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Our School Community Newsletter!



Autumn A - Week 3 - Friday 21st September 2018



A huge well done to all of our new Reception Robins who have started full-time in school this week. There have been almost no tears just warm, happy smiles from every single one of them. They have shown just how grown up they are during lunchtimes and in our whole school assemblies too, we are all so proud of you, well done!



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 on Monday, you would have found 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.



The Daily Mile



PARENTS AND CARERS

The Daily Mile is a fully-inclusive, free and simple initiative which improves the physical and mental health of children. It's a social activity where the children run or jog, at their own pace, for 15 minutes every day and it improves focus in the classroom.

Read on below 😊



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We are really excited to start to be involved in this new 'fit for life' campaign. I have attached a letter to tell you all about this great initiative which aims to get 'children fit for life'. The activity will take place during the school day and no special clothing or shoes will be required. I am sure the children will be excited to share with you all about it!



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 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.



School Council



We are thrilled to announce that our School Councillors for this year are...



In July, we were fortunate to be visited by Jason from the Blue Cross who talked to us about pet care. To tie in with this half terms value, *GENEROSITY*, the School Council have decided to continue our support for the Blue Cross this term by asking for donations of filled gift shoeboxes for the rescue animals that the Blue Cross take care of.

Firstly, choose which type of rescue animal you would like to make the shoebox for and then fill it with goodies! The boxes could even be decorated! Here are some ideas for what items to put in the shoebox:

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Dog	Cat	Hamster/guinea pig/rabbit
squeaky toy tennis ball dog biscuit treats blanket or towel dog poop bags	cat biscuit treats cat toy scrunchie ball scratch mat cat grooming items	bedding (bought or shredded paper) root vegetables cardboard tubes wooden chew toy

We are asking for donations to be sent into school by Friday 5th October.

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Kumada and the School Council



New Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Surgery!



Mrs Howells (in her role as SEND co-ordinator) will now be running a half termly "SENCO Surgery". This is an opportunity for parents to discuss any worries or concerns that they may have about their child's academic, social, emotional needs in a confidential meeting with Mrs Howells who will offer advice and support tailored to meet the needs of each individual child.

Our first SEND surgery will take place on Tuesday 9th October between 1.15pm - 2.45pm . If you would like to make an appointment please contact Mrs Eling in the school office.



Parent Consultations



As you know, we are always looking to develop and improve our school practice and this year we are going to trial what many schools have been doing for a few years now. We are going to be offering ALL day appointments for our parent consultations, between the hours of 9.00am and 4.00pm. This means that we are offering you a full 7 hour window to pop in and see your class teacher. Each appointment will be for 10 minutes and the focus for the autumn meeting will be all about how your child has settled in. There will be no books to explore as they have only been back in school for a few weeks now. The sign-up sheets will be put up on the following dates...

	Sign-up sheet available	Parent consultation day
Reception	Monday 24 th September	Wednesday 10 th October
Year 1	Monday 1 st October	Wednesday 17 th October
Year 2	Monday 8 th October	Wednesday 24 th October

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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. Please remind ALL adults who may be collecting your child too. Thank you.



Consent Forms for Flu Immunisations



ALL parents - In your child's book bag today you will find the Flu Immunisations consent form. Please complete and return to school by next Thursday 27th September at the very latest. The flu immunisations will take place on Friday 5th October.

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
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
Friday 5 th October	Throughout the day	All 'Blue Cross' animal boxes to be donated by today please.
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
Thursday 18 th October	Afternoon	Y2 Visit to a Mosque
Friday 19 th October	All day	Y1 visit to a farm
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

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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

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 97.2%, well done everyone! Please remember ANY requests for holiday leave during term time **will not** be granted.

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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

Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	100%	Y1 Blackbirds
SECOND PLACE	97.7%	Y2 Barn Owls
THIRD PLACE	94.0%	YR Robins



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
 - 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

Mrs Debby Hughes - Head teacher head2569@welearn365.com

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

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