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Spring A - Week 2 - Friday 19th January 2018



Our New Year Resolutions!



Your children may have shared with you that last week in our first assembly, we agreed some New Year Resolutions that we would all be working on together as a school. We all agreed that to help keep everyone happy and safe we would all make an extra effort in...

- Using polite manners
- Showing respect
- Taking turns and sharing
- Demonstrating good listening

We modelled our expectations to the children (much to the children's amusement!) and then announced a daily 'STAR' that teachers would be awarding. The STAR would be awarded to the child that was showing any (or many) of the four behaviours shown above.

We are so proud of all of the children who are really rising to the occasion and explicitly demonstrating what wonderful polite, respectful and kind children they are. So that you too are aware of 'what we are looking for', we have attached the 'Behaviour Agreement' that everyone (including the adults who work in school) have signed up to. It would be super helpful if families could support their child in maybe continuing this focus at home too, maybe with stickers for when your child shows any (or many) of these behaviours. Please let us know how they are getting on!

These are our Shining Stars for the last two weeks, well done to you all,
we are so proud of you!

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Reception Robins Shining Stars



Year 1 Blackbirds Shining Stars



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Year 2 Barn Owls Shining Stars



[Parents Maths Workshops](#)



On Wednesday 31st January at 2.15pm we will be running our annual Parents Maths Workshop. The teaching of early (reception, year 1 and year 2) maths is fundamental in ensuring key skills are embedded before moving onto more challenging mathematical concepts and research shows us that getting parents involved in their child's learning is key....

"The more parents are engaged in the education of their children, the more likely their children are to succeed in the education system." (Goodall and Vorhaus, 2011, p. 16)

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Last year our workshops were all about the new maths games that are sent home each week, this year the focus will be on sharing the 'key skills' that children are taught at High Meadow. Our maths teaching is based on sound research and the approach created by the White Rose Maths Hub. We will share this approach with you at the workshop and make the presentation available online afterwards. We really do hope you can make it!



Lip Salve



For hygiene and safety reasons, please do not send lip salve or Vaseline into school for your child to apply to their lips themselves. Children love to share and before you know it, every child on the playground will have used it too and we could end up with a class full of cold sores!! Please apply any creams/salves before and after school if required. Thank you.



Grandparents Concert



On Friday 2nd February the children are really looking forward to performing a range of songs and poetry to their grandparents. The performance is always a really popular event and is always PACKED! Please can I remind everyone that this is JUST for GRANDPARENTS. Mums and dads have lots of lovely opportunities throughout the year to see their child performing so we do keep this one exclusively for grandparents.

Please remind them to arrive at the school office between 1.45pm and 1.55pm as we will start at 2.00pm prompt. As always, we are happy for your parents to take your child home after the performance, however if you **DO NOT want them to, then please let THEM and US know.** It can feel a little insensitive if **we** have to tell a grandparent that they can't take their grandchild home because there has been a breakdown in communication. Please let Mrs Eling know on admin2569@welearn365.com if you DO NOT WANT your parent to take your child home. We will assume you are happy for them to go home with your parent if we do not hear from you. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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Cars and kids don't mix!



In your child's book bag today you will find a safe parking leaflet. Inside the leaflet it states inside that 'we are sending this reminder home with your child as we are concerned about children's safety around our school'. I am now receiving at least one e-mail or phone call a week from parents from our school or local residents about the parking and driving behaviour of some people. Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility so please, please, please slow down and think carefully about where you are choosing to park. I am now regularly being told about parents with children in buggies being forced to walk in the road because cars are blocking pavements. For everyone's safety, please park and drive considerately. Thank you.



Our High Meadow Superstars!



Here at High Meadow we know the importance of rewarding and recognizing the fantastic efforts your children go to, to be the best they can possibly be. The awards shown below were awarded today. So.....drum roll please...

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[Bees Knees Award 19/01/18](#)



Our 'Bee's Knees' award is awarded weekly to one child in each class who has [behaved](#) in a way in which we feel exemplifies our school code of conduct.

RECEPTION Erin	YEAR 1 Brooke	YEAR 2 Jessica
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[Cats Whiskers Award 19/01/18](#)



Our 'Cat's Whiskers' award is awarded weekly to one child in each class who has produced a piece of work which shows they have worked to the [very best of their ability](#).

RECEPTION Harry	YEAR 1 Emily	YEAR 2 Andrew
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[Our Weekly STAR WRITER award](#)



Achieving a very high standard of writing takes a lot of hard work as it involves first of all thinking what to write, saying it out loud to make sure it makes sense, actually writing it using the correct spelling and punctuation and then checking it all to make sure it make sense....gosh it's exhausting! Our fantastic STAR WRITERS for this week are...

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Year Group	STAR WRITER
Reception Robins	Belle
	Ava
Year 1 Blackbirds	Aimee
	Leo
Year 2 Barn Owls	Maisy
	Samuel



Attendance - 'Every Child Attending Every Day'



Good attendance (97%+) is key to academic success and missing just one or two days each half term can have a detrimental impact on a child's learning and progress. The LA may send out fines to families who are deemed to be 'persistently absent'. Our Attendance Policy can be found on our school website if you need further clarification.

Our target for this year is 97%. This week we achieved 99.0% well done everyone! Please remember ANY requests for holiday leave during term time will not be granted.

Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	99.7%	Y1 Blackbirds
JOINT SECOND PLACE	98.7%	Y2 Barn Owls
JOINT SECOND PLACE	98.7%	YR Robins





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School Events and Activities

January 2018

Date	Time/place	Activity
Wednesday 31 st January	2.15pm High Meadow Infant School	Parents Maths workshops

February 2018

Date	Time/place	Activity
Friday 2 nd February	2.00pm High Meadow Infant School Hall	Grandparents Concert
Tuesday 6 th February	High Meadow Infant School	IEP review day - by invitation only
Wednesday 7 th February	3.30pm - 6.00pm High Meadow Infant School	Parents Evening
Thursday 8 th February	3.15pm - 5.00pm High Meadow Infant School	Parents Evening
Tuesday 13 th February	4.45pm - 6.00pm High Meadow Infant School	PTFA Valentines Disco
Wednesday 14 th February	All Day Tamworth Castle	Y2 class visit to Tamworth Castle

HALF TERM HOLIDAY - MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY - FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY INCLUSIVE



Our Golden Rule focus for this half term is



'We listen; we don't interrupt'

In PSHE this half term we are learning about



Dreams and Goals



We are learning that to achieve our Dreams and Goals we need to...

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- Stay motivated even when something is tricky!
 - Persevere and never give up!
 - Work well with all of my friends
 - Always have a positive attitude!
- Help others achieve THEIR goals!
 - Always work hard!

kindest regards

Mrs Debby Hughes - Head teacher head2569@welearn365.com

Mr Jonathan Smith - Chair of Governors governors2569@welearn365.com

[Keeping our children safe, every day, in every way.](#)

Keeping your child safe from sexual abuse -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nMIKUsZjirA>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyalcd955lq>



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Keeping your child safe on-line -

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>



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