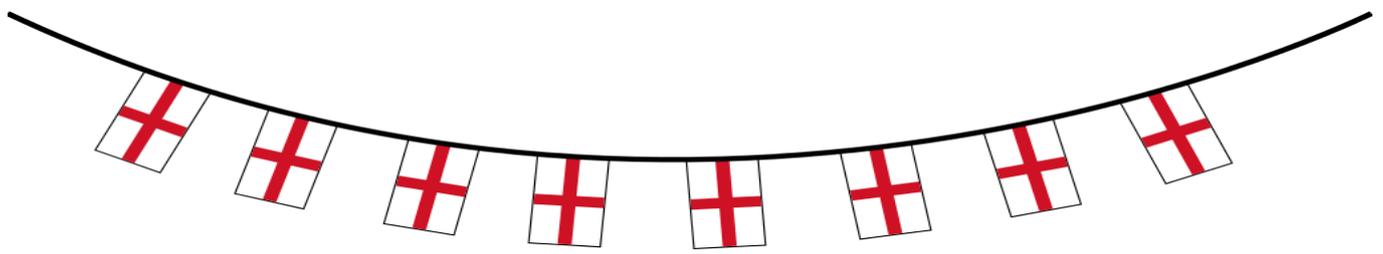
RELAXATION OF RESTRICTIONS: I am sure you were as delighted as I was to learn that from September there will be no more bubbles and staggered start and finish times at school. Life at school will be so much easier to manage as the children will be able to mix together at break times and during lunch. There will be no need for whole classes to self-isolate at home if one member tests positive, and double vaccinated members of staff will be able to come to school even if they have been identified as a close contact of a positive case. Although we have only had to close three bubbles throughout this pandemic, the impact was that 150 children lost significant time in the classroom and 150 parents had to take time off work to look after their child. COVID19, however, has not gone away and mitigation is still required. Schools have been informed that the additional hygiene and increased ventilation measures must remain in place.

SEPTEMBER: I am hopeful that from September, school will return to normal. The popular After School Club programme will start again and we can welcome parents and carers back into school. Assemblies and productions can take place in front of an audience, inter school sports competitions can take place and we will be able to have International and Art Weeks, school trips and so much more. The staff and I are very much looking forward to school life resuming fully. NB we are currently working on the After School Club programme and it will be sent out at the start of next term.

COVID19 UPDATE: The Y6 children and staff returned to school on Tuesday after their 10-day self-isolation period. Another member of staff is currently self-isolating due to a member of their household testing positive.

PHOTOGRAPH FUNDRAISER: As we did at Christmas, photographs have been taken of your child for you to purchase to raise much needed funds for the school. Mrs Hargreaves Hands, School Business Manager, has been using her photographic skills to capture impressive images of the children. The pictures have been taken outside in our wonderful grounds and show them climbing on the play equipment and up trees, riding bikes and so much more. My favourites are of some of the children hanging upside down from the branch of a tree (safely I must add!). Mrs Hargreaves Hands has a keen creative eye, and it is wonderful that she has shared this with the school. As before, the photographs will be professionally printed and will cost £1.50 each. There is no opportunity to see before you buy, and they cannot be returned. If you would like to order one or more photographs, then please place your order via ParentPay by Monday at 5pm. This will allow time for the photos to be printed and ready to go home next Friday. My thanks go to Mrs Hargreaves Hands for doing such a great job – I know you will be delighted with the results!

COOKIE FUNDRAISER: On Wednesday we will be having a cookie fundraiser. At break time, the children will be able to buy a chocolate chip cookie freshly baked by our wonderful cook, Sue Tugwood. The cookies will cost £1 and can be ordered via ParentPay, please order by no later than Tuesday 13th July at 5pm, to allow the correct quantity to be baked. All proceeds will go to the school fund. I thank you in advance for your support.



FSU NEWS: The highlight of this week, in Reception, was sports day. The children were really looking forward to it and a great time was had by all. There are some amazing photos. We have also been practising our neatest handwriting for the school competition using poetry linked to healthy school. Our discussions this week have been all around moving to year 1 and what to expect. Although some of the children are a little apprehensive the majority are 'go for it gorillas' and ready for a new challenge. This week the Ducklings have been learning about lots of animals from around the world. They have loved visiting our Rainforest scene in the Nursery garden, complete with binoculars and clipboards, and have been good at making their own attempts to record all the animals they found hiding there. We have done some fact finding about sharks followed by some very tense shark games. We practiced not screaming when Mrs Spearman played the Jaws music on the piano, but that's still a work in progress! We had a great time at Wonderful Woodland today. We lit another fire and all of the class were sensible at toasting their marshmallows. Well done Ducklings!

