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Dear Parents and Carers

13 January 2023

**TERM DATES:** Please find attached the list of dates for the term ahead. As ever at KMS, a busy and exciting term is planned. There will be three information events for parents this term: Online Safety, Foundation Maths and Guided Reading. These presentations will explain how these subjects are covered in school and offer advice on how best to support your child at home. I hope to see many, if not all of you, at our events this term.

**POKEMON CARDS:** Unfortunately, due to the arguments that Pokémon Cards are causing in school, the decision has been made to ban these in school. If a child brings them into school then they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the week. I thank you in advance for your support with this.

**SPORTING NEWS:** On Thursday we took 16 children down to the Leisure Centre to take part in the Bicester Schools' swimming gala. With 12 schools taking part, some of the children were understandably nervous when seeing so many children in the pool but after a warm up swim they were all ready to go.

The event comprised of an individual race, a freestyle relay and a medley relay which involved all 4 swimming strokes. I have to give a special mention to all those children who were able to swim a length of butterfly (Louie, Yousef, Nevaeh, Emmanuella, Scarlett, Finley and Tyger), as I know I would still be in the pool trying to finish!

The gala was run in two separate heats, so it was difficult to know which teams were picking up the points. However, with heat wins for Malik and Isaac we knew we were doing okay in the boys' event especially. When the results were announced it was great to see all the King's Meadow children clapping the other teams and being great ambassadors for the school. The girls team finished 7<sup>th</sup> and the boys team finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, which were both fantastic results considering they were racing lots of club swimmers!

Well done to everyone who took part! *Mr Roberts, PE Coordinator*

**FSU NEWS:** In Reception, our focus this week has been Fish Stories. We have read the story Rainbow Fish and have been thinking about what makes us beautiful on the inside as well as creating beautiful fish scales for a display. There has been a faintly fishy aroma in the classrooms as the children have been closely observing fresh whole fish and painting them. They were fascinated by the fish's fins, gills and one even had teeth. We have now cooked the fish and will be looking at what's inside next week.

In Nursery, we have kick-started our story topic with Goldilocks. We have been acting out the story and talking about the mistakes Goldilocks made. We are working on our high, medium and low-pitched voices and we have learned lots of bear songs. We made bear toast and have enjoyed eating porridge too. *Ms Rainer, Foundation Stage Coordinator*

**ELEPHANT CLASS ASSEMBLY:** Next Friday Mr Cox's class will be putting on the first class assembly of 2023. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in this class. Refreshments will be available at the end.

**ATTENDANCE:** The attendance for the school this week was **94.39%**. The class that achieved the highest attendance this week was **Snowy Owl Class** with attendance of **99.62%**.

Well done to **Snowy Owl Class**.

Bluebird	95.56%	Lion	94.81
Dolphin	96.31%	Penguin	89.73
Eagle	95.08	Puffin	88.36
Elephant	97.72	Red Kites	83.52
Flamingo	93.70	Snowy Owl	99.62
Giraffe	98.15	Swan	94.46
Kingfisher	93.04	Yellow Wagtail	97.79
Leopard	96.30		

#### IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- The staff had bereavement training from the SeeSaw charity on Monday
- Mr Cox attended a twilight (3.30 – 6.30pm) Mastery in Maths course on Tuesday
- The early morning rehearsals for the Strictly competition started on Wednesday and Thursday
- Mrs Ward and Mrs Fowler led Family Links training on Thursday

Have a lovely weekend.

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Headteacher