



The Meadows Primary School



Newsletter No.6

29th Nov 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank to everyone who supported our Children in Need event. It was lovely to see the spotty outfits and the support for the School Council cake sale. We raised £282.16 so a big thank you to Mrs Holmes and our school councillors.

We have had a thank you from the Keynsham Foodbank as our Harvest donations were 107K of food. Thank you to all who sent these items in. It makes a big difference to local people in crisis.

We are looking forward to our 'Jolly Jumper' Day on 6th December. There is no need to go out and buy a Christmas jumper as any colourful jumper will do! Please bring in a Christmas Fair Donation (KS1 sweet-filled jam jar and KS2 Tombola Prize). We have jam jars at the front of the school if you don't have one at home.

We also have our Christmas Fair coming up on Friday 13th December after school. It is non-uniform on this day and the PTA are asking for a donation of a wrapped mystery gift. We are hoping to see you all there as it is a great event. We will also have performances from the our KS1 and KS2 choirs.

We will also be putting the Christmas post box at the front of school from Monday. Please put children's full names and classes on envelopes. Thank you.

At the end of this term we will regretfully be saying goodbye to Sam Burt one of our HLTAs. We wish her well in her new position at Hanham Woods Academy.

Joy Mounter Headteacher

Focus, Flourish and Fly

This fortnight we celebrate

Values certificates

Year R – Hallie Turle

Year 1— Kai Kwan

Year 2— Rosie Morris

Year 3— Betsy Waller

Year 4— Taya Murray

Year 5— Evie Pike

Year 6— Daisy Robinson

Learning certificates

Year R – Larry Cran

Year 1— Ruben Wyatt

Year 2— Brianna Chivers

Year 3— Felicity Cartwright

Year 4— Izzy Winter

Year 5— Suzi Clarke

Year 6— Frankie Jordan-Sanders

Attendance Awards

Week commencing 18/11/19 – Y6 Honeysuckle

Week commencing 25/11/19 – Y6 Honeysuckle

Meadows Pride Trophy

Week commencing 18/11/19 – Y6 Honeysuckle

Week commencing 25/11/19 – Y5 Foxglove

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School Term and INSET Dates click [here](#)

Change to bank holiday from 4th May to 8th May 2020

Sports News

Very wet netball practice matches at Chandag!

Well done to all the children and parents who travelled to Chandag Junior School to play some practice matches on Monday 25th November. The matches started in slight rain, which didn't abate much and at times it was torrential!

All of the netball club were invited to take part in the matches and the new Year 4 children gained some valuable match play experience...I hope the rain didn't put them off!

Congratulations go to: Blake S, Elliot F, Esme H, Freya W, Hattie H, Imogen S, Isla D, Isla M, Jess H, Lola S, Maisey H, Megan C, Rosalie C, Steph D-H and Tilly H, for playing in such tricky conditions.

STEM awards

A huge congratulations to Jess and Will in Year 6 who were nominated for a Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths Award. This award ceremony took place at the British Aerospace Museum in the concord hangar on 11th October and was organised by South Gloucestershire council.



Friends of the Meadows (PTFA) Update!

There's lots of fun planned for the **Christmas Fair - Friday 13th December 3.30-5.30p.m.**

New this year - Santa's Photo Booth - meet and have your photo with the big man himself!

Loads of games, our super Christmas Raffle, 'Homemade' stall, Craft room, Pocket money toys, Glitter tattoos, our ever-popular Cards and Books, Food, Refreshments and lots more!

We need your help:

- **Friday 6th December is 'Jolly Jumper' Day** – Children can wear a festive jumper to school in return for donations: Key Stage 1 – **a jam jar filled with sweets**/ Key Stage 2 – **a tombola prize**
- **Friday 13th December is the day of the Christmas Fair** – Children can come to school in their own clothes in return for a wrapped '**Mystery Gift**'. You wrap a gift and stick on the label to show whether it is for a boy/girl, Key Stage 1/2 or both! Labels will be coming home in book bags soon.
- Can you donate a **Raffle prize**, or do you work for a company that could? Please get in touch via our Facebook page (Friends of the Meadows, Bitton) or the school office.
- We would love some more donations for our '**Homemade**' stall! All sorts of festive homemade items welcome.

Thanks in advance for all your support, which will help raise money towards fantastic new IT equipment to support the children's learning.

Other news...

- The Halloween Disco raised a super profit of £375.59! Huge thanks for supporting this event.
- Thank you for ordering the children's designs through 'Cauliflower Cards' - we've raised £82 commission :)
- The PTA have purchased a Children's Scrapstore membership for the school, to support the teachers in enriching learning even more with exciting and creative resources.



Matched Funding-can you help? (May also be called Matched Giving) 😊

This might help you to understand it better.

What is matched funding?

It's when one group raises money and another group agrees to match the amount that's been raised – or a percentage of the amount raised.

Is it just big businesses that match? No. Matched funding has tax benefits for companies, so lots do it.

What can you do to help? Check if your employer's name is on the list below. If not you can still ask your HR or payroll department if your company will match fund.

All you need to do is help at a PTA fundraising event. That might be manning a stall at the Christmas or Summer Fair. Some companies will match the income from a whole event while others might just fund the stall you helped on. Potentially we could make lots of money for our lovely school, and it's very easy. Thank you in advance!

Friends of the Meadows (PTFA) Update continued!

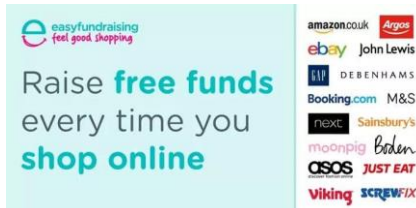
Easy Fundraising

We have registered with 'easyfundraising', it's a great site where you can help The Meadows Primary School PTA - raise funds simply by doing your everyday online shopping!

Over 3,600 big name retailers are included, such as Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, eBay, Boden and M&S. Every time you shop, we receive a small donation to say 'thank you!' It is completely free and over £27M has been raised for similar organisations so far!

We want to raise as much as possible so please sign up and help us at

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/meadowspta/>



Dates for your Diary Term 2

Tuesday 3rd December – 3.45pm – 4.30pm - Stay and Play session for Reception Starters September 2020

Thursday 5th December – No crossing patrol at the end of the school day

Friday 6th December – Dress-down Day with a Jolly Jumper in exchange for Christmas Fair Donation (KS1 sweet-filled jam jar and KS2 Tombola Prize)

Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th December at 2:00pm - EYFS and KS1 Christmas performance – parents and carers welcome

Wednesday 11th December – School Christmas lunch

Friday 13th December – 3.30pm - School Christmas Fair

Wednesday 18th December – KS2 Carol Concert 2:00pm at St Mary's Church – parents and carers welcome

Friday 20th December – End of Term 2

Monday 6th January – Start of Term 3

New dates in bold



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