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Summer A - Week 3 - Friday 4th May 2018



The 'Flying Potter'



Our next 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary activity was to work with the 'Flying Potter' and on Thursday the children certainly had a fantastic day with him! Based on the amazing book 'Come All You Little Persons' by John Agard, the children created individual pieces based on one of the 'persons' from the book that they felt drawn to. The essence of the book is based on 'inclusion' and how every child has a 'gift' and is welcome in our school community regardless of what that 'gift' is.

All of the pieces will now be pulled together to create a breathtaking, collaborative piece of artwork which will be on permanent display in the school hall for future generations to see. We hope you are as excited as we are to see the final piece which will hopefully be unveiled on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at our official 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.



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50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations



Here's this week's excerpt of the history of our school by Sue Kay, a past Deputy Head...  
**Part Five.**

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*"One memory which sticks in my mind was the excitement we felt when in 1972 the whole school combined to make a card for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh's silver wedding and received a reply from Buckingham Palace thanking us. The very next year we had the opportunity to see the Duke of Edinburgh as he drove along Station road, though the wait was rather long and some surprising vehicles found themselves being cheered as we waved! "*



Parent Questionnaires



Thank you to everyone who has kindly returned their questionnaires. We have been blown away with the kind and generous comments and are thrilled that you love our school as much as we do! Here are just a few of your comments...

*"The class and school have helped foster such positive values of respect, resilience and friendship - we could not be happier"*

*"It's a great school and I cannot recommend it enough to others"*

*"Very good community feel, parent's involvement, plenty of opportunity to see children perform/shows/celebration assembly"*

*"You should be proud of the hard work and commitment given to the children to help them grow and develop"*

*"Excellent teacher/parent relationships. Forest school is amazing - the school is great at involving parents with storytelling sessions, forest school, Mother's Day etc, etc"*

We will be collating all of the responses over the next week and will share the final results with you.

As part of the questionnaires, a couple of parents have asked why we haven't had the May Day celebrations this year. Earlier on in the term when we were reviewing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, we realised that we had so many fun activities planned for your children and still so much to teach as well, that we recognised that we were unable to squeeze in the May Day Celebration too! The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations can only happen this year so they had to take priority. I am sure that you will agree that the children have loved the celebrations so far and have more to come too.

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May is also a very busy month academically as we have the Year 2 SATS and prep for the Y1 phonics screening too. Balancing both academic needs and a creative, fun and engaging curriculum can sometimes be challenging and every now and again we have to make some changes. The latest version of the Educational Events and Activities sheet will always show the most up to date information. The latest copy is always available on the classroom window too in case you are not sure.



Year 1 Film Club



The Year 1 children are warmly invited to an exclusive Year 1 Film Club showing of 'SING'. It is on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May and will start at 4.15pm and finish at 6.00pm. To make it an exciting, fun event we would like the children to come in their pyjamas and slippers with a pillow and sleeping bag/blanket. We would like to suggest a donation of £1.00 to cover the cost of sweets and juice which will be shared during the film. Please bring this when you drop your child off at 4.15pm. Please drop off and collect from the Year 2 classroom door as this is where the film will be shown. May I take this opportunity to thank the staff who are giving their time freely to run this event.



Year 2 SATS



The Year 2 SATS have now started and will continue throughout May. **Please do not take any holidays during this period.** These are NATIONAL COMPULSORY tests. They are essential in helping moderate the teacher's judgements and will influence the end of year levels that your child will then take up to Coleshill Primary with them. Thank you for your support in this.

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Parents Online Safety Meeting - Keeping Your Child Safe Online



Thank you to the three parents who came along on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May to our Online Safety Meeting for Parents. This was delivered by Sarah Fitzgerald who leads E-Safety across the Warwickshire Local Authority so she was very knowledgeable and up-to-date.



New Building Update



This week we were really excited as we have received a new timing schedule from the Local Authority regarding our new classrooms build. We wanted to share these with you but as with any building project, please be aware that these are subject to change.

- Outline design for planning purposes - By 14/05/18
- Planning application process finishes - By 06/08/18
- Construction starts - By 01/10/18
- Handover - 10/08/19

We are really excited to see what the designs for the four new classrooms are going to look like. As soon as the proposed designs are ready to be shared we will let everyone know.



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 04/05/18



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 Ava

YEAR 1 Nina

YEAR 2 Isabelle

Cats Whiskers Award 04/05/18



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 Poppy

YEAR 1 Noah

YEAR 2 Olivia



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	Jessica
	Scarlett
Year 1 Blackbirds	Jake
	Lacey
Year 2 Barn Owls	Ethan C
	Jade



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 an amazing 98.0% so a huge 'Well Done' to everyone!



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Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	99.3%	Y2 Barn Owls
SECOND PLACE	98.0%	YR Robins
THIRD PLACE	96.7%	Y1 Blackbirds

Whole School Events and Activities

MAY 2018

Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	All week	Eggs and hatchery being delivered to school for children to watch hatch over the following 10 days
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	4.15pm - 6.00pm	Year 1 Film Club
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30pm - 2.50pm	Reception Robins Story Time in the hall
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	12.00pm - 1.00pm	1968 GROOVY LUNCH for our 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1st June Inclusive

**STAFF TRAINING DAY - Monday 4th June - ALL DAY**

BACK TO SCHOOL - Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

JUNE 2018

Date	Time	Activity
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	All day	Sponsored '50' Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June & Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am - 12.45pm	Y2 small group visits to Coleshill Primary School
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Sessions throughout the day	YR and Y1 parents will be invited to a Forest Schools session with their child. Times allocated will be communicated nearer the time.

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Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am - 11.30am	Reception Father's Day Workshops
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Year 1 Father's Day Workshops
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30am - 11.30am	Year 2 Father's Day Workshops
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June & Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am - 12.45pm	Y2 small group visits to Coleshill Primary School
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Throughout the day	IEP/Annual reviews by invitation only
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	4.45pm - 6.00pm	PTFA Golden Disco for 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	4.00pm - 6.00pm	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am - 9.45am	Parents Storytelling Workshops
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am - 11.45am	Year 3 teachers from Coleshill Primary to work with Year 2 children
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	2.15pm	Head teacher of Coleshill Primary , Mr Edwards to speak to Y2 parents - at High Meadow
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	3.00pm	Annual reports sent home



Our Golden Rule focus for this half term is



'We are honest; we don't cover up the truth'

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In PSHE this half term we are learning about



Relationships!



We are learning that to have great relationships we need to...

- Know how to make friends
- Know how to solve friendship problems when they occur
  - Know how to help others to feel part of a group
    - Show respect in how we treat others
    - Know how to help ourselves and others when we feel upset or hurt
- Know and show what makes a good relationship

kindest regards

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[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 -

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