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Summer B - Week 7 - Friday 20th July 2018



Our Sports Day

Well done to all of the children who took part in Sports day. After an assembly about Good Sportsmanship, the children enjoyed a range of sporting activities ably supported by sports coaches from The Coleshill School. They cheered on their friends, congratulated them on successes and persevered when the task was difficult! What a super day!



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Year 2 Leavers Assembly



On Tuesday, the Year 2 children performed their final performance at High Meadow! It's always an emotional time but also a time to look back at happy times and shared memories. The children in Year 2 started their journey here at High Meadow in September 2015; I began mine here in January 2015. I have loved watching them grow and mature into independent, confident and kind members of our school community. Some of them have faced challenges along the way but all of them have persevered and given their best, skills which will help them succeed and find happiness in their journey through life. We wish every single one of them the very best of luck as they move on up to their next school, it has been a real joy walking the High Meadow journey with them all.



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Farewell and Happy Retirement to Mrs Davies



After thirty years at High Meadow the time has come to wave goodbye to Mrs Davies. Every now and again in our lives we come across people who really leave an impression on us, Mrs Davies is certainly that person. She is one of the most dedicated, passionate and kindest ladies I have ever worked with and I feel truly blessed to have shared part of her High Meadow journey. Every child who has been in Mrs Davies' class has been immersed in the most creative, warm and loving learning environment any parent could wish for. We are so lucky to have had Mrs Davies in our lives.

No send-off could express our gratitude to a lady who has given so much... but we tried. Staff spent a glorious weekend away in Gloucestershire with Mrs Davies, we had a lovely party in her garden and then yesterday the children performed a range of wonderful songs that were inspired by Mrs Davies' favourites, during her Retirement Assembly! She was presented with numerous gifts including flowers, suitcases, a chimnea for her garden, a Pandora bracelet, a Pandora charm to name but a few. She was truly overwhelmed! After the assembly Mrs Davies was treated to a 'Fairy cakes and Fizz' tea party where parents and children from the past and present gave their best wishes...and even more gifts!

And so, the end of an era is here! Thank you Mrs Davies, you will be really missed but you deserve the most amazing retirement. Every single person whose life you have touched wishes you the most gorgeous and fabulous time...we hope to see you back in High Meadow very soon. Xxx



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Farewell to Miss Dilworth

It is also time to bid farewell, but not goodbye to Miss Dilworth. She has worked as a job-share with Mrs Davies for many, many years but and feels that it's time to step away too. Although she is sad to be leaving she has promised to continue to do supply for us next year so you will still see her around school. As we expand High Meadow, she may also return as a teacher to our school in the future...fingers crossed! Thank you Miss Dilworth for all of your hard work and we hope you enjoy a relaxing summer break. Xxx



**Thank
You!**

Thank you from Mrs Davies and Miss Dilworth

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Both teachers have asked that I pass on their thanks for the enormous kindness they have been shown. They are both truly overwhelmed by the number of gifts and best wishes they have received. A huge thank you!

Mrs Davies is also thrilled with the chimenea that was bought with the monies from parents collected online. Any parent who donated but didn't have chance to write in the card, we wrote your name in for you. Mrs Davies is looking forward to positioning it in a prime spot in her garden.

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100% Attendance Awards



Huge congratulations to the following 9 children who each achieved 100% attendance for the WHOLE year! We are soooo proud of you all!

Year 2 - Ava, Rosie

Year 1 - David, Dylan, Nina and Lacey

Reception - Cara, Jake, Isobel



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. Please remember holidays during school time will NOT be authorised.

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

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Our target for this year is 97% however this week we only achieved 93.5%! However, I am thrilled to share with you that we achieved our annual target of 97% with a final percentage of 97.5% - Well done everyone!

Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	95.7%	Y2 Barn Owls
SECOND PLACE	94.7%	Y1 Blackbirds
THIRD PLACE	90.3%	YR Robins

Whole School Events and Activities

To allow you to start planning for the next academic year, please take note of the following dates....

Date	Activity
Monday 3 rd September 2018	Teacher training day
Tuesday 4 th September 2018	Year 1 and Year 2 Back to school Reception phased start begins
Friday 26 th October 2018	Teacher training day
Monday 29 th October - Friday 2 nd November 2018	OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 5 th November 2018	Back to school
Friday 21 st December 2018	Last day of Autumn Term
Monday 24 th December - Friday 4 th January	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 7 th January 2019	Teacher training day
Tuesday 8 th January 2019	Back to school
Monday 18 th February - Friday 22 nd February 2019	FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 15 th April - Friday 26 th April 2019	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 29 th April 2019	Teacher training day
Tuesday 30 th April 2019	Back to school
Monday 6 th May 2019	MAY BANK HOLIDAY





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Monday 27 th May - Friday 31 st May 2019	MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 22 nd July 2019	Teacher training day
Tuesday 23 rd July 2019 - Friday 30 th August 2019	SUMMER HOLIDAYS

New Year 2 parents - Please remember, statutory SATS tests are held throughout May 2019. Please DO NOT book any time off school during this period.

We hope you all have a wonderful, safe and sunny filled summer holiday break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 4th September.

Good luck Year 2 on your transition to Year 3 in September.

Kindest regards

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