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Welcome Back Newsletter!



Autumn A - Week 2 - Friday 14th September 2018



Wow, we are already at the end of week 2 and watching the leaves outside my office window turn yellow, red and brown further confirms that Autumn is definitely here!

This week we have been so proud of our new Reception Robins who have been spending a half day each in school. There have been almost no tears just warm, happy smiles from every single one of them. From Monday most of them will start full-time so, if you see a new face around school please give them a warm 'High Meadow' smile and welcome.



Sponsored Fitness Trail



During week commencing 1st October we will be running our annual Sponsored Fitness Trail. This has been a really successful fundraiser over the past three years and this year we are hoping to use the monies raised to put towards our annual Christmas Theatre trip (more details of which will follow later) In your child's book bag next week, you will find a sponsor form. Please use this amongst family and friends to sponsor your child to complete the circuits of the Fitness Trail. Each year group has a different amount of circuits to complete and your child will bring home a certificate as evidence for completing the trail. Please then return the form, along with the monies collected to school AFTER the event. Please return it to school by Friday 12th October. Many thanks for your support in this.



Macmillan Coffee Morning Friday 28th September



Cancer has touched many of our lives or our loved ones. With this in mind and built on the outstanding success of last year's event we would love to invite you to our Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 28th September from 9.00am - 10.00am in the school hall. You can support our fundraising efforts in three ways... 1) Eat cake and drink coffee or tea at our coffee morning 2) Donate a cake/s to our coffee morning 3) Make a cash donation. Last year it was

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an amazing success and we raised nearly £300 so let's see if we can smash last year's target out of the water. We will send an email reminder a couple of days before the event but if cakes could be sent into your child's class on the morning of Thursday 27th September, it will help us plan for another successful event.



Water Bottles and Learning Diaries

Thank you to all of those parents who have paid for their child's learning diaries and water bottles through the online School Gateway. However, we do still have many parents who have not yet paid. Both items are essential for school and last year we worked hard to reduce the cost so feel that they represent good value for money. Please could all outstanding monies be paid by Friday 28th September. Thank you.



Keeping children Safe and Secure

Can I gently remind parents to please keep children off the tyres at the front of the school when arriving or leaving school. These are for use during the school day only. Thank you.



We LOVE reading at High Meadow!



As part of our continuing drive to encourage a love of reading for pleasure, this year we will be giving every child a brand new story book for their birthday. This will be presented to them at our Birthday assembly along with a card and slice of birthday cake. Reading is one of the most important skills we can give a child and we hope that by doing this we can help children see the importance and delights of receiving a new book as a gift.

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Fantastic Results AGAIN at High Meadow



I am thrilled to be able to share with you our outstanding results for the academic year 2017/18.

In Early Years we continued to beat Warwickshire and National figures with a Good Level of Development percentage of 73% and a super average assessment score of 36.5. This average assessment score was the highest in our consortium of 8 local schools demonstrating the outstanding teaching of Mrs Howells and her team in helping create well rounded, confident children who are ready for their next stage of learning.

In Year 1, Miss Edwards and her team were joint top of the consortium of 8 local schools with an amazing 97% of year 1 children passing their Y1 phonics test. Nationally the figure is 83% and 84% across Warwickshire as a whole. Well done!

Mrs Davies and Miss Dilworth also had a fantastic year with the following Year 2 results...

	School	Warwickshire	National
Expected standard and above in Reading	93%	77%	75%
Expected standard and above in Writing	86%	71%	70%
Expected standard and above in Maths	90%	77%	76%

	School	Warwickshire	National
Working at Greater depth in Reading	52%	29%	26%
Working at Greater depth in Writing	34%	18%	16%
Working at Greater depth in Maths	31%	25%	22%

These amazing results are as a result of our teacher's dedication, passion and commitment to giving your children the best possible educational experiences they can. They arrive early every day and are the last to leave at night.

But it's also about you and your children's desire to also be the best, by completing homework, coming to school every day, hearing your child read regularly, paying for items on time, supporting fundraising in school and demonstrating an overall love and passion for the school. By working together with me, the Governors, the teachers and staff we will continue to ensure that High Meadow is a school of academic excellence but more importantly a safe and happy place where it's great to be every day! Thank you!

