



The Meadows Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new term. We hope you had a lovely School holiday. This term there has been some changes to the legal requirements with regards to Covid -19 isolation. Andrea Arlidge the CEO of Futura Learning Partnership sent a letter outlining the changes early this week and we have a new risk assessment [here](#).

The message is still to keep your child home if they are unwell. If the symptoms develop to a cough, temperature or loss of taste and smell we advise a PCR test. If you child test positive on an LFT or a PCR they should follow guidance to isolate. If we are notified your child is positive for Covid we will ask the children to remain at home as we did before and staff who are positive will also not attend school. We will no longer send a regular Covid update but will contact you if we are seeing an increase of cases across the school.

We have had a change of date to one of our open classroom sessions. Please see dates for your diary section for this information.

Thank you to everyone who joined in with our World Book Day yesterday. It was lovely to see the children in their amazing costumes. The children really enjoyed the day. We will put some photos on to our social media pages.

Take Care and stay safe

Joy Mounter Headteacher

Focus, Flourish and Fly

Learning certificates

Year R - Dylan

Year 1- Bobby

Year 2 - Honor

Year 3 - Enya

Year 4 – Emily

Year 5 – Josh D-H

Year 6 – Sam

Autism Acceptance Week - 28th March - 3rd April

As a staff, we have been undertaking some training on 'Social Communication Difficulties' or Autism, as it is known for those students who have a diagnosis. I am attaching a link for this if you would like to register and learn more about autism [Celebrate Autism Acceptance Week - Let's Learn About Autism \(autismeducationtrust.org.uk\)](https://www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk)

During Autism Acceptance Week, we will be delivering lessons to the children to make them aware of what autism is and how it can affect some children.

To visit our school facebook page or [our twitter feed](#). Click on the icons

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Home Cup Netball Match

B&NES Cup Netball match home vs Chew Stoke 8/02/22

Congratulations to all the netballers who took part in the cup match on Tuesday at home to a very strong Chew Stoke team. The Chew Stoke team were very tall and strong but despite this The Meadows team showed some really good passages of play. They have all made such good progress since starting playing netball. The final score was 13 – 3 to Chew Stoke.

It was lovely to have a home match at last. Thanks to Esme H for helping coach the team during the match and Ada H for scoring and timing. Thank you to the parents who came to support and Mrs Tokar and Julie Tokar for helping with refreshments.



Presentation Pride

This week we celebrated our first nominees for the presentation pride trophy

YR - Chloe

Y1 – Ruby B

Y2 - Alex

Y3 - Henry

Y4 - Joel

Y5 - Evie

Y6 – Clayton

Our winner of the trophy was **Henry**. Well done Henry!
Keep up that amazing presentation!

Lunchtime Supervisor vacancy for SEN support

We have a vacancy for a lunch supervisor with a particular focus on supporting children with particular additional needs that find playtimes difficult. You would be part of the supportive lunch supervisor team but with a particular focus on supporting children who find social situations difficult. If you are interested please see the [vacancy here](#) or call the school for more info. 01179322203 or email enquiries@themeadowsprimaryschool.org.uk

Dates for your Diary Term 4

7th March – Class photo day

8th March – theatre visit

8th March – 4pm - Phonics meeting for Year 1 parents

22nd March – 9am – 9.30am Y1 – Y6 open classrooms to look at your child’s learning. YR – stay and play session (change of date)

Or (you only need to attend 1 session)

17th March – 3.30pm – 4pm Y1 – Y6 open classrooms to look at your child’s learning. YR – stay and play session

If you are unable to make any sessions please see your child’s teacher to arrange an alternative time.

4th April – 3.30pm – 6.30pm Parent’s evenings meetings on Teams. Information on signing up for appointments to follow.

7th April - 3.30pm – 6.30pm Parent’s evenings meetings on zoom

Please email the office if you would prefer a phone call. If you do not join the TEAMS meeting the teacher will call you at your time.



