



Dear Parents and Carers,

27th May 2022

KINGFISHER CLASS ASSEMBLY: Kingfisher Class performed an excellent assembly this morning and showed us all how busy they have been. They told us about, and acted out, the beginning of *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers leaving us with a huge cliff hanger (make sure to ask them how it ends!) They demonstrated some excellent logical thinking when programming the bee bots and performed a beautiful song about travel, complete with actions. Many thanks to Miss Meyer, Mrs Newton, Mrs Farrell and Miss Walsh for all of their hard work with the class.

MATHS INFORMATION EVENING: Last night we held the Maths Information Evening for parents. The event began with Mr Cox, Maths Coordinator, explaining what Maths Mastery is. The parents then attended workshops where the teachers explained how the four mathematical operations are taught from Nursery up to Y6. The feedback from the parents who attended the Maths Information Evening last night was overwhelmingly positive. One parent wrote, *'Amazing! It's been very insightful and very worthwhile. So happy to see how dedicated the school is to Maths and to children.'* Another said, *'very informative evening. I will be more confident teaching and supporting the kids at home.'* I would like to thank Mr Cox for organizing the evening, the teachers for their hard work in putting together such a wonderful presentation and the teaching assistants who ran the creche.

STAFFING NEWS: I am delighted to report that, following interviews that have been held over the last few weeks, we have new teachers and teaching assistants joining our team in September. The teachers are: Miss Georgia Hutchinson May who will be joining Y3 and Miss Stacy Smith who will be returning to Y1. The teaching assistants are: Mrs Magda Clifton, Miss Bethany Kilby and Miss Robyn McCarthy. I am very much looking forward to working with these new members of staff.

ART WEEK: This year's piece of fine art chosen by the National Gallery and studied by children across the nation for Art Week was, *'A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas'* by Claude Joseph Vernet. The children have all responded brilliantly to this picture and the work that they have produced is outstanding. I hope that many of you will pop in at the end of school today to enjoy the showcase. My thanks go to Miss Chevis and Mrs Spearman for coordinating the week and to all the staff who planned such an interesting array of activities for the children to enable them to develop their artistic skills and have lots of fun. Photographs of Art Week will be uploaded onto the school website shortly. What a great week!

FLAMINGO CLASS ASSEMBLY: Miss Ryczowski'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 served at the end.

QUEENS PLATINUM JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA: As you will be aware, during the half term holiday the whole Country will be taking part in celebrations to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. At King's Meadow we would like to celebrate this event as a school by holding an afternoon tea for the children on Friday 10th June. All children are invited to participate in what is sure to be a wonderful Royal event. Each child will be served 2 pieces of homemade cake and a carton of juice for a contribution of £1 each. We hope that the weather will be kind and that we will be able to enjoy the afternoon tea outside. Please be aware that this is a separate event to the Picnic Lunch that the catering team are serving on Thursday 9th June 2022. Please make your **contributions by Monday 6th June 2022** to enable us to order the correct quantities.

JUBILEE PICNIC LUNCH: On Thursday, 9th June 2022 the school catering team will be providing a Picnic Lunch to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This meal will be served in place of the regular menu on this date and will cost £2.35 to all children in Nursery (30 hour children 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 Picnic 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 June 2022**. Unfortunately, if you have not booked your child's meal by this date you will need to send them in with a packed lunch from home on the day. If your child will be having the Picnic Lunch and has any allergies or special dietary requirements, please contact the school office so that we can ensure that this is catered for.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- Miss Golden attended SEN training on Monday
- Mr Laurie and I attended an Assessment Leader briefing on Tuesday
- Miss Golden attended the BLIP (Bicester Learning in Partnership) SENCo meeting on Tuesday
- Ms Rainer, Mrs Fowler and Miss Nicholls attended an Early Years course on Tuesday
- Mr Laurie, Mrs Ward and I attended the Oxfordshire School Leaders' conference yesterday

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 90.78%. This is a rather disappointing figure, and the school aims to have an attendance of 97%. Hopefully, the figure will improve as we go into the final part of the academic year. The classes with the highest attendance this week was Giraffe class with 98.52%. Well done Giraffe class!

Bluebird: 87.00%	Yellow Wagtail: 92.00%
Red Kite: 72.00%	Puffin: 83.33%
Kingfisher: 89.33%	Swan: 96.00%
Flamingo: 89.00%	Giraffe: 98.52%
Lion: 92.86%	Eagle: 95.71%
Penguin: 85.71%	Leopard: 96.67%
Snowy Owl: 90.00%	Dolphin: 97.33%
Elephant: 90.00%	

PE DAYS TERM 6: Please see below details of the P.E days for term 6, children should continue to come to school in their P.E kit on the relevant days:

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

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS: On Wednesday 8th June 2022 we will be visited by Tempest Photography who will take group photographs of all classes. Please can we kindly request that **all children come to school in their uniform on this date regardless of whether they would usually have PE on a Wednesday.** These photographs will be available for you to purchase, and details will follow.

COMMUNITY LINKS: Please see the attached flyer from Launton Grange Care Home regarding their Jubilee event. Our children have been making pictures and banners for them and we are hoping to go and visit them again in the next academic year as part of our linking with the community.

PTA NEWS: Thank you to everyone who came to our Bingo evening. We all had a great time and raised a fantastic £395. We have one week left to find Bicester's Lost Treasure before the prize draw on Monday 6th June. Maps are still available on PTA Events. The winner of the ticket for 4 to the Story Museum will be announced on Tuesday 7th June. The Summer Fayre is fast approaching. We are asking for donations of Teddy Bears, Logo Uniform and Books. If you have anything to donate please contact us through our Facebook page KMS Community or via our email kingsmeadowschoolpta@gmail.com. Thank you

VACCINATIONS FOR 5-11 YEAR OLDS: All children aged 5-11 continue to be offered vaccination against Covid-19 vaccine and this half-term holiday is good time to get your child vaccinated in time for the summer when cases might increase. Two doses of the vaccine (at least 12 weeks apart) should give the child long-lasting protection against serious complications of infection and some protection from mild symptoms. To book an appointment, please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination> or call 119. The NHS wants to support you to make an informed choice with more information available here [COVID-19: A guide for parents of children aged 5 to 11 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

If you do not know your child's NHS number you can get it:

- by checking your child's personal health record (the red book given to you when your child was born)
- by checking any NHS letters, prescriptions or test results you may have received for your child
- by going to the [NHS.UK website](#)
- by asking your GP practice to help you

I hope that you all have a lovely half term.



Mrs L Daulton
Headteacher