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After School Activity Clubs

We are always looking for ways to offer more after school activity clubs and we are thrilled to be able to offer the following to children in Years 1 and 2

Day and time	Activity & Cost	Dates
Monday 3.00pm - 4.00pm	* Relax Kids - FREE Year 2 - 15 children by invite	17 th September until 22 nd October inclusive
Tuesday 3.00pm - 4.00pm	Football Club £24 for 6 sessions	18 th September until 23 rd October inclusive
Wednesday 3.00pm - 4.00pm	The Wooden Spoon Cookery Club - £21.00 for 6 sessions	7 th November until 12 th December
Thursday 3.00pm - 4.00pm	Maths Magician Club More details to follow soon	8 th November until 13 th December
Thursday 3.00pm - 4.00pm	Art Attack! Art and Crafts Club - £21.00 for 6 sessions	8 th November until 13 th December

* **Relax Kids** - All children in Y1 and Y2 will have the opportunity to have access to 6 weeks of relax Kids after school

In the Spring term we will be re-introducing Multi-Sports and Gardening Club to Years 1 and 2. We hope to run cookery and art club every term.



Consent Forms for Forest Schools



Year 1 and 2 parents - In your child's book bag today you will find the annual Forest Schools consent form. Please complete and return to school next Monday 17th September.



Our Assemblies



Please accept my apologies for a mistake I made last week. This year our Celebration Assembly will be on **THURSDAYS (not Friday's)** at 2.30pm to which parents will be warmly invited to. Our first celebration assembly will be on Thursday 27th 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

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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.



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



Safeguarding our children



At High Meadow Infant School we value our strong relationship with parents and carers. Together this helps us achieve the very best for the children in a mutually supportive partnership between parents, class teachers and the school community. As a partnership, our parents understand the importance of a good working relationship to equip their children with the necessary skills for adulthood.

To truly create the best outcomes for children there is a need for the relationship between home and school to be based on the principles of care, integrity, trust and mutual respect. The maintenance of this relationship is important to ensure that a child or children are safe (please read our safeguarding policy) and not open to undue distress and anxiety. To reflect and support these values, this week we have attached our new Adult Code of Conduct. Please take some time to read the document and please share it with any other adults who may come to collect your child at any point. Thank you for helping keep High Meadow a safe environment for everyone who belongs to our community.



Educational Events and Activities



Date	Time & place	Event
Monday 17 th September - Monday 22 nd October (inc)	3.00pm - 4.00pm In Y2 classroom	15 x Y2 children Relax Kids Workshops (parents will be notified which 15 children)

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Wednesday 19 th September	10.00am	Open morning for parents of children due to start in reception in September 2019
Thursday 20 th September	2.30pm In Y1 and Y2 classrooms	Y1 and Y2 Parents Phonics Workshops
Friday 28 th September	9.00am - 10.00am In school hall	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday 3 rd October	Throughout the day	IEP reviews By invitation only
Wednesday 10 th October	9.00am - 4.00pm 10 minute appointments	Reception parent consultations
Wednesday 17 th October	9.00am - 4.00pm 10 minute appointments	Year 1 parent consultations
Wednesday 24 th October	9.00am - 4.00pm 10 minute appointments	Y2 parent consultations
Thursday 25 th October	2.00pm In school hall	Whole school Harvest Festival
Friday 26 th October	All day	Teacher training day
Monday 29 th October - Friday 2 nd November	All week	October half term
Monday 5 th November - Monday 10 th December (inc)	3.00pm - 4.00pm In Y2 classroom	15 x Y2 children Relax Kids Workshops
Wednesday 7 th November	6.00pm - 7.15pm	Parents Maths workshops
Friday 9 th November	2.00pm	Whole school Remembrance Assembly
Sunday 11 th November	Time tbc	Coleshill Remembrance Parade
Monday 12 th November	All day	Children's individual and class photos taken
Friday 16 th November	All day	Children In Need Day
Monday 3 rd December	From today	Christmas Post Box opens for children's cards
Friday 7 th December	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Christmas Fair
Friday 14 th December	2.00pm 5.00pm	Whole school Christmas performances (2 tickets per family)
Tuesday 18 th December	From 1.00pm in the classrooms	Class Christmas parties
Wednesday 19 th December	12.00pm - 1.00pm	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20 th December	Morning and afternoon	Christmas trip to the theatre
Friday 21 st December	Last day of term	

Christmas holidays from Monday 24th December 2018 - Friday 4th January 2019

Teacher training day - Monday 7th January

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Children back in school - Tuesday 8th January

Important note - please be aware that these dates and times are subject to change. Please read the weekly newsletters for most up-to-date information. Class trips and visits will be communicated separately.



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 achieved a FANTASTIC 98.0%, well done everyone! Please remember ANY requests for holiday leave during term time will not be granted.

Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	100%	YR Robins
SECOND PLACE	98.7%	Y1 Blackbirds
THIRD PLACE	96.3%	Y2 Barn Owls



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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