Ukraine Support

I am sure you are all aware the troubling news of the conflict in the Ukraine and may have a desire to offer support. We have been made aware of 2 local collection points for donations and I am sure there are many more. Indigo Kitchen (on Keynsham High Street) and The Crown Inn opposite Keynsham Rugby Club.

Our children are understandably asking questions and are seeing and hearing things about the crisis in the news and we are mindful to approach this in a very sensitive and age appropriate way. BBC Newsround is as ever an excellent resource.

You may find some of the guidance below useful.

I understand that families in our community may be directly or indirectly affected by the conflict. Please do contact the school directly if you wish to discuss anything.

Current information regarding Ukraine

Supporting your child if they see upsetting content online about what is happening in Ukraine (Childnet)

<https://www.childnet.com/blog/supporting-your-child-with-upsetting-content/>

We should not hide from children what is happening in Ukraine (Schools Week/Children's Commissioner)

<https://schoolsweek.co.uk/we-should-not-hide-from-children-what-is-happening-in-ukraine/>

How to talk to children about what's happening in Ukraine and World War Three anxiety (Metro)

<https://metro.co.uk/2022/02/24/how-to-talk-to-children-about-whats-happening-in-ukraine-16163133/>

Help for teachers and families to talk to pupils about Russia's invasion of Ukraine and how to help them avoid misinformation (Department for Education)

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-for-teachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasion-of-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/>

Information produced previously about war and international violence

How and when to talk to children about war, according to a parenting expert (Independent)

<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/children-war-talk-russia-ukraine-b2023695.html>

How to cope with traumatic news - an illustrated guide (ABC News, Australia)

<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-12-23/illustrated-guide-cope-traumatic-news/5985104>

Talking with Children About War and Violence in the World (Family Education, US)

<https://www.familyeducation.com/life/wars/talking-children-about-war-violence-world>

Tips for parents and caregivers on media coverage of traumatic events (The National Child Traumatic Stress Network, US)

<https://www.nctsn.org/resources/tips-parents-and-caregivers-media-coverage-traumatic-events>

ST MARY'S MOUSE FEST

Saturday 12th March from 10.30 am to 5 o'clock

Sunday 13th March from 11.30 to 5 o'clock

Come and see the amazing displays of

LIFE IN BITTON on show at St Mary's Church

The Carol Singing Mice

The Bell Ringing Mice

The Wedding Mice

The History Society Mice

Janet Ivens' Knitting Group Mice

The Fête Mice

The Gardening Club Mice

The Music Group Mice

all kept in order by our very own

Lollypop Mouse

Tea and cake will be available and
you will have the chance to buy a mouse

Entrance is free – donations will be welcome

Friends of the Meadows (PTA) Update



#2022Challenge

Lots of you have been getting in contact to tell us how you are getting on with your **Sponsor 2022 Challenge!** We've had people swimming, biking, walking, skipping, baking, litter picking and more to raise money for the school! Please be ready to hand in sponsorship forms and the money raised on Monday 7th March 2022. There is still time to send us your photos for the celebration assembly on Friday 11th March 2022. Photos can be uploaded to the [Friends of The Meadows Facebook Page](#) or emailed to meadowsprimary.pta@gmail.com

Our next event is our **Someone Special Sale on Friday 25th March 2022.** Children will be invited to buy a small gift they can give to someone special in their life – this could be for a parent, grandparent, carer or someone they love and want to treat.

We always welcome any other ways people want to support the PTA. Easy ways to do this are via our ongoing fundraising activities:



Stikins Labels - Stikins are a great way to keep things safe in school. Quote our school number when you order and you'll raise a donation of up to 30% of your order value at no extra cost to you. Just click this [Stikins Link](#) to order your labels and enter the School Fundraising Number: 23281

School Lottery – Tickets for the School Lottery cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000! Buy your tickets here [Your School Lottery](#)

Easy Fundraising – Start your online shopping first at [easyfundraising](#), then shop as normal. Retailers will then make a small donation to say “thank you”. There are over 4700 retailers to shop with!



To keep up-to-date with the PTA events please follow us on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/meadowsschoolpta>