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Spring B - Week 3 - Friday 16th March 2018



[Year 1 Blackbirds Learning Logs](#)



A huge well done, to all of the children in Year 1 Blackbirds who have risen to the challenge of their Learning Logs this half-term. Linking into their 'Who lives in a castle like this?' topic, lots of busy families worked together to create an amazing array of model castles. They are on display in the school hall if anyone would like a sneaky peek!



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Message from Warwickshire Police



*'Residents in North Warwickshire, especially in Polesworth and the surrounding villages are being asked to be extra vigilant following burglaries in the area. The incidents have happened in the day time and Police are asking everyone to review their security and report anyone or any vehicle seen acting suspiciously to 101. Officers would like to speak to anyone who has seen a Blue BMW 3 series, registration **LT03 NG** in the area and asks that if anyone sees it, not to approach the vehicle, but to contact the police straight away.*

Although this is advice to residents in North Warwickshire, with a number of recently reported thefts from schools in North Warwickshire we advise schools also review their security arrangements.



Easter Eggstravaganza



Can you believe it...our PTFA Easter Eggstravaganza is next Friday 23rd March from 2.00pm - 4.00pm in the school hall. Parents are welcome to join us from 3.00pm. Thank you to everyone who donated bottles this week. Our final request is for **bags of sweets** which can be used as prizes for each of the stalls. These could be bags of lollies, maltesers, haribos in fact anything that you think would be suitable as a small sweetie prize. Please send your donation to your child's classroom next FRIDAY 23rd MARCH.

For the past 2 fairs we have sent home clearly labelled envelopes for you to send money in for your child to spend at the fair from 2.00pm - 3.00pm. Due to its success, we will be doing this again this year with 1 envelope for Easter face painting for £1.00 and another envelope for up to £3.00 for your child to spend as they wish at the fair. We will send the envelopes home on Wednesday so please check your child's book bag on Wednesday after school.

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In the past, we have asked children to create Easter jars which we then sold at the Easter Eggstravaganza. This year we are going to try something new! We would like children to EITHER...

1. Decorate an egg
2. Create an Easter garden

Bring them into school on the morning of the Eggstravaganza - Friday 23rd March. We will then display them in the hall and sell them for £1.00 each at the fair. There will be prizes for each category in each year group. Here are a few ideas to get the creative juices flowing....



Book Club March 28th 2018



Our Book Club book this half term is "Amelia Earhart" by Isabel Sanchez Vegera. 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.

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50th Anniversary Celebrations



We are thrilled to share with you that 2018 is the 50th Anniversary of the school being built and so, over the next six months we will be celebrating with a whole range of events. These will include the creation of a Golden Arch Reading Nook in the playground, a piece Art created collaboratively with a potter called 'The Flying Potter', a 1968 Groovy Lunch and a few sponsored events too. All of these activities will culminate in 50th Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday 26th June from 4.00pm - 6.00pm in the school hall. At this event we are hoping to create displays showing 'High Meadow through the Decades' and this is where we need your help! We are calling out for photos, reports, news clippings indeed, anything about our school from the past fifty years. We will copy them (with your permission) and return them to you on the same day as we recognise that artefacts such as these hold precious memories. Please let other families know, who may not still be at this school but who would love to be involved...we want to make this a whole community event!

Over the past couple of weeks we have also been scouring the Warwickshire archives for relevant archives and have come across an amazing piece of history written by Sue Kay who was a teacher here many years ago (she has now sadly passed away). It is such an interesting (and often funny) read that each week I will publish an excerpt from it. I will relay it in chronological order so it builds to the present day...enjoy...

Part One - 1968 - 1971

"My earliest memories of High Meadow are driving down in Miss McCombs (the Head teacher) car to a muddy hill to see them levelling out an area which was going to become the new school. Gradually we watched the building take shape, a hall, kitchen, administration block, two classrooms with toilets between and opposite a classroom and a corridor with toilets. For a whole term before we moved in, we worked to divide the two schools and for a large part of this time there were two heads and two secretaries working in a very confined area. The children were also divided between the two schools. All those who lived between the top end of town and the Birmingham Road were to go to the Parochial School and all those who lived across the bridge were to become pupils of High Meadow"

Part Two. The 1970's....coming next week!

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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...

Bees Knees Award 16/03/18



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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 Dylan	YEAR 1 Antoni	YEAR 2 Lacey C
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Cats Whiskers Award 16/03/18



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 Pippa	YEAR 1 Charlie	YEAR 2 Elijah
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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...

Year Group	STAR WRITER
Reception Robins	Lannie
	Noah
Year 1 Blackbirds	Leo-Jae
	Sybil



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Year 2 Barn Owls

Zach

Laicey T



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.

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 97.1% so Well Done to everyone!

Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	98.7%	YR Robins
SECOND PLACE	97.1%	Y2 Barn Owls
THIRD PLACE	96.7%	Y1 Blackbirds

School Events and Activities

March 2018

Date	Time/place	Activity
Friday 23 rd March	2.00pm - 4.00pm High Meadow Infant School Hall	PTFA Easter Extravaganza Everyone welcome from 3.00pm onwards

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HIGH MEADOW INFANT SCHOOL

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Last day of term - Thursday 29th March at 3.00pm. Back to School Monday 16th April.

APRIL/MAY 2018

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 16th April	All day	Andy Tooze - Professional Poet workshops for all classes
Friday 27th April	All day	Sponsored 'Dancing Through The Decades' for our 50 th Anniversary
Tuesday 1 st May	2.00pm	May Day Celebrations
Wednesday 2nd May	5.30pm - 6.15pm	Parents Online Safety Meeting - Keeping Your Child Safe Online
Thursday 3 rd May	All day	The Flying Potter - creating a collaborative piece of pottery for our 50 th Anniversary
Thursday 3 rd May	6.00pm	New Reception Parents meeting
Tuesday 8 th May	From today	Eggs and hatchery being delivered to school for children to watch hatch over the following 10 days
Tuesday 8 th May	Tbc	Year 1 Film Club
Monday 14 th May	2.30pm - 2.50pm	Reception Robins Storytime
Wednesday 16 th May	12.00pm - 1.00pm	1968 GROOVY LUNCH for our 50 th Anniversary

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS - Monday 28th May to Friday 1st June Inclusive

STAFF TRAINING DAY - Monday 4th June - ALL DAY

BACK TO SCHOOL - Tuesday 5th June



Our Golden Rule focus for this half term is



'We are gentle; we don't hurt others'

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In PSHE this half term we are learning about



Healthy Me!



We are learning that to be Healthy we need to...

- Learn how to keep our bodies healthy
- Know what makes us relaxed or stressed
- Learn how medicines work to make us better
- Learn which foods our bodies need to keep healthy
 - Learn to make healthy snacks
- Learn how to keep ourselves safe from harm and abuse

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>



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



Keeping your child safe on-line -

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



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