FOOTBALL: As you are aware England are playing Italy in the Euro final on Sunday at 8pm. I am sure that many of the pupils will be watching this momentous occasion and that will mean a very late night for them. Therefore, the children can have a bit of a lie in and come into school slightly later. The school will be open from the normal time for those who will not be taking advantage of the late start - staff will be in school at the usual time (sorry!). The late start times are shown below and the gates remain the same:

- Y5 & Y6 10AM
- Y3 & Y4 10.10AM
- Y1 & Y2 10.20AM
- Reception and Nursery 10.30AM

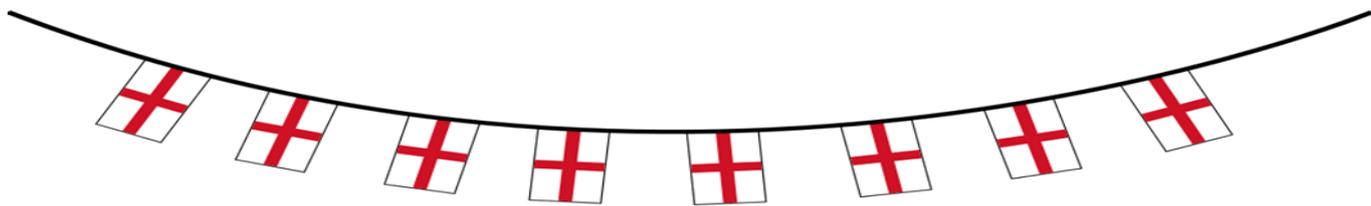
Come on England!!!!

BBC NEWS SOUTH: The BBC are visiting the school on Monday morning to talk to the children about the Euro Final. If your child has an England football strip or an England top then they may wear it to school on Monday. Please note this is NOT a non school uniform day and school uniform should be worn if your child does not have an England top.

SPORTS DAYS: This week the year groups held their sports days. Much fun was had by all and the children displayed great sportsmanship. Year 6 will hold their sports day on Monday afternoon, please send them in a top in their house colour if they have one.

SPELLING BEE: Once again, the children at King's Meadow have shone with their dedication to learning their spellings. The Spelling Bee was a great success, and the results are as follows:

Spelling Bee Winners			
Year	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
1	Ellyot P	Christian M	Alicia M
2	Riva B, Emily P, Raphael K, Sophie H	Isla S	Zac O
3	Alex G, James T,		Jack B, Tilda A, Hollie B, Florence A-H
4	Jack S, Bethany F		Rania A
5	Liv B	Amelie T	Bianca D



MATHS BEE: On Tuesday the children competed in the Summer Term Maths Bee and all participants should be very proud of how they performed. The winners were as follows:

Maths Challenge Winners			
Year	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
1	Julian T	Alicia M	Tilda R & Jazlyn A
2	Owen L & Leo S	Noah H	
3	Finley H	Keavy W & Jessica W	
4	Eddie H	Mathew B	William C
5	Issy B	Harrison L	Charlie E, Liv B, Sammy S
6	Ellie A, Riley J, Jessica S		

READING AND MATHS CHAMPIONS: On Thursday afternoon the children were rewarded for their efforts in reading and Mathletics with a Macdonald's treat. The names of the winners were published in last week's newsletter.

SCHOOL MEALS: Please find attached the school lunch menu that will run from September 2021 to April 2022. The deadline for ordering your meals for the first week in September is Thursday 26th August 2021. Please note that children who are moving into Year 3 will need to start paying for their meals, the cost of a school meal is £2.35.

END OF TERM: School closes next Friday for the summer holidays. We would like to give our Y6 children a special 'send-off' – there will be a guard of honour to mark their final day at KMS at 1pm. It would be lovely if Y6 parents could come and collect their child for one last time. The exit times for next Friday are below and the gates remain the same:

- Y6 1pm
- Y5 1.05PM
- Y3 & Y4 1.10pm
- Y1 & Y2 1.20pm
- Reception & Nursery 1.30pm

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 96.83% We have three classes this week who achieved 100% attendance, well done to Kingfisher, Penguin and Red Kite classes

Bluebird: 94.44%	Yellow Wagtail: 96.97%
Red Kite: 100.00%	Puffin: 92.86%
Kingfisher: 100.00%	Swan: 93.02%
Flamingo: 95.62%	Giraffe: 92.14%
Lion: 97.73%	Eagle: 96.90%
Penguin: 100.00%	Leopard: 96.55%
Snowy Owl: 98.70%	Dolphin: 98.28%
Elephant: 99.58%	

Have a lovely weekend,

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