



HIGH MEADOW INFANT SCHOOL

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Welcome Back Newsletter!



Autumn A - Week 1 - Friday 7th September



A HUGE welcome back to everyone! We hope you all had the most fantastic of Summer holidays and are ready and excited for a brand new academic year! The first week has gone swimmingly well and we have all really enjoyed welcoming all of the children back into their new classrooms. A very warm welcome to Miss Marsden, our new Year 2 teacher.



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This week our brand new Reception Robins have started their induction into 'Big School' spending a half day each in school. From Monday their time in school will increase. Mrs Howells will be leading Reception again this year but will also be taking on extra responsibilities as our new Deputy Headteacher.



Gentle Reminders!

Here are some gentle reminders about life at High Meadow...

- Your child will self-register and choose their lunch as soon as they come into the classroom in the morning. Please chat with them **BEFOREHAND** about what they are going to choose. We have attached the menu to this letter to help you with this process. Next week is the 'week 2' menu.
- Your child will then enter the classroom independently where there will be staff who will direct them to their drawer and coat peg.
- Please ensure that any **nail polish** or **tattoos** from exciting weekend parties or activities are removed and all long hair is tied back, both boys and girls.
- Please ensure that any hair adornments are 'school appropriate' so **NO GLITTERY** bows or **JO-JO** bows...let's save them for parties and weekends. I have noticed a couple this week; please respect our uniform requirements and ensure all hair accessories have **NO GLITTER.**
- Please ensure that school uniform is correct; please see attached for more details. Please also ensure that if your child **CANNOT** tie their own shoe laces then they have **VELCRO** fastenings.
- Please ensure that **EVERY** piece of school uniform is **clearly labelled.** We are unable to search for 'missing uniform' if it is not labelled.
- Please ensure that PE and Forest School clothing is also **clearly labelled** and in school every week.
- We will provide fresh water and fruit for your child every day. You can send fruit in for your child if you prefer. However this needs to be in a clearly labelled pot and can only be fresh fruit or vegetables. Please cut grapes in half as they can be a choking hazard. Fruit winders, cereals, fruit bars, muesli bars etc **are not appropriate** neither are nuts as we have children in school with nut allergies.
- If the sun is shining **(!!!)**, please **DO NOT** send sun tan lotion into school for your child to apply. Please use the 8/12 hour sunscreen that is widely available and apply before school.
- Please ensure that outstanding payments for water bottles, Friday biscuits and home learning diaries are paid for by Friday **28th** September via the School Gateway online payment system.



Our Assemblies



Celebration Assembly (apart from the first **Friday** of each term) at 2.30pm to which parents will be warmly invited to. Our first celebration assembly will be on Friday 28th September at 2.30pm in the school hall. You will be invited to attend the assembly if your child has been awarded ...

1. A Star Writer Award
2. A Bee's Knees Award
3. A Cat's Whiskers Award

If your child is being awarded a certificate you will be notified on the Friday **BEFORE** the award being given. If at all possible we would like you to keep this as a surprise for your child so that they are unaware that they will be receiving it or that you will be there! We are aware that not all parents will be able to attend due to work/family commitments but we would love to see you helping us celebrate your child's achievements where possible.

Birthday celebrations will continue to be held during our Tuesday afternoon assembly where each 'Birthday Child' will be invited to the front of the hall. They will receive a birthday card and a new story book gift and have the opportunity to blow out the birthday candles and talk about their parties/celebrations too. This will be a really exciting time for your child as they will have the opportunity to stand up in front of **ALL** of their school friends and **EVERYONE** will sing Happy Birthday to them. Birthday assemblies are just for the children but don't worry I am sure they will tell you all about it when they come home!



High Meadow Infant School Vision and Aims



Once again, we have attached our 'Vision and Aims Statement' to the newsletter. This underpins everything we do and aim to achieve here at High Meadow Infant School.

As a team of stakeholders we were really keen that our vision reflects our commitment to **ALL** of our school community; that means you and your families, as well as your children, all of the staff who work in the school and our Governing body too. We achieve better if we work together as a team, supporting everyone through happy times, fun times and those difficult challenging times too.

