



The Meadows Primary School



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8th June 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 6. This week has just flown by! The children have settled back well to learning after the school break and have been really getting involved in their new topics! Next week is assessment week at school where all children from Year 1 to 6 will be assessed by their teachers in Reading, Writing and Maths. These assessments, alongside everyday learning, will be used to inform teachers when reporting on your child's attainment in their end of year reports. These reports will be sent home to you on Monday 16th July. The teachers will be available on Wednesday 18th July after school if you wish to discuss any aspects of your child's report. The report will have a slip for you to return to acknowledge your receipt of the report and make an appointment if you require it.

Mrs Joy Mounter Headteacher

EYFS and Year 1 phonics workshop for parents

Thank you to all the parents who came in to join their children for this session. The children were amazing and loved sharing their phonics skills with you. We hope you found it enjoyable and useful also.

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Focus, Flourish and Fly

This fortnight we celebrate

Meadows Promise certificates

EYFS— Rosie Morris

Year 1— Noah Thornton

Year 2— Ollie Biswell

Year 3— Evie Pike

Year 4— Todd Bennett

Year 5— Judah Marrett

Year 6— Aspen Knight

Attendance of the week

Birch – Year 4

Sycamore – Year 5 (100%)

The Meadows Pride Trophy

Oak class – EYFS

Elm class – Year 1

Staff News

We would like to say huge congratulations to Mrs King who is expecting a baby in November this year. Unfortunately this will mean that she will be going on maternity leave at the start of October. We have planned to appoint a teacher for next year's Reception class so that the new children will have their teacher from the start of the year. Miss Sanders will be the SENCo during Mrs King's maternity leave.

We will also be saying farewell to Mr Day at the end of this term as he has secured an exciting opportunity working in a new role within his church. Mr Day has worked at the school for 12 years and we will be sad to see him go. Hopefully he will still pop in and see us. Good luck for the future Mr Day. You will be dearly missed.

New Reception September 2018

We are looking forward to meeting all the parents of children starting at The Meadows In September.

The information evening for the parents is happening at **6pm on 13th June**. We would love all parents to attend even if they have already got children at the Meadows as there is always new information each year and it would be lovely to have as many of you there to welcome new families to our school community.

Start of the day

One of the changes we have made based on parent questionnaire feedback is to make sure we are prompt with the start of school whistle. We are now making every effort to ensure the whistle blows at 8.55am and teachers have been reminded to be available in the playground from 8.50am. At 9am the gates to the playground will be locked. If you arrive after this time you will need to bring your child in through the main office. If this happens there is a procedure for signing them in and a parent does need to fill in the sign in sheet. This is so the office staff can fill them in on the register as they may have missed registration.

Congratulations to Gary, Jackie and the Zest catering team.

We are pleased to announce that yesterday The Meadows received a visit from the Environmental Health organisation and the kitchen at the Meadows was awarded a 5 star rating! Well done to The Meadows catering staff on this achievement.

School Meals

From September the school will be introducing a price increase for its school meals to bring it in line with other local schools in the area. The price will increase to £2.30 a meal which includes a choice of meat or vegetarian meal, salad bar and a dessert. This still represents really good value for money and of course children in the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes still have their meal provided free of charge. The school council are about to take part in meal taster sessions with the Zest catering team to give their opinions on suggested choices for next year's menu. I am sure they will make some great choices so watch this space to find out the new additions!

The Meadows Art Exhibition



The staff have agreed that it would be great to use the funds raised from the arts exhibition to pay for the children to have a theatre visit around Christmas or New Year. Watch this space for more information.

Planned essential roadworks

Unfortunately from the 2nd July the roads leading to The Meadows primary School will be undergoing improvements of drainage systems. This will mean that a 3 way traffic light system will be operating. They are not sure on the time scales of completion but it will be a minimum of 2 months. There will be with some road closures at times with diversions in place. Of course the school will still be open until the 20th July which is our last day of term but all parents will have to allow extra time if planning to travel to school in their car. This may be a great opportunity to increase the exercise in these summer months by finding alternative ways to travel to school or parking away from the school and walking in. Please see the attached map for information about the affected roads. Hopefully it will not be too disruptive for us all.

Friday treat from the Friends of The Meadows



The Friends of The Meadows will be selling ice lollies on the playground after school on a Friday this term. They will email out details of when this will be starting and what the price will be! Let's hope the sun returns!

Remember the **Father's Day sale** is happening in school next week on Friday **15th June**. The children can bring in **£3.00** to choose a gift for the special man in their life!

Training Day

On Friday 25th May all staff at The Meadows revisited the schools vision and values linked to our motto Focus, Flourish and Fly! We worked together to imagine what we would like all pupils who leave the Meadows in Year 6 to be like. From this we created a vision statement that will sit alongside our motto. This vision statement will be shared with the pupils via their school council reps and they will be asked: what are the important values that we need to have at The Meadows to achieve our vision? The staff have made many suggestions towards important values to them and the children will be asked their views also. I will be sending home the new school vision statement for you to discuss with your child and then I am asking for you to send in any suggestions towards the values for The Meadows school community. When all suggestions are received I will look at what values are the most popular and then the new school vision and values will be published on our school website and sent home in our new home- school agreement. Look out for these letters coming soon!

Homework Policy

The staff have worked together to agree our principles for Homework at The Meadows. We have considered feedback from parents when deciding upon our approach alongside what we believe is best for the children. This week the Governing Body approved our new homework policy. Please take a look at the attached document. The children will be receiving letters along with their new homework shortly so keep a look out for it. If you have any questions do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Dates for your Diary

Dates for Term 6

Wednesday 13th June - New reception for Sept 2018 info evening - 6pm in hall

Friday 15th June – Father's day sale

Wednesday 20th June – NSPCC assemblies

Wednesday 20th June – PTA meeting 7.30pm at The White Hart

W/C Monday 25th June - Sports week

Tuesday 26th June - 1.15pm KS1 sports afternoon - parents welcome

Thursday 28th June - 1.30pm KS2 sports afternoon - parents welcome

W/C Monday 2nd July - Y6 Camp

St Mary's Church Fete – 1st September 2018

The church are holding a painting competition entitled The King or Queen of The Meadow. It is a competition for KS1 and KS2 children. It can be painted or completed in crayons. All entries need to be handed in to the office by the end of this term. The child's name and age should be written on the back of their entry.