



# The Meadows Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 2.

The staff at The Meadows started the term with the WMAT conference held at Wellsway School. The theme was Collaboration and Growth. We learned a lot from a keynote speaker Sue Cowley who presented on behaviour management strategies. The staff also attended a range of workshops and had time to network with other colleagues from other WMAT schools. A great learning together opportunity. Thank you to all the people who ran a workshop and to staff in the WMAT central team who organised the event.

Thanks to all parents and carers who attended our Parents evenings. We have been so pleased with how the children have focussed on their learning in Term 1. I hope you found the booking system easy and quick to use. It has always been so difficult for staff to schedule parents evening times using slips of paper so they really appreciated the introduction of this new system.

Joy Mounter    Headteacher

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**New dates added for 2019-2020**

## Focus, Flourish and Fly

This fortnight we celebrate

### Meadows Promise certificates

**EYFS— Zachary Morris**

**Year 1— Lilly Smart**

**Year 2— Noah Thornton**

**Year 3— Bella Hobbs**

**Year 4— Connor Purnell**

**Year 5— Elliot Ferns**

**Year 6 – Iris Southway**

### Excellent Learning certificates

**EYFS— Ben Murphy**

**Year 1— Logan Andrews**

**Year 2— Florence Boyce**

**Year 3— Imogen Shaw**

**Year 4— Charlotte Toogood**

**Year 5— Holly Male**

**Year 6— Logan Male**

### Attendance of last week

**Foxglove - Year 5**

**The Meadows Pride Trophy**

**Foxglove - Year 5 /Honeysuckle –Y6**

### Congratulations to Mrs King

We have been informed that Mrs King's new addition has arrived. On 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 she welcomed her new baby daughter in to the world. We are so pleased to hear this and look forward to meeting her in the future.

### Instagram

It has been brought to our attention that a number of our older children have Instagram accounts. The terms of use are for children aged 13 or over only and this is the same for all social media e.g Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Kik, and Snapchat. I understand that parents may have allowed their children to set up these accounts but the age restriction is there for a reason. We are finding that disputes with friends on social media out of school hours is filtering in to school and teachers are having to try and resolve issues where their friends have upset them on social media out of school. The staff do not have the time to deal with this during learning time so if you do not take our recommendation to close an account if your child is under 13 then in future we will be informing parents of incidents involving social media and asking them to resolve the issue outside of school.

### Anti-bullying week

This week we launched Anti-bullying week with our odd socks day. The children had an assembly where we revisited what bullying is and why it is unacceptable. We also talked about the key message from our policy, which has the slogan STOP – These posters have been created to put up around the school.

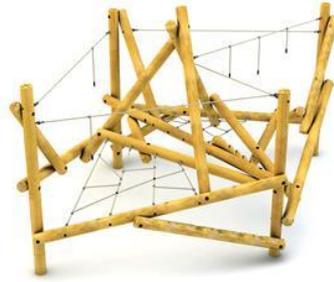


Bullying is when someone (or a group of people) picks on you, hurts you, calls you names, threatens or says nasty things about you, takes your things and friends away *and keeps on doing it*, making you feel frightened and/or unhappy.

<b>S</b>	Several	Start	<b>Stand up to the bully:</b> Tell him or her to stop their behaviour
<b>T</b>	Times	Telling	<b>Take appropriate action:</b> Get away from the bully, walk or run to an adult
<b>O</b>	On	Other	<b>Open up:</b> Talk to a trusted adult.
<b>P</b>	Purpose	People	<b>Protect:</b> Help to protect yourself and others from bullying

The assembly also revisited the importance of celebrating uniqueness and the diversity of our world.

### PTA fundraising



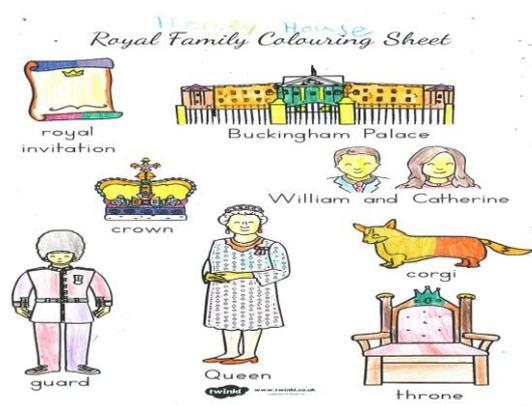
The PTA are working so hard to raise money for the school and what they do makes a real difference to the experiences of the children at The Meadows. Although the Government message is that education funding is higher than ever the school has seen reduced funding and raised costs. This means that the school can no longer afford things that were once considered essentials (a rolling programme of IT renewal, classroom equipment etc.). That means that the money raised by the PTA enables us to provide the amazing climbing equipment in the outdoor area and hopefully we will be able to improve the IT at the school in the future. There next meeting is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm at the White Hart pub in Bitton. Come along and support them if you can.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone of the PTA committee but also all the people that give their time to help out at the different events. The Glow disco was a great success at the start of term and we will update you soon with the amount that was raised.

We are really looking forward to the Christmas craft morning that the PTA are organising and paying for. Last year we introduced this enrichment event and it was a well-received and got us in the Christmas spirit. This year the event will take place on **30<sup>th</sup> November and will start at 9.15am and end at 11.15 am** with the whole school gathered together for the lighting of the tree and some songs. Teas and coffees will be served in the school hall at drop off time. This year we are excited to welcome some of the WMAT Trust board members, including our own Chair of Governors Susan Robbins.

### Prince Charles 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday lunch

On Wednesday the children had the opportunity to have a special lunch provided by Zest to celebrate Prince Charles 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. A big thank you to Gary and Jackie for organising the event alongside the Zest Catering Team. The children were able to take part in a colouring competition and I am pleased to announce the winner was Honey House in Year 4. In assembly today, she will receive a £10 book token. Well done Honey!



### Dates for your Diary

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November – 1.15pm - Parent tours for new Reception class September 2019

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November – 9.15am - Parent tours for new Reception class September 2019

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November – 3.45pm – 4.45pm – Stay and Play session for new Reception September 2019

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Non – uniform day and bring in a KS1 tombola prize or KS2 a bottle for the bottle stall (alcohol or non)**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November – 9.15am – 11.15am – Christmas craft morning and tree decoration – Parents, carers and Grandparents welcome.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December – 3.30pm – 5.30pm - Christmas Fair and Christmas jumper day (**donation of a wrapped present for the fair. Please ensure it is suitable for a child and label with boy or girl and KS1 or KS2**)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Year 6 life skills visit

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS and KS1 performance at 2pm in the hall**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS and KS1 performance at 9.30am in the hall**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol concert at the church starting at 2pm

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term 2**



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