



Dear Parents and Carers,

10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**MORNING ARRANGEMENTS:** A couple of final tweaks were made to the morning arrangements and the school are delighted with how they are going. The children are all in class, settled and ready to start their day by 8.50am which is excellent. My thanks go to all of you for being patient and following the new instructions.

**ASSEMBLIES:** There was great excitement in the school this week as we started to hold assemblies in the hall again. It has been a long 19 months since we have all come together as a school and it was wonderful. In Tuesday's Singing Assembly we sang the KMS song, 'Kind, Motivated, Successful KMS' and it moved many of the staff present to tears (myself included!). In Monday's assembly I told the children about my recent trip to the Scottish island of Tiree. I explained that you sail past 'Balamory', the setting of the children's television programme, on the way to the island and asked if anyone knew the real name of this place. No one knew, so I set the challenge of 10 house points for anyone who could find out. Owen Lewis gained 10 house points by correctly telling me that it was Tobermory. Well done, Owen!

**MEET THE TEACHER:** It was lovely to see so many of you in the classrooms yesterday after school. It has been so long since we have been able to invite you into the building and you were most welcome.

**FSU NEWS:** The Reception children have had a fantastic first full week in school. They are settling well and getting used to all the different routines, such as where to hang their coat, put their bookbag or water bottle and how to collect their lunch from the serving hatch in the hall. In our Phonics sessions we have been listening to different sounds and have had great fun trying to guess what they are. Our Maths has focussed on sorting, and we have been talking about positive ways to behave. Also, we have been to the hall for PE and been 'preserving parrots' when putting on our socks and shoes. A little more practice would be useful!

We've had a lot of fun in Duckling class this week as the youngest children have started their school journey. After a staggered start, all of the children are now in, and they are already starting to make new friends. They have met a very naughty crocodile puppet who keeps eating up the monkeys, much to the delight of the class.  
Ms Rainer, FSU leader

**DATES FOR THE TERM:** Please find attached the dates for this term. These include Parents' Evenings, Class Assemblies, International Week, Nativities and so on. It is hoped that with advanced warning you will be able to join us at many of these events.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:** The After School Club programme was sent out this week. There is a most impressive list of activities on offer, and I hope that every child will participate in at least one. Booking and payment can be made via ParentPay. If your child is interested in Recorder Club, as this is a free of charge lunch time club this will not appear on ParentPay, instead please e-mail the office if your child would like a place. I would like to thank the staff for giving up their time to run these clubs and Mrs Lee for coordinating the programme, which is no mean feat!

**JEANS FOR GENES DAY:** This month it is Jeans For Genes awareness week starting Monday 13th September. Jeans For Genes Day is a nationwide fundraiser. The charity's mission is to support families and children with birth defects or incurable genetic diseases such as muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis, and sickle cell anaemia. On Friday 17th September (next Friday) we would like to encourage the children to wear jeans to school and to donate £1 to do so towards this worthy cause. The children will continue to wear their school jumpers/cardigans on this day. Miss McGuire, School Council leader

**COVID UPDATE:** There have been 5 new covid cases in children this week. The classes concerned have been informed. Please do not send your child in to school if they are exhibiting any signs of the virus: a raised temperature, a new cough or a loss of sense or taste. Please remember that there is now no longer a requirement for close contacts of a positive case to self-isolate, even if they are in the same household. Thank you.

**DOUGHNUT DAY:** To celebrate the return to normality in school we will be holding a Doughnut Day fundraiser next Friday. The doughnuts will cost £1 and will be served at morning break. They can be paid for on ParentPay. The deadline for ordering is Thursday so that the correct number can be purchased.

**PHONICS WORKSHOP:** Mrs Ward and Ms Rainer will be hosting a phonics workshop on Thursday 30th September at 1.15pm in the ICT Suite, which is at the front of the school building, and will be signposted on the day. This workshop will allow us to share with you how we teach reading and phonics in school, and ways in which you can work with us to support your child at home. It is for parents of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children only. If you wish to attend, we ask that you email the school office by Friday 24th September. Those that are unable to attend will find useful resources on the school website. Mrs M. Ward Assistant Head.

**MEDICATIONS IN SCHOOL:** If your child has a need for regular medications in school, including inhalers, we would like to remind you to check that these have not exceeded their expiry date. New 'Administering of Medication' forms are required annually even if the medication or dosage has not changed. This form can be located on the school website or paper copies are available from the school office.

<https://kings-meadow.oxon.sch.uk/information/parents-information/>

**PTA NEWS:** Welcome back everyone. We hope you have had a lovely summer. We are delighted to be back and, subject to restriction changes, will be offering our tradition timetable of events. First event is for the children and will be the school disco on Friday 15th October (details to follow). Our Annual Meeting is open to all on Wednesday 15th September @ 7.30pm in the school meeting room. As a parent of a child at Kings Meadow you are already a member of the PTA but we are always in need of more volunteers at our events and any amount of time you can offer is gratefully received. Come along for more information or contact us on the PTA email [kingsmeadowschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:kingsmeadowschoolpta@gmail.com).

**ATTENDANCE:** The attendance for the school this week was 96.12% The class that achieved the highest attendance this week was Elephant class with 99.32% attendance, well done to class.

Bluebird: 90.50%	Yellow Wagtail: 98.92%
Red Kite: 95.45%	Puffin: 97.64%
Kingfisher: 94.93%	Swan: 94.36%
Flamingo: 91.22%	Giraffe: 99.29%
Lion: 97.85%	Eagle: 93.14%
Penguin: 97.14%	Leopard: 97.00%
Snowy Owl: 95.33%	Dolphin: 98.67%
Elephant: 99.32%	

Have a lovely weekend



Mrs L Daulton  
Headteacher