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## Our School Community Newsletter!



Autumn A - Week 8 - Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018



### Thought for the Week

In all things,  
be curious  
not judgemental.

Experiencing people,  
cultures, practices,  
and ways of life that are  
different from you  
or that are out of your  
comfort zone are  
opportunities for growth



### Harvest Festival Celebrations



Thank you to everyone who came along to the Harvest Festival celebration. As always, the children rose to the occasion and sang their hearts out....even after a long 8 week half term! We are always so proud of them all, standing proud and tall and representing High Meadow in such a wonderful way. Thank you to everyone who also donated to our harvest food collection, we collected a HUGE amount which will be donated to the local foodbank.

Growing together,

Every day,

In every way.



Magical Maths Club is now full for the Autumn term. We may offer it again (with different content) in the spring term if there is enough interest. You should have received notification directly from Magical Maths to confirm your child's place. Please remember that the club will run from 3.00pm - 4.00pm on the following dates 08/11/2018, 15/11/2018, 22/11/2018, 29/11/2018 and 06/12/2018.



Christmas Theatre Trip



A gentle reminder to please pay £5.00 for the Christmas Theatre trip. Please pay this amount by Friday 30th November. This also allows you to give consent for your child to go on the trip.



Friday Biscuits

A gentle reminder to please pay £12.50 on the School Gateway if you wish your child to have Friday biscuits. Please pay by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November to ensure your child receives a biscuit every Friday.



Art Attack! Arts and Crafts Club



We still have 4 spaces in this club so please pay on line if your child would like to attend. Our Art Attack after school club is available to **children in Years 1 and 2** only as follows...

Dates - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December (6 sessions)

Time - 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Cost - £3.50 per session Total cost - £21.00.

There will be 10 spaces which will be filled on a first-come-first served basis. This will be based on the first ten parents to pay the full amount on the School Gateway.

The full amount will need to be paid and no refunds will be offered if your child starts and then decides that they do not wish to continue. Please collect your child from the school office door at 4.00pm prompt.

Date	Art Activity
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Air clay modelling
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Painting and glazing the models created
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Still life painting on canvas 1

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Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Still life painting 2
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas Decorations 1
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Decorations 2



### The Wooden Spoon Cookery Club



This club is now full. Thank you to all the parents who have signed up and paid. Please make a note of the following dates and ensure your child is collected promptly at 4.00pm from outside the school office.

Date	Cookery Activity
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Fruit and chocolate kebabs
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Rocky Roads
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Pudsey Bear biscuits
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Pizza
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Jam tarts
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas biscuits



### Parents Maths Workshops



On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November from 6.00pm - 7.15pm all parents are warmly welcome to come along to our Parents Maths Workshop. It is an ideal opportunity to learn about how we teach Maths at High Meadow with lots of practical activities too! At the end of the workshop, all parents will have the opportunity to purchase a Maths Resource pack for £3.50 (to cover costs) which will help you support your child's learning at home. Throughout the year there may be further additions to the pack available at no extra cost. Maths strategies have changed substantially and the expectations are now far higher than in the past and we are confident that coming along to this workshop will help equip you in supporting your child's learning at home. Please be aware that the workshop is for adults only.



### Educational Events and Activities



Date	Time & place	Event
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	All day	Teacher training day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	All week	October half term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November -	3.00pm - 4.00pm	15 x Y2 children

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Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January (inc)	In Y2 classroom	Relax Kids Workshops
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Morning	Y2 Visit to Mosque
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	6.00pm - 7.15pm	Parents Maths workshops
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	2.00pm	Whole school Remembrance Assembly
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Time tbc	Coleshill Remembrance Parade
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	Children's individual and class photos taken
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	All day	Children In Need Day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Morning	NSPCC Anti-bullying assembly
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	All day	Wear Green for NSPCC Buddy day
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November - Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	3.00pm - 3.30pm daily By school office	Book People Book Sale
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	From today	Christmas Post Box opens for children's cards
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Christmas Fair
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm 5.00pm	Whole school Christmas performances (2 tickets per family)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	From 1.00pm in the classrooms	Class Christmas parties
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	12.00pm - 1.00pm	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Morning and afternoon	Christmas trip to the theatre
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term	

Christmas holidays from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2018 - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Teacher training day - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Children back in school - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Our target for this year is 97%. This week we achieved 97.5%, 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
JOINT FIRST PLACE	100%	Y2 Barn Owls
SECOND PLACE	96.7%	Y1 Blackbirds
THIRD PLACE	95.8%	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 an enjoyable and restful half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November.

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Kindest regards

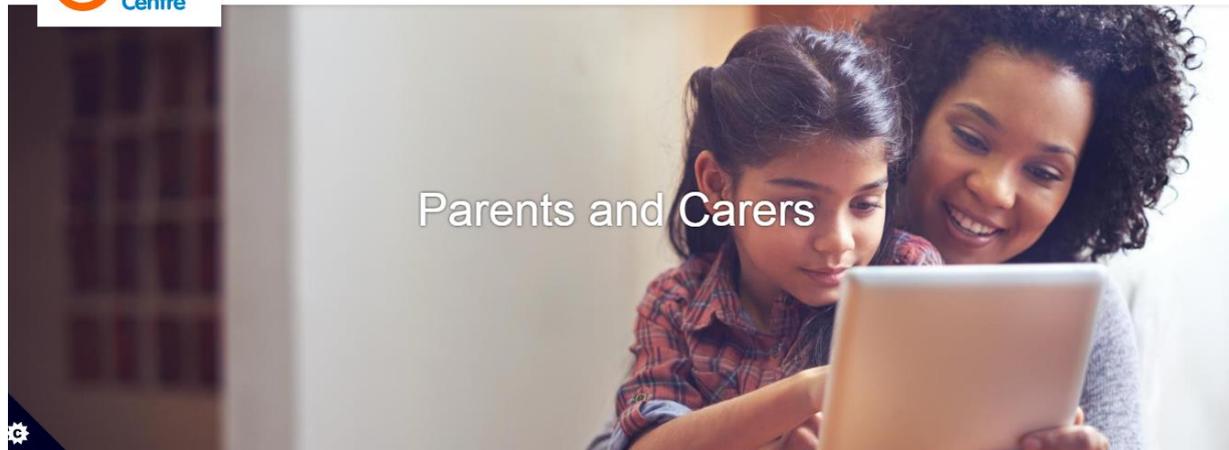
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