



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who has already completed our parent survey. It would be great if we could get as many responses as possible using this link to our Google forms [here](#). It should only take about 5 minutes and this information, alongside the informal feedback we receive will help us constantly improve what we can offer to the children and our community.

This term we have welcomed Miss Willis a Bath Spa Student who will be working in Year 1. She will be with us for 8 weeks when she will then return to Saltford Primary School. Mr Marron has a placement at Saltford Primary but will be returning to us in Year 3 in Term 4.

My apologies for a date change. We have had to move our topic sharing afternoon that we originally planned for Tuesday 11th Feb, to **Monday 10th Feb at 2.45pm**. This is due to a twilight training session for staff that has been organised for all WMAT teaching staff. I hope you can come along and see all the fantastic learning that has been happening this term.

Joy Mounter Headteacher

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

New dates for 2020/2021 have been added

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

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Focus, Flourish and Fly

This fortnight we celebrate

Values certificates

Year R – Kavin Kandeepan

Year 1— Ben Murphy

Year 2— Billie Jordan-Sanders

Year 3— Rhys Davies

Year 4— Izzy Winter

Year 5— Lola Smith

Year 6— Blake Smith

Learning certificates

Year R – Tommy Cooke

Year 1—Jorja Hanks

Year 2— Alex Clarke

Year 3— Ivy Thomas

Year 4— Harry Irwin-Porter

Year 5— Ruby Blacker

Year 6— Holly Male

Attendance Awards

Week commencing 13/1/20 – Cornflower Y4
99.1%

Week commencing 20/1/20 – Honeysuckle Y6
100%

Meadows Pride Trophy

Week commencing 13/1/20 – Buttercup Y2

Week commencing 20/1/20 – Bluebell Y3

Uniform Expectations

We have noticed this term that many children look so smart in their school uniform and really take pride in their appearance. Thank you to all parents that support us in making sure the children look smart and follow the uniform policy. Please take a look [here](#) for uniform expectations if you are unsure. A few children have not been following the uniform policy and are now wearing footwear that is not part of our uniform policy or PE kit that is not black shorts/skorts and a plain white t-shirt. The children should have footwear that is **Black school shoes (no trainers). Some parents have asked if a winter boot is OK and we ask that these are plain ankle boots and not high fashion boots (no Knee highs).** Staff have been asked to address uniform concerns with parents as a first point of call, giving parents a reasonable amount of time to provide uniform in line with our policy. We would appreciate your support in this matter but do email the office if you have any issues providing the correct uniform.

Headlice

We have been informed of a recurring issue of headlice at The Meadows Primary School. It is really important that all cases are **reported to the school office** so that advice and guidance can be sent to that class immediately. An outbreak cannot be controlled if the school has not been informed by parents that there is a case of headlice but also it requires all parents to act on the advice that we send out. I would really appreciate your support in this matter as I know how frustrating it is having to repeatedly treat your child for headlice. See below for more guidance so you can get prepared should a letter come home to your class.

HOW TO GET RID OF NITS

This is a brilliant way to make your children nit free.

Having spent hours of combing and a great deal of money on chemicals I have finally found a solution that actually works as long as you repeat the process every 3 – 4 days. It is worth the hassle so that the nits are not mature enough to lay eggs. **NO MORE EXPENSIVE CHEMICALS!**

If every parent who suffers with this problem followed this plan the school could become nit free within a couple of weeks!

The only expense would be the Nitty Gritty nit comb that also claims to comb out the eggs. It is very sturdy and currently £7.83 on Amazon.

You will need a pot of water to flick the nits into

- A Nitty Gritty comb,
- An old toothbrush to brush the nits off the comb into the pot of water
- Some kitchen roll to wipe any residue from the comb.

Instructions

Wash, condition, rinse and towel dry hair.

- Sit your child in a suitable position for you to comb the hair ensuring that you are both comfortable.
- First brush through so that the hair is completely tangle free and then start combing through to get rid of the nits until no more appear. This can take quite a time but persevere!
- That's it - but make sure to repeat the process in 3 -4 days time otherwise any that do get left behind will lay eggs and you are back to square one!

Friends of the Meadows (PTA) Update

There's still time to get a team together for our...

Family Quiz Night – Friday 7th February

£10 per team, Maximum of 8 Adults per team, Doors open 7pm

Cash/card Licensed Bar    selling wine, beer and lager, soft drinks and snacks

Kids' Mini Quiz and Colouring Competition

Quiz Masters trophy for the winning team and other prizes to be won!

