



Dear Parents and Carers,

14th January 2022

DOGS OUTSIDE SCHOOL: Please be mindful when you are tying your dog up outside the school, that children will be walking past your dog. Unfortunately, some children can become distressed at the prospect of going near a dog. This is not on the school premises and therefore the school cannot insist that dogs are not secured near the school entrances. The school can only ask that dog owners are considerate to the needs of our pupils. Thank you.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS: We need parent volunteers to come in and hear children read, particularly in years 3 & 6. If you can regularly spare 2 hours in an afternoon, then please contact the school office. Thank you.

DATES FOR THE TERM: Please find attached the dates for the term ahead. It is hoped that with advanced warning you will be able to join us at many of these events. We have our fingers crossed that everything that we have planned will be able to go ahead – but the Covid cloud still hangs over us and things may have to be changed at the last minute.

FSU NEWS: In Reception this term our focus is Learning Through Stories and this week we have been reading and retelling the story The Rainbow Fish. The children have loved using phrases from the story such as 'the octopus disappeared into the cave'. We have also been discussing how Rainbow Fish behaves at the start of the story and how this changes at the end. On Wednesday, we looked at three different types of fish, discussing their similarities and differences and having looked carefully the children painted one of them on to tin foil.

This week the Ducklings have been enjoying our Goldilocks topic. We made porridge and have talked about healthy choices for our food. It has been a very musical week and we have been singing bear songs and tuning into high, middle and low pitches to match the three bears' voices. This morning our lucky Ducklings enjoyed a special treat of hot chocolate and pain au chocolat around the camp in Wonderful Woodlands. We are very grateful to Bowmont Square Tesco who donated the pain au chocolat. Ms Rainer FSU leader

Y6 IMPS VISIT: Today, Elephant Class was visited by members of the Injury Minimisation Programme for Schools team to learn life-saving skills. They learned the recovery position; how to administer compressions; how to use a defibrillator; and were left the instructions to create their own finger casts next week! They also learnt how to react in different scenarios involving injuries including: burns, cuts and grazes, electric shocks and road collisions. It was very educational as well as being great fun. Dolphin Class will be enjoying the same experience on Monday.

COVID UPDATE: We have had 9 cases of Covid in pupils and 1 in staff this week. Please continue to be vigilant and keep your child at home and organise a PCR test for them if they develop any Covid symptoms (high temperature, new cough or loss of taste or smell). Thank you.

TESCO: Next time you visit Tesco you will see that King's Meadow is now one of the 3 options for the Tesco blue coin reward scheme, as we are hoping to raise money towards a new minibus. Can we please ask that you donate as many tokens into King's Meadow's bid as possible over the next few months and tell your friends, your neighbours and anyone else you may come across to do the same. Thank you and fingers crossed!

FRIDAY 'POP IN' SESSIONS: King's Meadow School are excited to announce that we will now be holding a 'Pop In' every Friday afternoon at 2.30-3.10pm. Mrs Ward and Mrs Fowler will be on hand to chat over tea and coffee. This will start today, and we will be located in the ICT suite. You will be able to access this from the front of the school. We look forward to seeing you there.

MAIN SCHOOL DOORS: On Monday 17th January 2022 work will be undertaken to replace the main school doors at the front of the building. For health and safety reasons, there will be no admittance via the front door on this date. The school office can be contacted by telephone (01869 323 525) or e-mail as usual (office.2210@kings-meadow.oxon.sch.uk). It would be most appreciated if you could ensure that your children are dropped off and collected promptly as you will be unable to bring them in via the school office.

ROAD SAFETY: Oxfordshire County Council's Road Safety Team are constantly looking to improve the safety of child pedestrians and so are reviewing the advice and guidance we provide to parents and carers. To help us achieve this, we are evaluating the effectiveness of the Footsteps (Child Pedestrian safety advice for parents / carers) programme and would like parents and carers to help by completing an online questionnaire. If you would like to keep your child safer on our roads, please visit <http://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/walking-children> where you can download a copy of the Footsteps leaflet to provide you with guidance to support your child in becoming a safer and, eventually, an independent pedestrian. Once you have downloaded the Footsteps guide, the link to the survey can be found further down the page, please click on the link to complete the short questionnaire which will then help us to keep all children safer. Thank you. Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue Service Road Safety Team, Oxfordshire County Council

ELEPHANT CLASS ASSEMBLY: Next Friday Miss Golden'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.

Have a lovely weekend



Mrs L Daulton
Headteacher