



Dear Parents and Carers,

24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**LION CLASS ASSEMBLY:** We have decided that Lion Class Assembly will go ahead at 9am next Friday – but with a difference! The assembly will be watched only by parents and not by the rest of the school. I hope that many parents will be able to attend, and I ask that you enter the hall via the reception. You will be asked to hand sanitise and sign in before entering the building. I look forward to seeing you next Friday.

**FSU NEWS:** In Reception this week, we have been reading and comparing different versions of the story The Little Red Hen. We have found lots of similarities and differences. We have been grinding corn, just like the Little Red Hen and were surprised how soft the flour we made was. Next week we will be using the flour to make our own bread. In our writing focus, we have been creating a shopping list, drawing the items and writing the initial sounds. This week the Ducklings have been singing lots of nursery rhymes using the props bag. We have been discussing our emotions and have enjoyed playing with the "Feelings Family". On Wednesday we had our first adventure on the school field. The men cutting the hedges were there and seemed to be the star attraction! Next week we have our first story and games sessions in both Reception and Nursery, and we are looking forward to seeing you. Ms K.Rainer, FSU Lead

**RECEPTION STORY & GAMES SESSION:** Parents of children in Reception year are warmly invited to join us in school and enjoy some stories and games with their children at 9am on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Please make your way to the front of the school after you have dropped your children off where you will be asked to sign in before being taken through to the Reception classrooms. We would ask all parents wishing to join us to arrive promptly to minimise disruption.

**NURSERY STORY SESSION:** Parents of children attending our nursery setting full time or during the afternoons are warmly invited to join us in school to enjoy some stories with their children at 2.30pm on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Morning part timers will have more sessions in the future, so everyone will get plenty of opportunities to come in and read together. Parents need to come to the front of the school just before 2.30pm to sign in. The whole group will be escorted to the classroom where they will be reading with their child. We would ask all parents wishing to join us to arrive promptly to minimise disruption. We are looking forward to seeing many of you on Monday.

**SWIMMING:** As the Year 6 pupils are away at Woodlands next week, we have the opportunity to take the Year 4 children to the leisure centre for a swimming taster session. This will help get them prepared for a more regular slot in the new year. On Thursday could all children bring a swimming costume, a towel and a swimming hat (we have one or two available to borrow if you are unable to find one) into school with them. If your child needs goggles, for a medical reason, please ensure they are fitted correctly and send them in with note. The children have been informed this afternoon and there is lots of excitement! If any child is a little nervous, please ask them to let us know and we can try to settle their nerves. Mr Roberts PE Coordinator

**QUEEN'S JUBILEE:** To celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022, the late May bank holiday will be moved to Thursday 2nd June 2022, and an additional bank holiday will be taken on Friday 3rd June 2022. As this extra bank holiday falls within the planned school holiday, we have been informed that schools can take another day within the school year. At King's Meadow we have decided to take Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January as our extra day's holiday so school will now return after the Christmas break on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

**WOODLANDS:** The Y6 pupils are off to Woodlands in South Wales for their 5-day residential trip on Monday morning. They will participate in lots of exciting outdoor pursuits, and I know that they will have a great time. Unfortunately, Mrs Powell is not able to accompany the class as she is not feeling well enough to cope with the demands of the trip. Miss McGuire has kindly offered to take her place. The staff accompanying the trip are Mr Laurie, Miss Golden, Miss McGuire, Mrs Merrett, Mrs Chaundy and Mrs Hargreaves Hands. Mrs Powell and I will be driving down to Wales on Wednesday afternoon to have supper and check in on them all. I would like to thank the staff going on this adventure with the Y6 for giving up their own time and leaving their own families to offer this opportunity to the children. It is very much appreciated. Have a fabulous time everyone!

**NB If a child develops COVID symptoms then a parent must come and collect them from the centre.**

**LEOPARD CLASS:** Leopard Class will be covered by Mrs Powell while Miss McGuire is at Woodlands. Mr Knights will teach the class on Thursday when Mrs Powell is in Wales.

**COVID UPDATE:** This week we have had 8 children and 2 adults have tested positively for Coronavirus. Please remember not to send your child into school if they have any COVID symptoms: a cough, raised temperature or loss of taste and /or smell.

**PANTOMIME:** We are delighted to announce that we have been able to book again for our trip to the panto this year for children in Reception up to Year 6. It will be fantastic to get back to the theatre and is always such an enjoyable experience for everyone each year. I'm sure the children will be so excited to watch this year's exciting performance. We have booked into The Waterside Theatre in Aylesbury to see '**Cinderella**' on **Friday 10th December**. If you would like your child to attend this trip the cost of this will be £16.40 and you will be able to make payment and give permission via ParentPay by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021. We hope the children will join us on this fantastic trip.

**MACMILLAN CAKE SALE:** I'm sure you have all spotted a new poster on our classroom windows this week. I'm delighted to say we will be having a bake sale to raise money for Macmillan cancer support. On Friday 8th October, at the end of the school day at 3.10pm, there will be a range of sweet treats to purchase **in the quad**. As always, these fundraisers would not be possible without the support from our staff, parents and children. Therefore, if you would like to donate a sweet treat such as: cupcakes, brownies, flapjacks, cookies, doughnuts etc we would be so grateful. Could we please ask that your donations are able to be sold individually and there are **no whole cakes**, in order to keep the crowd moving. If you would like to get involved in this worthy cause, please pop your delicious donations into Wing A in the morning on the way to the playground. And just a reminder, please remember that we are a nut free school! Thank you

**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.

**BICESTER BABY BANK RACE NIGHT:** At King's Meadow School we try to support many charities, one of those charities is Bicester Baby Bank which provides support to families in need in our local area. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm Bicester Baby Bank are holding a Race Night to raise funds for this worthy cause. Please find attached a flyer about this event and consider going along if you can. You will also find details on the attachment of some items that the Baby Bank are in need of. If you have any of these items to donate they can be handed in at the school office by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October, and we will ensure that they are passed on the Baby Bank.

**PERMISSION FORMS:** We have now sent out the annual student update and permission forms to all year groups, thank you to those parents who have already returned them. If you are yet to complete this for your child, please update any information that may have changed and return the form in your child's book bag by no later than Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:** (All courses remain virtual)

- On Monday Miss Golden and Mrs Watson attended as course on Down's Syndrome and I attended a Phonics Briefing
- On Tuesday Mrs Woodward and Mrs Toes attended a Phonics and Spelling course
- On Wednesday Mr Laurie delivered Safeguarding Training to support staff
- On Thursday I met with the other Bicester headteachers, there was a staff twilight (3.30pm – 6.30pm) training on Autism and the Full Governing Body met in the evening
- On Friday Mrs Laurie and I attended an Ofsted Briefing and the International Week Planning Committee met to finalise plans

Have a lovely weekend



Mrs L Daulton  
Headteacher