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Spring A - Week 6 - Friday 16th February 2018



Good Luck Lovely Ladies!



All the very best of luck to two of our staff who are getting married over half term. Miss Davies is getting married on Sunday 18th February and Miss Brewster is also tying the knot on Wednesday 28th February. We all wish them the happiest of wedding days and sending all of our love and best wishes for their new married lives. They have also asked that I relay their heartfelt thanks for the gifts that they have received from each of the classes, they have been really touched by everyone's generosity, thank you.



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Mrs Davies is retiring!



It is lovely to share exciting news of weddings (see above) but it is with a heavy heart that I need to share that Mrs Davies (Year 2 and Deputy Head) has decided to retire at the end of July 2018. Here's what she said...

"Retirement has become something of a joke for me as I have already had two attempts at it. But the time has now come for a third, and final, try and so I will be leaving High Meadow at the end of this educational year. As the great Winnie the Pooh said, 'How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard', and it certainly will be hard for me to leave, but I know that it's the right thing to do and I have the most marvellous memories to take away with me. Every ending has a new beginning and I fully intend to spend my time fabulously and outrageously, doing all those things I've always wanted to, but have never had time for. So, thank you to everyone at High Meadow, especially all my wonderful colleagues (who won't have to put up with my many eccentricities any more) and of course all the children who make every day an adventure"

I have been fortunate enough to work with Mrs Davies since I started here as the new Head teacher, three years ago. I feel really blessed that she put her retirement plans on hold when I started and feel so lucky that she has been by my side for the past three years. Mrs Davies has had a long and highly successful career here at High Meadow and she is highly respected across the Warwickshire Local Authority too. We will all miss her desperately however, I am sure you will agree that she deserves a fantastic and fun-filled retirement so the planning for a fond farewell will begin after the half term holidays....we will keep you all informed.



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WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day - Thursday 1st March 2018



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This year we will be celebrating 'World Book Day' on Thursday 1st March. Our theme this year is "Little People, Big Dreams" and will link with our work on Pioneering Women from our 'Born to Be Brave' Day.

To help make the day a success we would like the children to come to school dressed up as what they would like to be when they grow up (e.g. doctor, teacher...rocket scientist!) This is a really important theme as we wish all of our children to grow up ambitious and driven to achieve! With this in mind, we will take a photo of every child in their outfit holding a whiteboard stating what they want to be when they grow up. Our plan is to then place these photos in a time-capsule which we will bury somewhere in the school grounds. In 15 years' time we will then dig up the capsule to see who has achieved their career dreams!!!

We would also like each child to bring a book in which they would like to swap for another one too. This was really successful last year and every child went home with a new book to explore! Click here to find out more about this year's World Book day...

<http://www.worldbookday.com/>



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The Book People Book Sale

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Book people sale during parents evening this year. We are thrilled to tell you that we sold over £500 worth of books which meant that we earned a whopping £138.00 commission!!! We were then able to order a total of 153 books with the commission!!! Take a peek below at some of the fantastic titles that will be placed in the school library and class libraries too. Thank you to everyone for your support.



PTFA Valentine's Disco!



Thank you to everyone who helped and/or supported the PTFA Valentines disco. The total profit raised was £83.00. Well done to everyone involved especially our wonderfully talented PTFA members.....a great time was had by all!

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Book Club March 28th 2018



Next terms 'Book Club' text is "Amelia Earhart" by Isabel Sanchez Vejera. We are offering copies of this wonderful book for a discounted price of £7.00 (rrp £9.99). Copies can be bought from the school office. Book Club will meet on Wednesday 28th March for a fun afternoon of discussion, games and crafts with Miss Davies. We do ask that you share the book a few times with your child before the session so that they are familiar with the story.



CHANGE to Teacher Training Day



Due to a change of plans, the teacher training day that was planned for Thursday 29th March has now been changed to Monday 4th June 2018. So, school WILL now be open on Thursday 29th March but closed on Monday 4th June for teacher training. Apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Please also remember that school is closed on Monday 26th February for staff training. Larks and Owls is also closed on this day. We look forward to welcoming everyone back into school on Tuesday 27th February where we have an exciting ROBOTS day planned for everyone!



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 will re-launch again after the half term holidays.



Attendance - 'Every Child Attending Every Day'

Week	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
3	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
4	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
5	29	30	31				

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.

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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.

How does your child compare?

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons

Our target for this year is 97%. This week we achieved 99.0% which is absolutely fantastic...well done everyone!

Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	99.3%	Y1 Blackbirds
SECOND PLACE	99.0%	YR Robins
THIRD PLACE	98.7%	Y2 Barn owls

School Events and Activities

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

February 2018

Date	Time/place	Activity
Monday 26 th February	All Day High Meadow Infant School	CLOSED for staff training
Wednesday 28 th February	1.00pm - 3.00pm High Meadow Infant School	Reception Robins Dinosaur Afternoon!



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HIGH MEADOW INFANT SCHOOL

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March 2018

Date	Time/place	Activity
Wednesday 7 th March	Coleshill Primary School All day	Y2 Integration Day with Andy Warne
Wednesday 7 th March	High Meadow Infant School Hall 2.00pm	Reception Robins Mother's Day tea party
Thursday 8 th March	High Meadow Infant School Hall 2.00pm	Year 1 Mother's Day tea party
Friday 9 th March	High Meadow Infant School Hall 2.00pm	Year 2 Mother's Day tea party
Friday 23 rd March	2.00pm - 4.00pm High Meadow Infant School Hall	PTFA Easter Extravaganza Everyone welcome from 3.00pm onwards

Last day of term Thursday 29th March 2018

EASTER HOLIDAYS - Friday 30th March to Friday 13th April 2018 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...

- 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!

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- Always work hard!

Kindest regards

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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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