



Dear Parents and Carers,

1st December 2023

CAROLS AROUND THE PIANO: Carols Around the Piano made a welcome return this morning. We sang a host of favourites including Away in a Manger and Jingle Bells. The toddlers that were with us really enjoyed joining in with some percussion instruments. What a great way to kick off a Friday! Please come along and join us next week – 8.20am in the school hall. Everyone is welcome. My thanks go to Mrs Spearman and Ms Scott for organizing this sing along.

FSU NEWS: In Reception this week we have completed our topic on 'People Who Help Us', with a focus on the fire service. In the garden, the children have been putting out 'fires' and creating patterns using car tracks and paint. Much of our week has been spent rehearsing our Nativity, which we are looking forward to performing next week to the school and our families. We have also been joined by our Year 6 buddies to practice something for the end of our show.

This week, the mini-topic in Ducklings has been 'Our School'. We started by visiting the wonderful office staff and seeing how busy they are with lots of different jobs. Mr Chambers came in to visit us and he showed us his tools, and demonstrated how he tests the fire alarm every week. On Thursday, we had a special visit to Mrs Daulton's office, and we loved having a chat with her and seeing where she holds her special meetings. We have been practising our Nativity and showed it to our buddies and our friends in Reception. We are looking forward to next Thursday when we perform to our parents.

CHRISTMAS ART AND CRAFT DAY: The school had a definite Christmassy feel today with many children and staff dressed in Christmas attire including jumpers and hats. Glitter, glue and sparkles were the order of the day and the children had a great time making their Christmas creations. Many items made today will be on sale at the Christmas Fayre after school.

SPORTS NEWS: On Tuesday, the Girls' football team got their league campaign under way with a resounding win at home to Southwold. The girls started the game really well battling for the ball and confidently trying to play football. As the first half progressed, King's Meadow started to make their superiority count as Emily and Savanna started to show their class. Shots started raining in on the Southwold goal from all over the pitch, and if it wasn't for the goalkeeper playing so well the score could have been in double figures.

At the final whistle, the light had disappeared, but everyone could still see the huge smiles on King's Meadow's faces as they had completed a 7-0 victory. Goals came from Lexi-Mae, Keavy, Nevaeh and two goals for both Emily and Savanna. With lots of games being called off recently, that takes the girls to the top of the table, ready for a run of 3 games in January. Well done to all that played.

Following our success at the Bicester event back in October, we took a very strong cross-country team all the way up to Sibford Ferris school this morning. On a very cold and foggy course children were busy putting as many layers on as possible, some events choosing to run in coats, scarfs and hats!

The Year 3/4 girls started us off, running 1km around the school grounds. Kate, Eva and Nyla-Grace all managed a top 20 finish and helped the girls to a second place finish in the team event. Well done girls! The Year 3/4 boys then set off around the same course trying to emulate their victory in the local event. At one point, Harry, Dawid and Frankie were all in the top 4. Running against the best runners in the county was always going to be a tough task but all the boys were magnificent. Frankie finished 3rd, closely followed by Dawid (11), Harry (13), Leighton (16) and Leo (17) who all contributed to an amazing team score which gave them the title of North Oxfordshire Cross-Country Champions! Wonderful achievement!

The Year 5/6 girls team found the competition a lot tougher though and seemed to be running against professional athletes. Emily and Keavy secured a top 50 finish, but King's Meadow were a long way off in the team event. In the final race (Year 5/6 boys), the team didn't manage to qualify for the finals, but we had Shay representing the school as an individual. He made a great effort and finished in a very respectable 33rd position.

A huge congratulations go to all children who took part and managed to brave the arctic conditions. A big thank you to Mrs Chaundy for braving the cold with Mr Roberts too.

NATIVITIES: Nativity season is in full swing here at KMS and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you in to see your children perform. Please note that we can only accommodate 2 people per child at each performance, as per Health and Safety regulations. Children and babies count in these numbers, and it makes no difference if a child is sitting on an adult's lap. If you have difficulty in coming to one of the performances, then please feel free to join us at the ones to school – just let the school office know that you would like to come.

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY ORDER: Please remember that the deadline for ordering your photographs to receive FREE delivery to school is today. All orders will need to be made online via www.tempest-orders.co.uk. Simply enter your image reference number which can be found on the proof and follow the on-screen instructions. If you are unable to place an online order, there will be the option to place a telephone order via Tempest Photography Customer Service Department 01736 751555. If you need assistance, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555.

IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- I led prospective parents' tours on Tuesday and Thursday
- The team leading improvement in writing met on Tuesday
- Snowy Owls visited Bicester Library on Wednesday
- Year 3 boys took part in a Sports Festival at Heyford on Thursday
- Some children participated in the Cross County finals at Sibford School today
- Mrs Fowler ran the Pop In Café today

REMINDERS FOR THE END OF TERM: The lead up to the Christmas holidays is always very busy at KMS and this year is no different. The programme of Christmas activities:

- Friday 1st December Christmas Art and Craft Day and PTA Christmas Fayre
- Monday 4th December Reception Nativity to school
- Tuesday 5th December Spelling Bee / Reception Nativity to parents 2pm
- Wednesday 6th December Maths Bee / Reception Nativity to parents 2pm
- Thursday 7th December Nursery Nativity to parents 9.15am
- Friday 8th December Carols Around the Piano 8.20am / Headteacher's Afternoon Tea
- Monday 11th December Year 1 Nativity to school / Mr Weeks visiting Snowy Owls
- Tuesday 12th December Year 2 Nativity to parents 2pm and 6pm
- Wednesday 13th December Year 2 Nativity to school / Year 1 Nativity to parents 2pm and 6pm
- Thursday 14th December Pantomime Trip
- Friday 15th December Carols Around the Piano 8.20am / Christmas lunch
- Monday 18th December Santa visiting Nursery and Reception to read
- Tuesday 19th December Christmas Carol service / Musical Extravaganza 2pm/ Cookie fundraiser after school
- Wednesday 20th December End of Term school closes at 1.30pm (No Wrap Around Care available)

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT: Our Carol Concert will be held on Tuesday 19th December this year and not on the last morning of term as has been the case for a number of years. This was due to a clash with the church's diary. We would like to warmly invite you all to join us in St Edburg's church for a traditional Carol Service. We will be walking to and from the church and will be leaving as soon as the children have been registered. It takes a while to get all of us down to the church, so exact timings cannot be given. However, we do estimate that it will start around 9.30am and will last for about an hour. We politely ask that parents and guests do not enter the church until the school is seated. I hope to see many of you there at what is always a lovely event.

FAMILY LINKS: Family Links will be starting again in the new term. It will be running from 12th January every Friday afternoon through to March 22nd 2024 from 12:30-2:30pm. We are offering a free 10 week nurturing programme, to support parents to deal with everyday challenges that occur within family life, to help you develop and maintain a calmer, happier relationship with your children.

It explores the building blocks that underpin family values, such as our own self-awareness, appropriate expectations, empathy and positive discipline. We shall discover together, different approaches that help to recognise our feelings and behaviour towards ourselves and others. Find ways to help and support our children to develop the skills of co-operation, negotiation and communicating with others effectively. To book your place, please email the office.

POP-IN SESSION: The Friday Pop-In Sessions continue in the ICT Room, at 2:30pm.

SPELLING BEE: On Tuesday, 5 December 2023, we will be holding the Spelling Bee. Parents of the children who have been selected to participate are invited into school. The timings are as follows:

- 9.00 – 9.45 : Years 1 & 2
- 9.45 – 10.30 : Years 3 & 4
- 10.30 – 11.15: Years 5 & 6

Please try to come along and support your child if you can.

YR	Avon		Derwent		Severn		Thames	
1	Ella D-H	Leo G	Viola R	Sareena V	Jacob W	James H	Riley W	Poppy G
2	Ben S	Alfie T	Chloe L	Huda	Clara H	Hazel C-B	Jessica B	Eden W
3	Noah S	Amelia K	Oakley E	Mukthazhini	Ava H	Harley P	Daniel P	Ivaylo
4	Leah A	Julian T	Christian M	David G	Fatima	Oscar P	Ellyott P	Ashraf
5	Lenny F	Riva B	Emily P	James A	Nicole Z	Owen L	Ayra A	Isla S
6	Tilda A	Victoria B	Emanuella M	Finley H	Taome B	Amelia L	Keavy	Lexi-Mae W

MATHS BEE: On Wednesday, 6 December 2023, we will be holding the Maths Bee. Parents of the children who have been selected to participate are invited into school. The timings are as follows:

- 9.00 – 9.45 : Years 1 & 2
- 9.45 – 10.30 : Years 3 & 4
- 10.30 – 11.15: Years 5 & 6

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1	Penny J	Leo G	Lily P	Eva-Rose W	Luca C	Esmee S	Amelie P	Cole U
2	Isaac M	Kacper B	Yodan N	George D	Avraj U	Kaius W	Dash R	Francesca H
3	Leo C	Arthur P	Tabitha E	Ella P	Chloe T	Alex H	Genevieve H	Mason C
4	Sienna H	Julian T	Lily-Rose V-P	David G	Oscar P	Amira T	Immy G	Oscar W
5	Finley M	Stan D	Noah H	Oliver L	Theo T-R	Owen L	Elizabeth D	Raphael K
6	Ameya P	Jack B	James T	Finley H	Lexi L	Abi A	Alex G	Wai-Sun W

BICESTER BABY BANK: There is still time to drop off a gift of PJs, a book and a selection box for this charity. Please remember to specify age and gender. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE: The attendance for the school this week was 94.18% The class that achieved the highest attendance this week is Eagle Class with 98.63% attendance, well done to Eagle Class.

Bluebird	92.86%	Lion	92.67%
Dolphin	98.33%	Penguin	95.33%
Eagle	98.63%	Puffin	93.33%
Elephant	95.67%	Red Kites	93.12%
Flamingo	94.29%	Snowy Owl	95.56%
Giraffe	97.00%	Swan	91.79%
Kingfisher	87.67%	Yellow Wagtail	86.50%
Leopard	97.04%		

Have a lovely weekend.

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Mrs L Daulton
Headteacher