



The Meadows Primary School



Newsletter No.1

13th Sept 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year to all our families. I would like to also welcome any new families that have joined our school. The new Reception children have settled in brilliantly and stayed all morning and had lunch this week. Next week we look forward to them joining us full time.

Next week we will be hosting 'back to school' sessions for parents of children in Year 1 – 6 and hope to see many of you there. New Reception parents will have their information sessions in a few weeks' time when the children have had more time to settle in.

The school offers many clubs for the children and details of these have been sent out by email. Please take a look and sign children up. Unfortunately some clubs will not run if we do not have enough interest so it would be great if we could get children joining these extra-curricular activities.

We are really looking forward to the exciting learning planned for this year and watching the children learn and grow.

Joy Mounter Headteacher

Focus, Flourish and Fly

This fortnight we celebrate

Meadows Promise certificates

Year 1— Enya Blake

Year 2— George Davies

Year 3— Ella Ludwig

Year 4— Honey House

Year 5— Luke Horsfall

Year 6 – Joel Northway Collins

Attendance Awards

Week commencing 9/9/19 – Year 2 Buttercup
(99.2%)

Meadows Pride Trophy

Week commencing 9/9/19 – Year 3 Bluebell

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School Term and INSET Dates click [here](#)

New dates added for 2019-2020

Extra INSET on Friday 25th October 2019

Change to bank holiday from 4th May to 8th May 2020

New Reception Intake for September 2020

As we welcome in our new Reception children we are also looking ahead to the enrolment of children for September 2020. If you have a child due to start school at this time, or know someone who does, then come along to our school tours and stay and play sessions. Information about this can be found on our website [here](#).

Communication

The Meadows is an extremely busy school and there is always lots going on. If you ever have any queries, questions or concerns we would always encourage you to speak to your child's class teacher. Our school office team can also offer support either on 0117 9322203 or enquiries@themeadowsprimaryschool.org.uk

If this doesn't resolve the matter; we would then ask you to speak with either myself or a member of the leadership team. If you need to speak to a senior staff member then either catch us in the playground to make an appointment or contact the school office. We will always do our best to resolve any issues as best we can. Thanks Mrs Mounter

Before and After School Care or Holiday Club

At The Meadows we have a breakfast club starting from 7.30am and after school provision that runs until 5.45pm. The school also has a holiday club that runs in the school hall and offers different booking options. To find out about prices, or how to book, click on the link [here](#).

Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA)

The school is very pleased to have a trained ELSA at our school. Mrs Richter gained her ELSA qualification last year and is providing emotional support for children who need it above the emotional care that we all give to the children in our school. If you would like to find out more the ELSA role and how she can help then Mrs Richter will be available in the hall during our back to school sessions.



This September, to help support Get Set to Eat Fresh, Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 Primary Schools the chance to win £20,000 to start a health legacy for their school. Every school that collects all 300 stickers will receive an exclusive sports kit. When a member of the school community spends £30 at Aldi they will receive a special Team GB athlete sticker which can be brought in to school and put in the special collecting box near the office. Please start collecting and send in your stickers!

Celebration Assemblies on Fridays

On Fridays we celebrate children's achievements. Each week the teachers or TAs choose children for a certificate for learning or the school values. We also welcome any certificates awarded outside of school so if you have any that your child has received recently then send them in too! Many children took part in the library reading challenge this summer. If your child did then please send in their certificate and medal and we will celebrate it in our assembly on Friday.

Lloyds team of volunteers

I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of the school to Paul and Lorna Miller who arranged for a team of volunteers to come on over the summer to help restore our pond area. They worked tirelessly in the burning heat at the end of July and have made a great start on clearing the overgrown area and placing down weed blocker. The School Council have a great vision for this area and have written to local businesses for donations of gravel, bark chippings and paving slabs. If you know anyone who could help with materials or can give time to help continue the work in the pond area then please let us know. We hope to have this space being used by children for their learning this academic year.

Friends of the Meadows (PTFA) Update!

The recent events have been really well supported, so many thanks to everyone. The totals we have raised recently are as follows:

· **Sports Days Drinks & Snacks - £98 profit**

· **Reception Settling in sessions tea / coffee - £16 in donations**

The PTFA have been able to make the following contributions to support the school incentives/projects:

· **2 New electric ovens for cookery £280**

· **2 New gazebo's for Sports Day / Summer Fair £70**

· **15 refurbished Ipads and cases £3,200 (soon to arrive at school!!)**

The School Lottery has raised an amazing £652 as at 10th June 2019 so far since launch. This continues to be supported by many parents and we've even been lucky to have received some winnings too! Please don't feel obliged to send us your winnings as we're grateful of your involvement (but we are obviously very pleased to see the funds go to good use).

The plastic bags for the Bags2School collection will be sent home in book bags this week. Please dig deep to find any old clothes, shoes etc that are no longer needed. We usually raise over £100 each time we do this, which goes a long way! If you need any extra bags, a supply will be with the office.

Our AGM was held on Weds this week, new PTFA Class rep updates as follows:

EYFS – Mandy Hennessy. Year 1 - Sarah Shaw. Year 2 – Anna McLaren. Year 3 – Abi Corboy / Emma Boyce. Year 4 – Sarah Shaw. Year 5 – Vicki Williams / Nicki Derrick. Year 6 – Jenny Thomas.

The school would like to say a big thank you to Emma Boyce who was the chair last year and thank you to Dawn Thornton who agreed to be the chair for this year. Also a big thank you also to all of the committee, who give up their time to raise money for the school. We were excited to welcome new members on Wednesday but if you are interested in supporting them then it's not too late and you can contact them on their [Facebook page here](#).

Dates for your Diary Term 1

Monday 16th September – 3.15pm – Year 3 and 4 Back to School Information Session

Tuesday 17th September – 3.15pm – Year 5 and 6 Back to School Information Session

Thursday 19th September – 3.15pm – Year 1 and 2 Back to School Information Session

Friday 20th September – PTA ice cream sale after school (weather permitting)

Tuesday 24th September – Donations in for our harvest celebration

Tuesday 8th October – 9.15am and 2.30pm – School Tours for Reception Starters September 2020

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Dates for your Diary cont.

Wednesday 16th October – 3.30pm to 6.30pm – Parents evening consultations (booking info to follow)

Thursday 23rd October – 7.30pm at White Hart - PTA meeting

Thursday 24th October - 3.30pm to 6.30pm – Parents evening consultations (booking info to follow)

Thursday 24th October – End of Term 1

Friday 25th October – INSET day for staff training

Monday 4th November - INSET day for WMAT Conference

Tuesday 5th November – Start of Term 2



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