



Dear Parents and Carers,

7th January 2022

WELCOME BACK: Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope that you all had a wonderful time with your loved ones. I am sure, like me, you were pleased that we were not put under any further restrictions over the holiday. The children have all returned in good spirits, excited about the term ahead. The teachers have worked hard planning a stimulating and engaging curriculum to take the children through to the Easter break. The dates for Spring Term are still being finalised and will be sent out with next Friday's newsletter.

MORNING DROP OFF: A polite reminder that school starts at 8.45am prompt. The gates are opened from 8.35am and the children are taken to their classes at 8.45am. This system is working really well, and the overwhelming majority of children are in their classroom and settled by 8.50am. At times, some pupils are late, and the protocol is that they are taken to the school office to be registered – this is a key part of our safeguarding policy. If your child is late and you are reminded of this protocol, I must ask that the members of staff on the playground and in the office involved are treated with respect. The code of conduct, signed by all parents, makes this clear. I thank you for your support with this.

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!

FSU NEWS: The Reception children returned to school with enthusiasm and the hullabaloo in the cloakroom was like music to our ears. Our phonics and maths sessions this week have focussed on consolidating skills learned before Christmas and we have been so impressed with what they have retained. The children have really enjoyed recounting their Christmas holiday experiences and the cold weather has initiated some interesting conversations about winter too.

It has been great having the Ducklings back in school this week, and after a few tears on Wednesday, they have settled well. The children have been loving exploring the ice in the nursery garden and we are pleased to have observed lots of them using words such as "melting, freezing, frozen, solid, hard, frosty, icy." Ms Rainer FSU leader

Y4 RESIDENTIAL: Thank you to all of those Year 4 parents who have signed their child up for the upcoming Year 4 residential to Liddington. There are a few parents who are not yet signed up, or indicated that their child will not be attending, so we have extended the deadline for deposits until next Wednesday (12th January).

COVID UPDATE: We have had 8 cases of Covid in children and 2 in members of staff this week. We ask that you continue to keep your child at home if they exhibit any symptoms (a new cough, a raised temperature or a loss of taste or smell) and have them take a PCR test. If a child tests positive on a LFT or a PCR test, then they must self-isolate for 10 days. However, they may come back to school on day 7 if they have tested negative on day 6 and day 7 or day 8 if they have tested negative on day 7 and 8 and so on. Please note that there is no longer a requirement to have a PCR test if following a positive LFT.

COVID MEASURES IN SCHOOL: The school will be operating as it did last term in respect of Covid. Staff members will wear face masks when entering an area of the school that they do not normally work in and in communal areas. All visitors to the school must wear a mask unless they have an exemption. There will be no whole school assemblies and class assemblies/ productions will only be performed to parents. Children will be reminded of 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it' when coughing or sneezing and hand sanitisation will continue to be a priority throughout the school. The whole school will continue to be ventilated – all schools received CO2 monitors last term, to help us to check on the quality of air in the classrooms. Open windows and doors mean that the classrooms, at times, are cooler than we would like. So, as we enter into the coldest months of the year, I would ask you to dress your child warmly. For example thermal vests, an extra cardigan or jumper or tights under trousers will help your child to feel more comfortable.

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 on Friday 14th January 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.

SPRING TERM AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: Next week our Spring Term After School Activity Programme will commence for all clubs except for German Club, Stay & Play & Digital Leaders. These clubs will commence on 20th January 2022 due to staff training that is taking place on Thursday 13th January 2022. King's Club does not start until 19th January 2022 so please note that this will not be running next week and Gardening Club will not commence until after the half term break. Homework club will commence next week and the weekly sign up is available in Wing A. We would ask that if you child is signed up to any of our after school activities that you note carefully the dates that the clubs will not be running for your own records, this information can be found on the club programme.



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