Entry forms have been sent out in your child's book bag – **please return by Friday 31st January.**

Hope to see as many of you there as possible for a great evening of fun! 😊

[Second-Hand Uniform Sale](#) - Thursday 13th February from 2.30 p.m.

Has your child outgrown their school uniform? We need your **DONATIONS!**

Please bring your **good-quality second-hand uniform** in a bag to the collection box at the school office:

School jumpers and polo shirts (new butterfly logo only please, no old logos)



School shoes, Dresses/Trousers etc, PE kits and shoes, Football boots

Christmas jumpers, World Book Day costumes, Coats

(NO TOYS or bric-a-brac please)

Our popular greetings cards will be on sale too - 10 for £1!

[Valentines' Cake Sale](#) – Thursday 13th February (same day) after school

We would  **LOVE**  your donations of cakes and treats, whether baked or bought!

Please bring cakes in to school on the morning of the sale

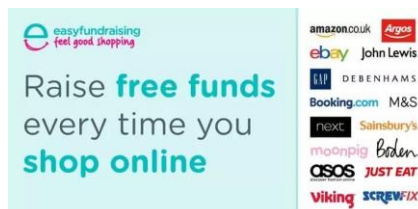
Mrs Mounter will be judging **"best-decorated"** cakes - prizes to be won

Money raised from these events will go towards buying IT equipment for the school

Where does all your money go?

- Last month the PTA provided resources for Christmas Craft morning and finishing touches to make the children's school Christmas lunch special
- We donated proceeds from serving teas and coffees at school productions directly towards the recent theatre company performance

Thank you to all those who supported the [Christmas Fair](#) – we made a profit of **£776.39**



Surplus Supper

Our fantastic WMAT Zest catering team are collaborating with Adrian Kirikmaa from the St. Monica Trust to hold a charity Surplus Supper event to raise funds for FareShare South West at B Block Cafe, Keynsham on Monday 3rd February. Every single pound raised/donated will feed 4 people!!

Tickets available at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/surplus-supper-tickets-88659...>

Together we can reduce #foodpoverty and reduce #foodwaste [FareShare South West](#)

Safer Internet Week

In February, we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day is a fantastic opportunity to reflect as a family about how you can use the internet and technology safely, responsibly and positively. In families, everyone can play a role in empowering children to enjoy their time safely online. Please follow the link for ideas, information, videos and activities to help you talk to your child about using the internet and technology positively and safely.

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2020/i-am-parent-or-carer>



Girls Football Cup match vs Saltford

Thursday 23rd January 2020

Wow...what a match...a 9 – 0 win for The Meadows!

Well done to all the girls who represented The Meadows in the girl's football cup match away vs Saltford. Everyone played well individually and as a team. Our attackers successfully took on Saltford's defence, with excellent play by Bella, Esme, Jess and Rosalie in the first half, joined by Ada in the second half. Our defence was just as successful, keeping a clean sheet for the whole match, well done to Ada, Freya, Holly, Leah, Ruby and goalkeeper Gracie. The Meadows scorers were Bella - 1, Esme – 2 and Jess – 6, however every single player deserves praise for the excellent team effort.

Many thanks for all the parents, siblings and grandparents who came to Saltford to support the team, special thanks to Ada's Granny who travelled on the minibus with the team.



Dates for your Diary Term 3

Wednesday 29th January – 9am – SEND coffee session with Mrs King (SEN children will receive a letter with a reply slip to return)

Wednesday 29th January, 5th and 12th February – No swimming for Year 4

Wednesday 29th January – Year 3 visit to Bristol Zoo

Wednesday 29th January – Y2 SATS information session – 5.30pm

Monday 3rd February – Safer Internet Week

Wednesday 5th February – Y6 SATS information session – 5.30pm

Monday 10th February – Curriculum sharing afternoon for parents from 2.45pm. Come and see the learning that has taken place across the school.

Thursday 13th February – Last day of term 3

Friday 14th February – INSET day

Term 4

Monday 2nd March – EYFS and Year 1 phonics session – 4.30pm (letter to follow)

Thursday 5th March – open classrooms at 3pm – come in via the office to go to your child's class to look at their books with them.

Wednesday 11th March - open classrooms at 3pm – come in via the office to go to your child's class to look at their books with them. If you cannot make these dates and times please arrange another time with the teacher.

Thursday 5th March – world book day (more info to follow)

Monday 9th March – STEM week

Monday 23rd March and Thursday 26th March – Parents' evening 3.45pm – 6.30pm

New dates in bold



School Commission code of **23281**