



# The Meadows Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now at the end of another successful term at The Meadows with plenty of success stories for us all to celebrate.

This week has been a particularly important week at school as we have been celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. The children have been enjoying enriching classroom lessons, cricket sessions lead by Gloucestershire Cricket and 'Express Yourself' dress down day. Children's mental health is very important to us and it has been great to take time to discuss this with the children during the week.

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February the school celebrated Safer Internet Day. The pupils had sessions that emphasised the importance of staying safe online and helpful strategies that they can use if they come across unwanted content. It is vitally important that we prepare them for a changing world in which using the internet through different devices is the norm. It has been great to see the children ask insightful questions during these sessions.

There is a monthly online safety newsletter for parents and guardians that provides helpful updates offering advice for apps and parental controls. The February edition has an article on PlayStation. All previous monthly editions are on our website for you to access.

I would like to extend a big thank you ahead of time to the PTA volunteers who will be coming in to school over the holidays to help upgrade our forest school area. It demonstrates the togetherness and support that exists within our school community so on behalf of the children I would like to extend our gratitude for this in advance.

Finally, I hope you all have a restful half term holiday. The team and I look forward to seeing you all refreshed ready for Term 4.

Kind regards,

Owen Edwards, Headteacher

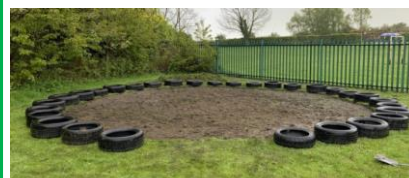
## Parent Governor

If you are interested in becoming a parent governor, please get in contact with the school. If you would like to find out more about the responsibilities that come with the role, feel free to contact Mr Edwards who would be happy to answer any questions.



## Lunchtime Play Rangers (SMSAs)

We currently have two vacancies for Lunchtime Play Rangers at The Meadows. If you are interested in becoming a part of the school team and supporting the school in an exciting journey using the Opal programme, please do get in contact with the school office.



### **Key dates for Term 4**

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Events</b>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset Day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Orienteering Day
11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> March	STEM Week
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Guardian Showcase – invited into school (further updates to follow)



Polite reminders –

#### **Uniform**

A reminder that all children should come to school wearing the correct school uniform, at all times. It is our policy that all children should wear school uniform when attending school. Please label all items of clothing clearly with your child's name to avoid any lost items.

#### **Reading at Home**

Please ensure that children read at home for a minimum of four times a week. Reading records are checked in school on Monday mornings. Reading regularly at home helps to support children to access the wider curriculum therefore doing this regularly at home significantly supports children's ability to access key knowledge.

#### **Healthy School**

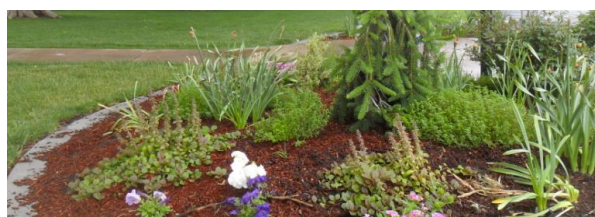
Please can we remind you we are a healthy school. We promote a healthy diet and this includes expecting children to bring in a bottle with only water inside, no squash. Please also ensure that all snacks are healthy or feel free to bring in a piece of fruit.

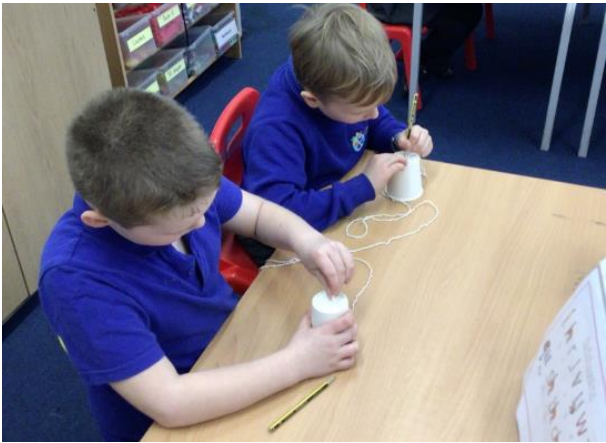
#### **Gardening Club**

After the success last year of coming first in Bitton in Bloom best school, we would like to continue with the gardening club at school. All children will have the opportunity to take part in all different activities with gardening. The gardening club is run by volunteers (not parents) and teachers in their own time, who have an interest in gardening and supporting the school.

We are looking/asking for anything that would make the club a success, seeds, bulbs, veg, canes, nets to protect from birds, compost, plant food, hanging baskets, almost anything that helps the gardening club thrive. If anyone is interested in volunteering please contact the school, during the summer months watering needs to be done at the weekend. As the saying goes -

"Many hands make light work"  
any donations can be brought into the school office





For children's mental health week, the children in school played the whisper game and made string telephones. We spoke about how listening carefully to others involves more than just their ear- we also listen and take information in other ways.

Well done everyone!



Year 4 completing their DT projects. Making learning engaging and fun is very important to us at The Meadows.

Well done everyone.

## The Virtual Ballon Race

The race starts on Monday 26th February and will run until Friday 1st March when winners will be announced in the celebration assembly.

Family members, parents, grandparents, siblings, neighbours etc to buy a balloon for £3. There are prizes including a £50 voucher for the balloon that travels the furthest.

For more information, please follow the link -

<https://www.balloonrace.net/jufqko>

**THE MEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA**  
**VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE**

Friday 9 February 2024

The fun starts in...

**DAYS** **HOURS** **MIN'S**  
**16** **21** **57**

## Opal Update

The school have advanced the planning for Opal (Outdoor play and learning scheme). Members of the staff team have completed an audit of the playground and field which will support future decisions on equipment and zones of play.

Nancy, our Opal representative, will be returning to school at the beginning of Term 4 to discuss the next phase of planning.

In the meantime, if you have any ideas for welly racks or any wood that could be donated that would support us in making them, please do get in touch. Equally, if you are interested in helping us make welly racks in term 4 please contact the school office. I am keen to use the wide range of expertise we have within our community.



# The Meadows Promise

I will focus on my learning and help others to learn.

I will uphold the values of the school

honesty

kindness

respect

self-belief



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WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

7 MARCH 2024



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# WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 7th March

## MENU

**THE SECRET RESCUERS**  
**Breaded Chicken Steak**

or

**THE CHICKEN NUGGET AMBUSH**  
**No Chicken Nuggets (Ve)**

**SUPERTATO'S HERBY DICED POTATOES**  
**MOTHER OF SHARKS SWEETCORN**

ooOoo

**CHARLIE'S CHOCOLATE CHIP CAKE**  
**Fresh Fruit & Yogurts**

FRESHLY BAKED BREAD &  
SALAD BAR AVAILABLE

SPECIAL DIETS WILL BE  
GATERED FOR AS USUAL



# Should I keep my child off school?



## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