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We want to build on our unique 'family feel' and encourage a culture of kindness, openness, inclusiveness and celebration. We want everyone to enjoy coming to school every day but this takes a team effort. If you are unsure or feeling upset about anything at all please, in the first instance talk to your class teacher. If you feel that your concerns still have not been addressed then please make an appointment to pop in for a chat or e-mail me direct. By working together in a respectful, open and timely way we can resolve any issues or worries you may have. Next week we will be sharing our Positive Behaviour Policies for both children and adults. These clearly outline the behaviour expectations of everybody in our school community to ensure we all feel safe and valued at all times.



Educational Events and Activities



Please also find attached a list of events and topics that are taking place throughout the Autumn term. The advance notice, of things such as the Christmas Nativity plays are so that our many working parents can make arrangements well in advance. We hope you find this useful but as always, these MAY be open to change. The attached document is V1 (version 1) but any changes will be communicated via this weekly newsletter. Our newsletters are always available on our school website too for you to peruse. You will receive more details about 'class only' visits and trips via separate emails.



Year 1 and Year 2 National Testing



We have already received the dates of the National tests for next year. Please ensure that holidays are not booked during school time and especially not during test periods. If your child misses these tests it can have an impact on your child's performance data that is passed up to their new class. The dates are...

Year 2 SATS - Throughout May 2019

Year 1 Phonics screening - W/c 10th June 2019



New Class Meeting - Year 1 and 2 ONLY



Thank you to everyone who attended the new class meetings this week. We hope you found them useful. Please remember that the teacher is always on the door every morning from 8.50am - 9.00am if you need any questions answering.

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Keeping children safe and secure



Our number one priority at school is to keep your children safe and secure. We all have a role to play in doing this and through a variety of things such as e-safety learning, child protection and safeguarding procedures and how we all behave in and around the school premises help to make our school a safe place to be. We recognise that we all have busy lives and that parking in and around our school site can regularly become a challenge however your children's safety will always come first. With this in mind I would like to gently remind everyone to carefully consider our school neighbours when parking to drop off and collect your children. **Please do not park on any of our neighbours dropped kerbs or block their exits.** The local police have informed me that they will be doing random 'drop ins' and have issued fines in the past so please be aware!

Can I also remind parents who use the 'Before and After School Club' to park on the **bottom playground** when dropping off and collecting your children.



Safeguarding our children



Schools are strongly advised to inform parents/carers of their safeguarding and child protection procedures, our statutory responsibilities to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and the requirements to report child protection concerns to Children's Social Care. *Keeping Children Safe in Education 2018* requires the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Hughes) to ensure that the school's safeguarding and child protection policy is available publicly (via the school website and by the school office) and that parents are aware of the fact that referrals about suspected abuse or neglect may be made and the role of the school in that process.

'Under the Education Act 2002 (Section 175 for maintained schools/Section 157 for academies/free/independent schools), schools must make arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Parents/carers should know that the law (Children Act 1989) requires all school staff to pass on information which gives rise to a concern about a child's welfare, including risk from neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. Staff will seek, in general, to discuss any concerns with the parent/carer and discuss the need to make a referral to Children's Social Care if that is considered necessary. This will only be done where such discussion will not place the child at increased risk of significant harm or cause undue delay. The school will seek advice from Children's Social Care when they have reasonable cause to suspect a child may be suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. Occasionally, concerns are passed on which are later found to be unfounded.'

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Parents/carers will appreciate that the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead carries out their responsibilities in accordance with the law and acts in the best interests of all children.'

Thank you for continued support in helping to keep High Meadow safe for everyone.



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. It will be redistributed to all parents next week.

Our target for this year is 97%. This week we only achieved 94.5% Please remember ANY requests for holiday leave during term time **will not** be granted.

Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	100%	YR Robins
SECOND PLACE	95.0%	Y2 Barn Owls
THIRD PLACE	93.3%	Y1 Blackbirds



Our Golden Rule focus for this half term is



'We are kind and helpful, we don't hurt anybody's feelings'

Our Value for this half term is 'GENEROSITY'

Our Personal, Social and Emotional 'Jigsaw' theme for this half term is

'Being Me in My World'

We are learning to...

- Help others to feel welcome
- Help make our school community a better place

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- Think about everyone's right to learn
 - Care about other people's feelings
 - Work well with others
- Choose to follow the Golden Rules

We hope you all have a lovely and **restful weekend**,

Kindest regards

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Attachments

School lunch menus

School uniform requirements

Our Vision

Educational Events, visits and visitors