



Dear Parents and Carers,

26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**LEOPARD CLASS ASSEMBLY:** A huge Well Done to Leopard Class for their fantastic assembly this morning. They demonstrated the short method of division, showed us some gymnastics moves, recited a poem all about space and performed a musical version of Theseus and the Minotaur to the tune of the musical Grease. I was amazed by the dramatic ability of the whole class – there were many performances worthy of an Oscar! It was a most enjoyable morning, and I would like to thank Miss McGuire and Mrs Chaundy for all their hard work with the class.

**FSU NEWS:** As part of our people who help us topic, Reception was visited by Inspector Biggs today. He talked to us about the different things the police do to protect us and the equipment he uses. The children were able to look carefully at his protective jacket, bodycam, walkie talkie, baton and handcuffs. Some children even ended up in handcuffs! Although they did slip them off quite easily. We also braved the rain to see Inspector Biggs' police car. He turned the siren on and it was really loud. The children had a wonderful time and we would like to say a huge thank you to Inspector Biggs for giving up his time.

This week the Ducklings have been learning about our families. We have had a photo gallery up in the classroom in our pretend living room and this has generated lots of discussion. Thank you to those of you who put your photos onto Tapestry. We have been to the woodland for the first time this week and the children enjoyed exploring the new area. We learned how we stay safe there and sang a song about walking around the campfire area. Ms K.Rainer, Early Years Coordinator

**CROSS COUNTRY FINALS:** Well done to everyone that participated part in the North Oxfordshire Cross Country Finals at Sibford School today. The bright early sunshine gave way to dark stormy skies, as the Year 3 and 4 Girls lined up for their 900 metre run. The Year 3 and 4 Boys' team followed over the same distance. The Year 5 and 6 Girls' team were next up and ran over an extended course of 1200m. Finally, Louis P, who qualified individually, completed the event in the Year 5 and 6 category. Mr Laurie and Mrs Hughes, who accompanied the children, were super proud of all their achievements in such difficult conditions. We will let children know the full set of results when the school receives them.

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

**ASSESSMENT WEEK:** Next week the children will be assessed in reading and maths. This gives the school the opportunity to see how much progress your child has made since the start of term and will inform the planning of future intervention groups

**SCHOOL VISION SCREENING:** School vision screening will take place for all children in Reception year on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021. School vision screening is an assessment of your child's vision and eye co-ordination undertaken during their first year at school between the ages of 4 and 5 years. The test will take place during school time. If your child is absent on the day of the vision screening we advise that you take them to a local optometrist (optician). If you have any specific concerns you wish to discuss please contact the Orthoptic Department directly on 01865 234160.

**FLU IMMUNISATIONS:** On Tuesday 30th November 2021, 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 has now passed, should you have any queries about this or any matter regarding the immunisation programme please contact the School Health Nursing Team directly on 01869 604095 or 07717 701032 (Amy Labourn - Immunisation Team Administrator). All messages for the School Health Nurse on the day of immunisation should be handed to the school office in writing before 8:45am. Please address your note for attention of administration team, clearly write your child's name, DOB and year group on the front of the envelope and ask the Office Staff to ensure it is handed to the School Health Nurse on their arrival. **It is particularly important that you let them know if any of the below apply** as it may not be possible to administer the vaccine:

- Your child is unwell on the day of immunisation
- They are currently taking or have been prescribed steroid tablets to control their asthma in the two weeks prior to the vaccination session in school
- They have a history of active wheezing in the 3 days prior to the vaccination session and/or have increased the use of their Bronchodilator in the 3 days prior to the vaccination session in school
- If they have increased the use of their inhaled steroids since the consent form was completed

**MESSAGE FROM THE PTA:** A huge thank you to everyone that joined us for the quiz night last Friday. We had a great night and raised a fantastic £458.44. A massive thank you to Mrs Merrett and Mr Cox for helping to make it a great success.

Our next event is our traditional Christmas Fayre next Friday 3rd December from 15.15 - 16.30.

Raffle tickets have gone home with all the children. There are many great prizes to be won in this year's Christmas raffle (please see attached list). It will be drawn at 16:15pm at the Christmas Fayre. Please don't forget to hand in your raffle ticket stubs with the money to the PTA post box in the school main reception area. Please also return any unwanted raffle tickets. If you require any more raffle tickets they are available from the school office. We look forward to seeing you there. Becky Nash, PTA Chair

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH BOOKING REMINDER:** As previously advised, this years Christmas Lunch will be served on Thursday 9th December 2021. This meal will be served in place of the regular menu on this date and will cost £2.35 to children in Nursery (applicable to children who attend 30 hours only) and KS2. Children in Reception and KS1 will receive the meal free of charge as it will be provided as part of the Universal Free School Meal Scheme. Bookings for the Christmas Lunch are to be made in the usual way via ParentPay and this will not show as a separate payment item. Please remember that if you child is in Reception or KS1 although school meals are free of charge they must still be booked in advance to allow the catering team to order enough food. Please make all bookings on ParentPay by no later than **Thursday 2nd December 2021**. Unfortunately, if you have not booked your child's meal by this date you will need to send them in with a packed lunch on the day. If your child will be having the Christmas Lunch and does not normally have a school meal, please ensure that you contact the office to discuss any allergies or special dietary requirements. Please note that in order to avoid serving a similar meal two days running, the school meal served on Wednesday 8th December has been altered, please see previous communication for details.

**COOKIE FUNDRAISER:** Next Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT DAY:** Next Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Have a lovely weekend.



Mrs L Daulton  
Headteacher