



Dear Parents and Carers,

26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**CRITICAL INCIDENT DRILL:** On Wednesday afternoon we carried out a Critical Incident Drill and I am delighted to report that the procedures in place to keep everyone safe were followed to the letter. The school was put into immediate lockdown and entry to the buildings was not possible. Everyone remained silent throughout and we were impressed by the children's positive attitude to the strange event. When a critical incident does occur, as in South Wales on Wednesday, it is unplanned. Part of the drill is to check if the protocols work when those involved are surprised; therefore, they cannot be forewarned that the drill is about to take place.

**ATTENDANCE LETTERS:** Attendance letters were sent out this week to the parents of children whose attendance has fallen below 90%. A child with 90% attendance is missing the equivalent of ½ day's education every week, 80% equates to missing 1 day every week and so on. This level of absence has a negative impact on a child's future outcomes. The purpose of these letters is to bring to your attention your child's low attendance and to try and find a solution to improve the situation. The school is legally required to address poor attendance and those who fail to work with the school and improve the situation are at risk of a referral being made to the Local Authority Attendance Team with the possibility of being taken to court.

**FSU NEWS:** In Reception this week we have continued our focus on 'Handa's Surprise'. We read the story 'Handa's Hen' and have been thinking about the differences in food and crops between Kenya and the UK. The children have had the opportunity to taste different fruits, including pineapple, mango, papaya, avocado and passion fruit. They all had a go and even surprised themselves with which ones they liked. As well as tasting, we have been drawing fruits using a range of media such as pastels and watercolour pencils. The children looked really carefully to include every detail and match the colours as closely as possible. On Wednesday, we practiced our lockdown procedures, and the children were amazing. Without question they all sat silently on their carpet spaces, although we did tell them we were hiding from Mr Laurie! We are so proud of how sensible they were.

This week the Ducklings have continued learning about butterflies. We are getting good at remembering Eric Carle's Very Hungry Caterpillar story. Our resident caterpillars have grown, and here are some of our observations:

Demi "Look, they're getting bigger!"  
Milo "Why is one not moving?"  
Oliver "They're not making a cocoon yet."

We have learned that moths make cocoons and that butterflies come out of a chrysalis. They also have different shaped antennae and come out at different times.

**SPORTS NEWS:** Just one football fixture this week, which saw our girls team confidently qualify for the quarter finals with a resounding 6-2 victory against Longfields. Having gone 1-0 down in the early stages, there was no panic, as they knew they could create chances and also knew they had a really strong bench to bring into the game. Halfway through the first half, Maddison began the scoring having found space in the box from a long Keavy throw in. The girls created one or two more chances leading up to half time before the introduction of Emily, Savanna and Taome.

The second half was largely one way traffic, with Emily grabbing a hat-trick and Savanna scoring a brace. Towards the end, we changed a few positions around which led to a consolation goal from Longfields, but the girls were again worthy winners. KMS finished top of their league and will now play the fourth placed team in the other group, which is likely to be St. Mary's. Games from now on are likely to be much tougher, but I have every confidence in them to challenge for the title this year. Good luck girls!

**AZALYIA DAY:** I am pleased to report that we raised £365.32 for this charity, which is very close to our hearts.

## IN SCHOOL THIS WEEK:

- Mrs Ward and Mr Laurie took their minibus driving test on Tuesday and both passed!
- Y1 visited the Natural History Museum on Wednesday as part of their Dinosaur project
- Red Kites visited Bicester Library on Wednesday
- Mr Laurie attended Maths training on Wednesday (3.30 – 4.30pm)
- Mrs Smith attended Forest School training at Hill End on Thursday
- Mrs Fowler attended a Home School Link Worker meeting on Thursday
- I met with the governors to discuss the Budget yesterday morning and the Curriculum last night
- The staff Book Club met last night to discuss Weyward by Emilia Hart, it scored 7.4/10
- Mrs Fowler attended Strengths and Needs training today

**LIDDINGTON:** On Wednesday the Y4 children are going on their 2 night/3day residential to Liddington. There are lots of wonderful activities planned for them to enjoy and I know they will have a great time. My thanks go to the team that will be accompanying the group: Mr Laurie, Mr Roberts, Mrs Smith, Mrs Targus-Stone and Mrs Bell – without their willingness to give up their own free time trips like this would not be possible.

**TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY:** We would like to remind you that Tempest photography will be visiting the school on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** for class photographs. All children should come to school on this date dressed in full school uniform and NOT P.E Kit. If your child ordinarily has P.E on a Tuesday, please send them in with their P.E kit in a separate bag ready for them to change into.

**POP-IN CAFÉ:** The Pop-In Café re-started today from 14.30 in the ICT Room.

**ATTENDANCE:** The attendance for the school this week was 95.62%. The class that achieved the highest attendance this week is Class with 100% attendance, well done to Giraffe Class.

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| Bluebird   | 94.76% | Lion           | 91.33% |
| Dolphin    | 99.67% | Penguin        | 92.00% |
| Eagle      | 97.00% | Puffin         | 95.67% |
| Elephant   | 94.67% | Red Kite       | 97.37% |
| Flamingo   | 96.55% | Snowy Owl      | 96.92% |
| Giraffe    | 100%   | Swan           | 96.07% |
| Kingfisher | 98.33% | Yellow Wagtail | 90.50% |
| Leopard    | 92.14% |                |        |

**SNOWY OWLS ASSEMBLY:** Next Friday, Mr Weeks' 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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