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Dear Parents and Carers,

21 April 2023

**WELCOME BACK:** I hope that you all had a lovely Easter and are looking forward to the term ahead. The staff have planned an exciting programme of learning to take their children up to the summer holidays – one that will keep our pupils focused, engaged and very busy!

**DATES FOR THE TERM AHEAD:** Please find attached the dates for the term ahead. It is hoped that with advanced warning you are able to join us at our many events. I look forward to seeing you all at some point.

**E-SAFETY MESSAGE:** Unfortunately, a few of the children in our older years have experienced significant upset today after discussing a disturbing viral TikTok trend. We would like to remind parents that the age limit for using TikTok is 13+ and encourage you to monitor what your children are viewing and accessing online. We have attached a parent's guide to TikTok to the newsletter which contains more advice and information about the app.

**Y1 MUSEUM TRIP:** On Tuesday, Year 1 visited the Natural History Museum in Oxford to end their 'Dinosaurs' topic. The children took part in a 'Discovering Dinosaurs' session in which they were able to be hands on with real dinosaur artefacts. They became scientists by using their senses to investigate and make predictions about how dinosaurs lived. The children were then given the chance to explore the museum and were set a challenge to locate different dinosaur skeletons using clues that they were given. The staff at the museum commented on how well the children behaved and how polite they were during their visit and are very much looking forward to welcoming King's Meadow children on future visits with their parents.

**FSU NEWS:** Reception this week have travelled to Africa to begin their focus on Around the World. The children have listened to the story 'Handa's Surprise' and used their own story map to retell it. They have discovered which animals live in Africa and compared them to animals native to this country. On the maths table they have been comparing the weights of different exotic fruits and we are looking forward to drawing and tasting them next week. Ducklings have started a new topic, 'What a Wonderful World'. We have planted some beans and we are looking forward to seeing how they grow. Our caterpillars have arrived and we have been watching them crawl about. We have done lots of thinking after reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and we now have a list of things we want to find out about as we continue with our topic. Ms Rainer FSU leader

#### **IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:**

- The staff had literacy training during Monday's INSET day
- Y5 had Bikeability sessions throughout the week
- I met with the Resource Committee to discuss this financial year's budget on Thursday
- Mrs Hargreaves Hands conducted a Governor Health and Safety tour of the school on Thursday
- Miss Chevis, Miss McGuire and Mrs Spearman attended training for the National Gallery's Take One Picture on Thursday
- The staff Book Club discussed 'The Darlings of the Asylum' by Noel O'Reilly last night. It scored 6.7/10

**Y4 LIDDINGTON TRIP:** On Monday the Year 4 children are off on their 3 day residential visit to Liddington. They have an exciting programme of activities ahead of them and I know they will have a wonderful time. My thanks go to Mr Roberts, Miss Golden, Mrs Smith, Mrs Bell and Mrs Targus-Stone for giving up their own time to accompany the children on this trip.

**PTA MEETING:** There is a PTA meeting on Wednesday at 7pm in school. All are very welcome to attend.

**CORONATION:** As you will be aware King Charles III is being crowned on Saturday 6th May. The school will be marking this event in the following ways:

- Thursday 4th May – the school will be serving a special Coronation themed lunch that may be booked and paid for on Parent Pay.
- Friday 5th May – we will be having a Coronation Afternoon Tea on the front lawn at a cost of £2 per pupil, this will be added to your Parent Pay

**ATTENDANCE:** The attendance for the school this week was 94.41%. The class that achieved the highest attendance this week was **Elephant Class** with attendance of 98.28 %. Well done to **Elephant Class**.

Bluebird	96.25%	Lion	92.50%
Dolphin	97.08%	Penguin	92.67%
Eagle	93.06%	Puffin	95.83%
Elephant	98.28%	Red Kites	90.00%
Flamingo	96.25%	Snowy Owl	95.26%
Giraffe	97.50%	Swan	96.67%
Kingfisher	93.33%	Yellow Wagtail	93.12%
Leopard	87.08%		

**IN SCHOOL NEXT WEEK;**

- Mrs Ward and Mrs Fowler will lead Family Links training on Thursday afternoon

Have a lovely weekend.

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Headteacher