



Dear Parents and Carers,

3rd September 2021

WELCOME BACK: A very warm welcome back to you all. I hope that you all had a fun and relaxing summer. The children all seemed to have had a great holiday and are now raring to dive into the exciting term ahead. The staff and I are delighted that the restrictions have now been lifted and school can return to normality. You will be invited into school to watch class assemblies and productions and to enjoy the results of our 'off timetable' weeks such as International Week and Take One Picture – we have missed you and look forward to welcoming you back in after such a long time! The dates for the term ahead are still being finalised and will be issued next week.

MORNING ARRANGEMENTS: The morning arrangements are going well but we would like to ask that parents do not line up with their children. Once the bell is rung, your child needs to walk to their line, and we ask that you leave the playground at that point. Thank you.

BICYCLES IN SCHOOL: Please note that no bicycles, belonging to parent or child, should be taken on to the playground at drop off or pick up. There are a lot of children on the playground at these time and bicycles cause a significant health and safety risk. All bicycles can be left in the bike shelters.

YESTERDAY'S SCHOOL LUNCH: There was a mistake with this week's food delivery resulting in the wrong menu choice being offered to the children. This has been brought to the attention of the catering company and they have assured the school that they will endeavour to make sure that this does not happen again.

MEET THE TEACHER: On Thursday at 3.15pm, we would like to invite you to come into school and meet your child's teacher. If you have a child in more than one class, then decide which teacher you wish to see first and then go to the next classroom after. I look forward to seeing you then.

NEW STAFF: We were joined by seven new members of staff this year: Two teachers are providing maternity cover, one teacher is covering Mr Laurie's and Mrs Ward's time out of class whilst they deliver the 'Catch Up' programme this year and one is the replacement for Mrs Heason. Two new teaching assistants are providing 1:1 support. I am delighted to welcome Mrs Woodward, Mrs Toes, Miss Floyd, Mrs Smith, Mrs Herring and Mrs Walsh to our team. We have also been joined by Miss Stewart who successfully completed her final teaching placement with us in the summer term. Miss Stewart will be supporting Giraffe Class, providing PPA time and covering classes when the need arises. These new members of staff have settled in quickly and have already established themselves as part of the KMS team.

COVID19 UPDATE: We have two members of staff and one pupil off with coronavirus at the moment. Although there is now no longer the requirement for staff and pupils to self-isolate if they have had close contact with a positive case, I will continue to update you on the Covid situation in school.

JEANS FOR GENES FUNDRAISER: 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, 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.

PE DAYS TERM 1: As mentioned in the last newsletter of the summer term, the children will be continuing to wear PE kits on the days that they have PE. This means that the whole session is spent on physical activity rather than having to change before and after the lesson. We have also noticed that the amount of lost property in school has gone down considerably NB this does not apply to after school sports clubs – school uniform must be worn, with the children changing into their PE kit at the end of the school day. Please see below details of the P.E days for term 1:

Year 1	Monday & Friday
Year 2	Thursday & Friday
Year 3	Thursday & Friday
Year 4	Monday & Wednesday
Year 5	Wednesday (& Swimming Thursday)
Year 6	Tuesday (& Swimming Thursday)

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: As mentioned in the summer term we are very much looking forward to reintroducing our exciting programme of after school activities here at King’s Meadow School. We are just finishing putting together the details and will issue this to parents as soon as possible. The activities will be starting w/c Monday 20th September 2021.

SWIMMING YEARS 5 & 6: We would like to remind parents of children in years 5 & 6 that swimming lessons will resume on Thursday 9th September 2021. Please ensure that your child comes to school with their swimming kit.

BREEZE RIDES: Breeze rides are fun, free bike rides for women led by women <https://www.letsride.co.uk/breeze> In the lead up to The Women’s Tour on Monday 4th October (where Bicester is hosting the Grand Depart with Banbury the finish) Cherwell District Council, in association with British Cycling, are keen to get as many women cycling as possible. They are proposing a set of 4 short rides to be on consecutive Friday mornings (the rides will be a 9:10 meet with a 9:15 start) starting on 10th September, leaving from King’s Meadow Park. If you are interested, please take a look at the attached leaflet. Claire Hubner, who is organising the event, will be at King’s Meadow on Monday to advertise the event and answer any further questions.

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 95.94% The classes that achieved the highest attendance this week were Dolphin, Eagle, Red Kite & Yellow Wagtail Classes with 100% attendance, well done to these Classes.

Bluebird: 83.87%	Yellow Wagtail: 100.00%
Red Kite: 100.00%	Puffin: 96.67%
Kingfisher: 87.93%	Swan: 99.17%
Flamingo: 98.28%	Giraffe: 94.44%
Lion: 98.21%	Eagle: 100.00%
Penguin: 92.86%	Leopard: 91.67%
Snowy Owl: 95.83%	Dolphin: 100.00%
Elephant: 98.33%	

Have a lovely weekend



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