



KIND MOTIVATED SUCCESSFUL

23 June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

**FLOOD:** On Tuesday, we experienced the third flood of this academic year. This time it was much more devastating than on the previous occasions. I am pleased to report that a roofing company has given the roof a 'quick fix' that should see us through to the summer when permanent repairs will be carried out. I would like to thank the wonderful team that I have with me at KMS. They rolled up their sleeves and just got on with clearing up the mess that the torrential rain had caused. Everyone worked together with a steely determination that the school would be open to all pupils the following day – and it did!

I would also like to thank all of you for your patience and understanding during this difficult period and to all of you who emailed on Tuesday with messages of support and offers of help. My thanks also go to our Co-Chair of Governors, Valerie Laing, who travelled from her home in Thame first thing in the morning to help in whatever way she could. What a day and what a team!

Unfortunately, due to the very busy school calendar it is not possible to reschedule Swan and Reception assemblies that were cancelled this week. I apologise for the disappointment that this will cause.

**FSU NEWS:-** To use a sporting analogy, it has been a game of two halves in Reception this week. We started by continuing our focus on the Windrush Generation, by reading a narrative poem, by Benjamin Zephaniah called *We Sang Across the Sea*, which tells the story of Mona Baptiste, a Trinidadian musician. We also listened to Calypso music and had a go at playing the steel drums, well, two metal dustbins that we imagined were drums.

Following the flood, we had moved our classrooms to the hall and quad and had a great time. On Thursday, we watched Floella Benjamin in Playschool, and an episode of Bagpuss to compare children's TV from the past, with the shows the children watch now. The most surprising thing was that when Ms Rainer was their age, there were only three TV channels.

This has been a special week for Nursery because we had our first ever school trip. We went to Hogshaw Farm on Wednesday and had a wonderful day and behaved really well. We saw lots of animals including reindeer, a golden eagle, a pair of silver foxes and some lynx cats. We had a handling session and held a baby turkey called a poult. We fed the alpacas, goats, cows and sheep. We also watched the pigs as they ate up our apple cores. After seeing all the animals, we visited the play park, which had a big sandpit. It was such a busy day that lots of us fell asleep on the coach on the way home.

**ATTENDANCE:-** The attendance for the school this week was 92.30%. The class that achieved the highest attendance this week was **Dolphin Class** with attendance of 97.50%.

Well done to **Dolphin Class**.

Bluebird	96.25%	Lion	97.44%
Dolphin	97.50%	Penguin	96.55%
Eagle	96.30%	Puffin	94.81%
Elephant	93.97%	Red Kites	86.87%
Flamingo	82.50%	Snowy Owl	94.83%
Giraffe	92.50%	Swan	78.33%
Kingfisher	92.08%	Yellow Wagtail	88.75%
Leopard	95.00%		

## IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:-

- Staff and Governors met on Monday to set the priorities for school improvement for the next academic year
- I attended the Bicester Head Teachers' meeting yesterday
- Mrs Targus Stone and Mrs Biggs attended an ELSA meeting yesterday
- I met with the Governor Curriculum Committee last night
- Mrs Hargreaves-Hands and I met with a roofing company and county officials to discuss the summer project of replacing the roofs on Wing A and Wing B today

**PTA SUMMER FAYRE:** Next Saturday, July 1st, the PTA will be holding our annual summer fayre. This is always a most enjoyable event that raises a substantial amount of money for the school. Please come along and support this fundraiser as every child benefits greatly from the work of the wonderful PTA.

**PYJAMA DAY:-** On Friday 30th June, please can you bring in a tombola prize in exchange for wearing pyjamas.

### **FSU (Nursery and Reception) and KS1 (Year 1&2)**

Please fill an empty jar or pot with any of the below:

- Sweets
- Stickers
- Small toys (eg McDonald toy, party bag type thing that you have left around the house)
- Crafts
- Anything that fits in a jar that a child would be happy to win (eg no pasta sauces please)

### **KS2 (Year 3-6)**

A unopened bottle of:

- Wine
- A non-alcoholic drink
- Bubble bath

**POP-IN:-** Please pop in for a coffee and a chat in the ICT suite (at the front of the school) open from 2:30pm.

**TEMPEST CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS:-** On Tuesday, Tempest will be in school to take our class photographs. Please send your child/ren to school in their uniform. As Year 1 has PE on Tuesday afternoon, please ensure they bring in their kit; they will be able to change before the lesson.

**SCOOTERS AND BIKES:** This is a polite reminder that children must not ride on their scooters and bikes when they are inside the school gates. There have been reports of near misses at the front of the school. Thank you for your support.

**NURSERY ASSEMBLY:-** On Wednesday at 9am, the Ducklings class will be putting on their class assembly. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in this class. Refreshments will be served at the end.

**LEOPARD CLASS ASSEMBLY:-** On Friday, Miss McGuire's class will be putting on their class assembly. Please make every effort to attend if your child is in this class. Refreshments will be served at the end.

Have a lovely weekend.



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