



Dear Parents and Carers,

19th November 2021

EAGLE CLASS ASSEMBLY: Mrs Woodward's class put on an excellent assembly this morning. They told us all about their study of the Ancient Egyptians, explained how to solve maths problems, showed us some wonderful artwork, and performed the Cha Cha Cha. They spoke clearly and danced with poise – it was most enjoyable. My thanks go to Mrs Woodward and to Mrs Watson for all their hard work with the class.

CHILDREN IN NEED: The school looked very different today as most of the children and staff were wearing pyjamas and were sporting crazy hair dos in support of Children in Need. Together we have raised an amazing £391.50 for this worthwhile charity. My thanks go to Miss McGuire and the School Council for organising this event for the school.

COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL: A polite reminder that if you have arranged for someone else to collect your child from school that the school needs to be notified. This can be to a member of staff in the morning, a phone call to the office or an email. If the school are not informed, then the staff will not allow a different adult to pick up your child. As you can imagine this situation is awkward and embarrassing for all involved. I thank you in advance for your support with this.

CROSS COUNTRY FINALS: We have a group of children participating in the Oxfordshire Cross Country finals at Sibford school next Friday. Good luck everyone!

Y3 STONE AGE WEEK: Year 3 have had a very exciting Stone Age week this week! It all started with them helping archaeologist Sue with her research into the Stone Age and discovering some prehistoric artefacts in the woodland area. We have also split into tribes and built our own Stone Age wall and Stone Age shelter which we tested by tipping water over it. After that, we went hunting with spears and cooked our own bread over the fire to feed our tribe. The final activity we did this week was to create our own Stone Age axe using wood and flint. It has been a really fun but busy week and it has been excellent to see the children thrive with their learning in the wonderful woodland area.

COVID UPDATE: One child has tested positive for Covid this week. There have been no cases in staff.

FSU NEWS: It has been another busy week in Reception, with firefighter role play outside and the police and vet role play inside. The children really are enjoying our 'People who help us topic'. In Maths we have been taking an in-depth look at the number 4, by thinking about all the different ways we can make number 4 and investigating 4 sided shapes. The children were astounded that you can make a square using two triangles. We have also started our rehearsals for our Nativity play and the children have chosen their part. We can't wait to show it to our parents.

This week the Ducklings have been learning about our bodies and we have had a visit from the school skeleton which has generated lots of interest. We have been exploring the bones in our body and discovered the bumpy bits we have on our spine. We have enjoyed more hospital role-play, and the children and staff have spent much of the week wearing bandages! We have been enjoying the repetition of 'Funny Bones' by Janet and Alan Ahlberg and adapting the words during our week. We are looking forward to our first visit to the woodlands area next week Karen Rainer FSU leader

MESSAGE FROM THE PTA: A massive thank you to everyone who came and supported us at the Christmas Shopping Event last Saturday. We had a lovely afternoon and raised £398.49. Tonight, we will be hosting our traditional Quiz Night. We are all looking forward to a great night out. A huge thank you to Mrs Merrett and Mr Cox for being our Quiz Masters.

Our next event is the Christmas Fayre on Friday 3rd December. We are still looking for volunteers to help make this special event a success. Any time you can spare is always greatly appreciated. If you would like to help please email kingsmeadowschoolpta@gmail.com or see your class rep. Becky Nash, PTA Chair

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY ORDER: All students who were present in school on Wednesday 10th December should have now received their photograph proofs. All orders this year will need to be made online via www.tempest-orders.co.uk. Simply enter your image reference number which can be found on the proof and follow the on screen instructions. If you are unable to place an online order, there will be the option to place a telephone order via Tempest Photography Customer Service Department- 01736 751555. We have been advised by Tempest Photography that the **closing date** for FREE delivery to school has been extended to **Wednesday 24th November 2021**, any orders placed after this date will need to be delivered to home and will incur a delivery fee. If you need assistance feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555.

LEOPARD CLASS CYCLING SESSIONS: Leopard class have had a great opportunity to take part in bike sessions for PE, which started on Wednesday 10th November. These sessions are run in partnership with British Cycling and fully trained activators from Cherwell District Council. The mentors will be working with the children to increase confidence and skills in the saddle and helping the children put these skills into practice. Each week the activators will focus on a different skill/cycling element and these skills will be taught through fun drills and games. The children really enjoyed their first session and are looking forward to the next!



COOKIE FUNDRAISER: On Friday 3rd December 2021 we will be offering the children chocolate cookies for a donation of £1. All donations are to be made via ParentPay. To ensure that the correct quantity is ordered, the deadline for making your donation is Wednesday 1st December 2021 at 3.30pm. Proceeds from this sale will be put into the school funds to enhance the provision that is in place for the children at King's Meadow School.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS: On Tuesday 30th November, the School Health Nurse Team will be visiting school to administer Flu Vaccinations to all children in years Reception to Year 6 where permission has been granted. The deadline for completing the consent form is **Thursday 25th November 2021**. Full details regarding how to give your consent were provided in our previous ParentMail. Should you have any queries regarding the immunisation programme please contact the School Health Nursing Team directly on 07717 701032.

BICESTER BABY BANK: As advised previously, the school are collecting gift bags again this year for Bicester Baby Bank. This is a very worthwhile charity that the school is happy to support and who in turn offer support to some of our families. If you would like to donate a gift these can be handed in at the school by Monday 29th November 2021. Please see attached flyer for full details.

WAC EMERGENCY PHONE: If your child is attending Wrap Around Care and you need to make contact in an emergency outside of school hours, please be reminded that the number to call is: [07526 553508](tel:07526553508)

CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY: On Friday 3rd December we will be holding our Christmas Craft Day. On this date children can come to school wearing their own clothes in exchange for a prize for the tombola that will take place at the PTA Christmas Fayre later that day. Please see below details of the requested donations:

FSU (Nursery and Reception) and KS1 (Year 1&2)

Please fill an empty jar or pot with any of the below:

- Sweets
- Stickers
- Small toys (for example McDonald toy, party bag type thing that you have left around they house)
- Craft
- Anything that fits in a jar that a child would be happy to win (eg no pasta sauces please)

KS2 (Year 3-6)

A bottle, such as:

- Wine
- A non-alcoholic drink
- Bubble bath

NATIVITIES: Please see below a reminder of this years Nativity performance dates and times.

- Reception Nativity to parents on Tuesday 7th December (13.30)
- Reception Nativity to parents on Wednesday 8th December (13.30)
- Nursery Nativity to parents on Thursday 9th December (9.15am)
- Year 2 Nativity to parents (13.30 and 18.00) on Tuesday 14th December
- Year 1 Nativity to parents (13.30 and 18.00) on Wednesday 15th December

Due to health and safety regulations limiting our hall capacity, every child in each of the nativities will be able to have a maximum of 2 family members attend each performance. We also ask that you wear a mask when entering the school building.

TALKING SPACE PLUS: TalkingSpace Plus is a free, confidential NHS service for adults in Oxfordshire, to help people when they're feeling stressed, anxious or low and we offer our treatments online for your safety and convenience. If you feel you would benefit from support please contact our service directly on 01865 901222 or visit www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/talkingspaceplus.

LEOPARD CLASS ASSEMBLY: Next Friday Miss McGuire's class will be putting on their class assembly. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in this class. We respectfully ask that you wear a mask if you will be attending. Refreshments will be served at the end

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