



Dear Parents and Carers,

18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**STORM EUNICE:** After risk assessing the weather warnings this morning, the decision was made to keep the school open. Mitigation was put in place: doors and windows were closed, pupils remained indoors for the whole day and Wrap Around Care and all After School Clubs were cancelled. Although many schools in Oxfordshire decided to close today, the majority of Bicester primary schools remained open. I hope that this storm passes quickly and that it does not leave a lot of damage in its wake.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDRAISER:** The School Council ran two successful fundraisers for the school last Friday. I am pleased to say that the Harry Potter dress up day raised £282 and the Krispy Kreme sale raised £266.10. That is an incredible **£548.10!** Well done and thank you to Miss McGuire and the School Council for organising this.

**FAMILY LINKS:** Mrs Ward and Mrs Fowler are now accredited Parent Group Leaders in the Nurturing Programme of Family Links. This has been an exciting and life changing course for both of us and we are excited about delivering it to the King's Meadow School community. Our aim is to run a 10-week programme in the Summer, in the first instance (2 hours per week in the afternoon - to be decided). The programme focuses on *Parenting Styles, Emotional Health and Emotional Literacy*. More details will be handed out at Parent's Evening. If you are interested, either send an email to the school office, catch myself or Mrs Fowler on the playground in the morning or at our weekly 'Pop Ins' on a Friday afternoon at 2.30pm in the ICT Suite.  
Mrs. M Ward, Assistant Head

**FSU NEWS:** The Reception children have continued to learn about the Lunar New Year this week. As it is the year of the tiger, we have moved like a tiger during our PE session. We have prowled and pounced to catch our prey and played like tiger cubs. On Wednesday, we tasted Chinese food, which was delicious and some of the children were surprised by what they did like. Our book share on Thursday was really successful and thank you to all the parents that attended.

The Ducklings have continued their focus on The Three Billy Goats Gruff this week. There have been lots of re-enactments and scary troll voices. We discovered the thunder drum which sounds low and grumbly like the troll. We made troll traps in the woodland area and then had to make a shelter when it poured with rain. On Thursday afternoon we took advantage of the windy weather and took our colourful scarves onto the school field which was great fun. Ms. K Rainer, Early Years Coordinator

**COVID UPDATE:** We have had 10 positive cases in children and 2 in staff this week.

**KMS HAS GOT TALENT:** The final of this competition will be held later on this afternoon. I will announce the winners in the 4<sup>th</sup> March newsletter.

**RECEPTION STORY TIME:** We would like to remind parents with children in Reception Year that we will be holding a Story Time session for parents to attend at 9.00am on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, World Book Day. After dropping your children off, please go to the front of the school where a signing in sheet will be available.

**NURSERY STORY TIME:** We would like to remind parents with children in Nursery that we will be holding a Story Time session for parents to attend at 14.30 on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, World Book Day. This session will be for those parents whose children attend all day or for the afternoon session. As the planned morning story session was cancelled on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, Nursery staff will be hosting an additional story time session on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 9am. This session will be for both parents whose children attend all day and those whose children attend in the mornings. Please come to the front of the school promptly for both of these sessions where signing in sheets will be available.

**PE DAYS TERM 4:** Please see below details of the P.E days for term 4, children should continue to come to school in their P.E kit on the relevant days:

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

**WORLD BOOK DAY:** We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Please see below for the details of the book that your child will be studying and suggestions for costumes. Please note that if children do not want to dress up then they should come to school in their school uniform as normal.

**NURSERY:** The Gingerbread Man

**RECEPTION:** Each Peach, Pear Plum by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. The characters are:

- Tom Thumb
- Mother Hubbard
- Cinderella
- 3 bears
- Baby bunting
- Bo-Peep
- Jack and Jill
- Wicked Witch
- Robin Hood

**YEAR1:** Traditional tales e.g. The Three Little Pigs, Little Red Riding Hood, Goldilocks and the Three Bears

**YEAR2:** Tonight on the Titanic by Mary Pope-Osborne. The children could dress up as a person on board the Titanic during its maiden voyage. This could be:

- The captain or crew
- First class passenger, second class passenger, third class passenger
- Lady's maid
- Chef and waiting staff
- Night clothes and dressing gown as a passenger who has been told to leave their cabins on the night that the ship sank.

**YEAR3:** The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman. Costume ideas:

- Lila (a little firework maker)
- Chulak (a little boy, her best friend)
- Pirates
- Chefs
- Popstars
- A fire fiend
- A white elephant

**YEAR4:** The Akimbo Adventure by Alexander-McCall Smith, Wind in the Willows and The Animals of Farthing Wood. Costume ideas:

- Elephant
- Lion
- Woodland animal

**YEARS5:** Roald Dahl books. Costume ideas:

- Matilda (dress and red ribbon in hair)
- George from George's Marvellous Medicine
- BFG (big ears)
- Mr and Mrs Twit (messy hair and dirty clothes)
- Billy (Giraffe, Pelly and me)
- Umpa lumpa
- Roly Poly bird (rainbow colours and a beak)

**YEAR6:** WWII books. Costume ideas:

- 1940s fashion
- Military
- Evacuee

**COVID VACCINATIONS FOR 5 -11 YEARS OLDS:** Following the Government's announcement that all children aged 5 to 11 will be offered the COVID-19 vaccination, NHS partners across Oxfordshire are now planning the best way to deliver the vaccine to this age group. Please note that in line with government timelines this service may not be available until April 2022. We ask you to please refrain from contacting the NHS during this time and thank you for your patience. Further information will be available in due course. Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group

**MESSAGE FROM THE PTA:** We had a great time at the disco last Friday. We raised a fantastic £836. We hope the children enjoyed it as much as we did. Don't forget tickets for the adult only Sledgehammer concert on the 5th March are still for sale but won't be for long. Tickets are available on our website now.

**TESCO:** Our children decorated love hearts to be displayed in our local Tesco stores. Many of the hearts from KMS are displayed in the big Tesco store by MacDonald's. I received this from the Tesco Community Champions today, 'We would like to say a BIG thank you to all of our schools that took part in our valentine's display last week - we were overwhelmed with the response and participation from so many local children. We have had so many positive comments from our customers too who have loved seeing all your amazing artwork!'. Please take a look next time you are in the store - you may be able to spot your child's. Whilst you are there, please remember to support KMS in the blue coin challenge to secure funding towards a school mini bus. Thank you.

**DOLPHIN CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Mrs Powell's class will be putting on their class assembly on the Friday after half term. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in this class. Refreshments will be available at the end.

**HALF TERM:** Today we close for the February half term holiday. I hope that the challenging weather conditions that we are currently facing, will not get in the way of your holiday plans. The school reopens on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February and I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy break.

Have a lovely weekend

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Mrs L Daulton  
Headteacher