



The Meadows Primary School



Newsletter No. 9

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Another great fortnight at The Meadows with lots of exciting learning taking place. This week we saw the Year 6s head off on their residential trip. They have been working on a range of activities that develop team-building skills. I went to visit them for the day yesterday for their lake activities. They are all having a fantastic time and had to work together to design, build and then sail their rafts. In the afternoon we were all taught how to work together to row kayaks. After demonstrating our manoeuvring skills we set off for some fun games. I was lucky enough to be sharing a kayak with Ewan and Max! We look forward to welcoming them back today.

Back in school, we have had the Year 5s take part in their pedestrian training. They have had sessions from the South Gloucestershire Road Safety Team. The classes are also busy preparing something for our Harvest Assembly next week. This will be a sharing in the school hall, which parents do not need to attend due to space. We are welcoming children from Bitton Pre-school who will share this event with us. Please see Harvest section below for suggestions of donations.

Joy Mounter Headteacher

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Focus, Flourish and Fly

This fortnight we celebrate

Meadows Promise certificates

EYFS— Jessi Hawkins

Year 1— Isabelle Irwin-Porter

Year 2— Betsy Waller

Year 3— Caelan Sainsbury

Year 4— Oscar Adams

Year 5— Lucas Ludwig

Year 6— Lilly Bond

Excellent Learning certificates

EYFS—

Year 1— Archer Watson

Year 2— George Taylor-Smith

Year 3— William Purchase

Year 4— Olivia Lewis

Year 5— Esme Hallett

Year 6— Kiera Thornhill

Attendance of the week

Ash and Sycamore – week 2

Alder and Ash – Week 3

The Meadows Pride Trophy

Year 6 followed by Year 2

Census Day Lunch

Thursday October 4th is school census day so we are making a change to our menu. This is because on that day our funding for the rest of the academic year for our free Infant meals is calculated. We need as many children as possible to take a lunch in KS1 as this will increase our future funding for lunches. We hope you will support us. **Please see attached flyer as we will be swapping the Thursday and Friday on the menu that week.**

Looking So Smart

It is great to see so many children looking so smart at the start of this school year and many children wearing the new logo on their uniforms. At the back to school sessions, teachers outlined the uniform policy which has been sent as an attachment to this newsletter. Staff have been asked to follow up with children and/or parents if children are not following this policy. If for any reason, you are unable to meet these expectations **temporarily** then please see the class teacher otherwise we will expect all children to be in the correct uniform, including black school shoes.

Harvest Sharing Assembly

On Wednesday 3rd October we will be having our Harvest sharing assembly in the hall where classes will share a celebration (parents not attending due to space). This year we are donating to The Keynsham Food Bank and welcome any fresh items for donation but alternatively you can send in any of these items that they urgently need.

Pasta Sauce
Tinned fruit
Custard
Fruit juice
Instant mash
Sugar
Biscuits
Sweets

Please ensure a reasonable 'use by' date on them and check that they have not been opened and resealed. Please bring these items in to your child's teacher and then we will assemble them in the hall.

Unauthorised absence

The home- school agreement states that the family will... 'not take children out for holidays during term time'. This is because we know how important it is for children to regularly be in school so that they do not miss any valuable learning and the need to catch up when they get back. If you do decide to take your child on holiday during term time this will be unauthorised and the school will not be providing you with missed work as this gives extra workload to teachers. This year we will be following WMAT attendance policy that you can read [here](#). The school will be asking the Local Authority to issue fixed penalty notices if **unauthorised absence such as holidays are taken during term time without the school's permission and if a pupil has accrued more than ten or more consecutive unauthorised absences and where there overall attendance is 95% or below for that academic year.** This is in line with WMAT policy. A day's absence is recorded as 2 sessions so 5 consecutive days absence will equal 10 unauthorised absences. If you have a planned absence from school please go to the office to fill in an absence request form.

Sports News at The Meadows

Girls Football

Brad will be running a girls football session at lunch times on Wednesdays from 3rd October. We have entered a cup competition and we will be selecting a team from the girls who come to these sessions.

Boys Year 5 and 6 Football

If you are in Year 5 and 6 and are interested in playing football for The Meadows make sure that you turn up for Brad's football sessions on Thursday lunch times. We have entered a cup competition and we will be selecting a team to represent the school from the boys who come to the lunch time sessions.

Netball Tournament

Well done to those who have been coming to netball practices this term, you have all worked hard and made great progress. We have entered a Girls Hi 5 netball tournament which is being held at Wellsway School on Tuesday 23rd October, 4pm – 6pm. Letters for those attending netball club will be handed out when the tournament details are finalised. We still need a few more players so if you are interested in joining netball club please complete a form and come along to practices on Tuesdays 3:30 – 4:30pm.

Mrs Stone – Sport Coach

Dates for your Diary

Monday 8th October at 1.15pm – Parent tours for new Reception class September 2019

Thursday 11th October at 9.15pm – Parent tours for new Reception class September 2019

Friday 12th October – School Photos

Friday 19th October – Glow Disco for KS1 and KS2 (more info to follow)

Wednesday 17th October at 6pm – Parent tours for new Reception class September 2019

Friday 26th October – End of Term 1

Tuesday 6th November – Start of Term 2

Thursday 8th November – 3.45pm – 6.30pm Parents evening

Monday 12th November – 3.45pm – 6.30pm Parents evening



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