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Summer A - Week 4 - Friday 11th May 2018



50th Anniversary Celebrations



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

Part Seven.

"My main memory of 1973 is the slogan 'Plant a tree in 73' We worked hard on so many projects connected with trees and raised some money and the culmination of this was the planting of a tiny little sapling at the start of 1974. Whenever I see the children sitting under the tree or pulling leaves or seeds off it I think back to that little tree we planted!"

Here is a picture of the tree today.....



If you were lucky enough to collect one of the 50 free trees as part of our 50th Celebrations then we would love to see photos of you planting them.

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Congratulations Mrs Howells



Huge congratulations to Mrs Howells (nee Davies) and her husband for completing the 10K Run in Birmingham at the weekend. It's great for our children to see that hard work and perseverance can be so rewarding when it culminates in such a great achievement. Well done Mrs Howells, we are all really proud of you!



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

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as we do! We have collated all of the responses and are pleased to be sharing them with you. We have attached them to this week's newsletter for your perusal.

We had 31 responses from a cohort of 90 children which is slightly down on last year but still a good response rate.

The biggest shift compared to last year, is the percentage of parents responding with a 'strongly agree' statement rather than 'agree'. We believe that this signals an unwavering, heartfelt response to the question. We have also seen a marked increase in the amount of parent's who agree with the statements 'I understand the roles and responsibility of the Governing Body' (86%) and 'I know how to contact the Governing Body if I need to' (91%)

We are really proud that 97% of parents 'strongly agree' with the statement 'Would you recommend this school to another parent?' One parent who ticked 'Don't know' for this question said that our school is absolutely right for her child but may not be right for other children, as it depends on the child's needs.



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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Year 1 Film Club

The Year 1 children had a great time at their Film Club this week. May I take this opportunity to thank the staff who gave their time freely to run this event.



New Building Update

We have nothing to update this week on the new building plans.

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The Royal Wedding Celebrations - Wednesday 16th May



To help children celebrate the up-coming marriage of Harry and Meghan, we are inviting children to come into school on Wednesday 16th May dressed in red, white and blue colours. We will start the day with an assembly so the children can learn all about the impending wedding and then each class will do a variety of activities to celebrate the marriage. Please remember, no football kits and sensible footwear that children can fasten them-selves as they will still be going out to play as usual.



The eggs have arrived....



It's that time of the year again where the children get to experience the awe and wonder of the lifecycle of a hen!! On Tuesday 10 eggs were delivered with an incubator and with bated breath, over the following two days the children watched the baby chicks slowly peck at the egg shells and break free. Over the week, every child has then had the opportunity to gently hold the chick and observe it close up.

Thank you to the PTFA who fund this amazing experience every year. These are memories that the children will keep forever.





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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 11/05/18](#)



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 Isobel

YEAR 1 Sophie

YEAR 2 Max H

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Cats Whiskers Award 11/05/18



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 Jacob	YEAR 1 Millie	YEAR 2 Jesse
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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	Harry
	Fabian
Year 1 Blackbirds	Ava
	Zach
Year 2 Barn Owls	Imogen
	Max D



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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 98.3% so a huge 'Well Done' to everyone!

Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	99.1%	Y2 Barn Owls
SECOND PLACE	98.3%	YR Robins
THIRD PLACE	97.5%	Y1 Blackbirds

Whole School Events and Activities

MAY 2018

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 14 th May	2.30pm - 2.50pm	Reception Robins Story Time in the hall

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Wednesday 16 th May	12.00pm - 1.00pm	1968 GROOVY LUNCH for our 50 th Anniversary
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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

JUNE 2018

Date	Time	Activity
Friday 8 th June	All day	Sponsored '50' Day
Tuesday 12 th June & Wednesday 13 th June	9.15am - 12.45pm	Y2 small group visits to Coleshill Primary School
Wednesday 13 th 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.
Thursday 14 th June	10.00am - 11.30am	Reception Father's Day Workshops
Thursday 14 th June	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Year 1 Father's Day Workshops
Friday 15 th June	10.30am - 11.30am	Year 2 Father's Day Workshops
Tuesday 19 th June & Wednesday 20 th June	9.15am - 12.45pm	Y2 small group visits to Coleshill Primary School
Wednesday 20 th June	Throughout the day	IEP/Annual reviews by invitation only
Thursday 21 st June	4.45pm - 6.00pm	PTFA Golden Disco for 50 th Anniversary
Tuesday 26 th June	4.00pm - 6.00pm	50 th Anniversary Celebration
Wednesday 27 th June	9.00am - 9.45am	Parents Storytelling Workshops
Thursday 28 th June	10.00am - 11.45am	Year 3 teachers from Coleshill Primary to work with Year 2 children

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Friday 29 th June	2.15pm	Head teacher of Coleshill Primary , Mr Edwards to speak to Y2 parents - at High Meadow
Friday 29 th 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'

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

Mrs Debby Hughes - Head teacher head2569@welearn365.com

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

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Keeping your child safe from sexual abuse -

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



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



Keeping your child safe on-line -

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



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