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## Our School Community Newsletter!



Autumn B - Week 4 - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018



### Thought for the Week

*"Our happiness is greatest when we contribute most to the happiness of others"*

Shaker saying



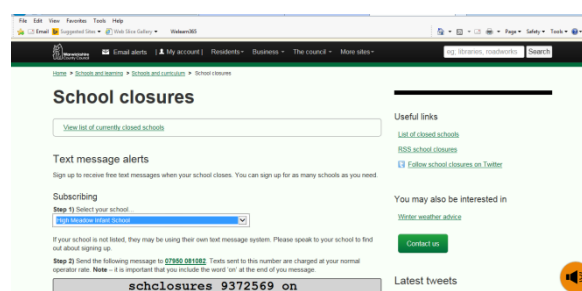
### Emergency School Closures Winter 2018/19



The decision to close any school due to bad weather is never taken lightly however a process needs to be in place if, on the very rare occasion, it does actually happen. Myself, local head teachers and the governors will always make a joint decision about closing the school with the health and safety of children, staff and parents at the centre of the discussion.

To find out if the school is closed due to bad weather we encourage all parents to sign up for the Warwickshire County Council text and email service. This is a FREE service. It will let you know if our school (and other schools) are closed. Follow this link to sign up

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>



Local radio stations will also list schools which are closed and where possible we will also try to update the school website home page and twitter feed too.

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The Book People Book Fair



Our book fair has arrived! It opened on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November and will finish on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. This is a great opportunity to buy books as Christmas gifts at fantastic prices! The book stalls will be open to parents, after school by the school office, from 3.00pm - 3.30pm.

On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December we will be taking each class to look through the books themselves. If you would like your child to buy a book then please send money in to school on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** in a clearly labelled, sealed envelope. We put a Book People flyer in your child's book bag last Friday to give you a taste of what's going to be on offer. Allowing children to choose a book they like is a really important part of them learning to love books and experience the thrill of buying one themselves too!



Christmas Post Box



On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December the school Christmas Post Box will open. If your child wishes to send Christmas cards to their friends then please ensure each card has the child's name AND class clearly written on it. Unfortunately every year, some cards do not make it to their desired recipient due to omission of details. Please place them in your child's book bag and they will have the opportunity to post them during the day.



Children's Christmas Fair - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December - 1.00 - 3.00pm



Thank you to those families who donated gifts/toiletries chocolates today for the Children's Christmas Fair. With only one week to go until the Christmas Fair, next Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December we are asking for teddies to be donated for our very popular teddy stall. Please send them into school on Friday morning and place in the boxes outside the classrooms.

As last year, we are providing a more structured way of children spending their money at the fair. We will be offering the following opportunities on the **morning** of the fair...

- A high quality photo with Santa - £2.50 - the photo will be sent home on the same day
- Facepainting - £1.00 - if you send money in for your child's face to be painted we will take this that you give consent and that your child does not have any allergies which may be aggravated by the face paints

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On the **afternoon**, from 1.00pm, your child will have the opportunity to walk around the fair with their class friends and spend any money that you may have sent in.

To help facilitate this process in a really simple way we are sending home **three labelled pink envelopes**. They are in your child's book bag today. Please pop the correct money in each of the envelopes of the activities which you would like your child to participate. Please provide as much change as possible in the 'Money to spend at the fair' envelope. **PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND CLASS ON THE ENVELOPE.** Please send the money into school on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December** ready for the Christmas Fair.

Please also send a NAMED carrier bag into school for your child to take around the fair to carry all of their goodies/winnings! Please be aware that the Christmas Fair is for the children in school only. Thank you for your support in this.



### Christmas Nativity Play 2018



ALL tickets have now been allocated. Please do not lose your ticket as entrance to the performance will not be allowed without one. The children are practising hard and thank you to all of the families who are supporting their child in learning their lines for the performance.



### Food donations for the Foodbank



As shared at the Harvest Festival, we now have a permanent basket by the school office to collect donations for our local foodbank. Thank you to those families who pop in each week to make their donation. After consulting with staff and to link in with our value of **COMPASSION**, we have also decided that rather than asking for £1.00 donation for the Nativity programs before each performance, we would like you to consider donating an item

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of food/s to our foodbank collection. Please bring it along at either 2.00pm or 5.00pm and drop it into the basket. Thank you for supporting our actions for COMPASSION.



### Christmas Theatre Trip



Thank you to all of the families who have already paid online for the Christmas Theatre trip. Please pay by TODAY, Friday 30th November or come and chat to me if you are unable to pay. Please remember that paying online allows you to give consent for your child to go on the trip.



### Our High Meadow Superstars!



Here at High Meadow we know the importance of rewarding and recognizing the fantastic efforts your children go to, to be the best they can possibly be. The awards shown below were awarded yesterday. So.....drum roll please...

#### Bees Knees Award 29/11/18



Our 'Bee's Knees' award is awarded weekly to one child in each class who has behaved in a way in which we feel exemplifies our school code of conduct.

YEAR 1 Daria	YEAR 2 Alex
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#### Cats Whiskers Award 29/11/18



Our 'Cat's Whiskers' award is awarded weekly to one child in each class who has produced a piece of work which shows they have worked to the very best of their ability.

YEAR 1 Finn	YEAR 2 Sybil
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## Our Weekly STAR WRITER award



Achieving a very high standard of writing takes a lot of hard work as it involves first of all thinking what to write, saying it out loud to make sure it makes sense, actually writing it using the correct spelling and punctuation and then checking it all to make sure it make sense...gosh it's exhausting! Our fantastic STAR WRITERS for this week are...

Year Group	STAR WRITER
Year 1 Blackbirds	Kayden
	Taylor
Year 2 Barn Owls	Zofia
	Lucas



## Educational Events and Activities



Date	Time & place	Event
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	Children's 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 Children to be collected at ANY TIME between 1.00pm and 2.00pm from their classrooms. <b>School will then close at 2.00pm</b> for the Christmas holidays to tie in with Coleshill Primary School closing times.	

Larks and Owls will be open from 2.00pm until 3.00pm on the last day (Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December) **They will close at 3.00pm prompt.** Please let Gaynor know (01675 432990) if you would like your child to have a space from 2.00pm - 3.00pm on the last day.

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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 98%, well done everyone! Please remember ANY requests for holiday leave during term time **will not** be granted.

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	99%	YR Robins
SECOND PLACE	97.7%	Y1 Blackbirds
THIRD PLACE	96.7%	Y2 Barn Owls



Our Golden Rule focus for this half term is



**'We listen, we don't interrupt'**

Our Value for this half term is 'COMPASSION'

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

## 'Celebrating Difference'

**We are learning that as we grow and develop we need to...**

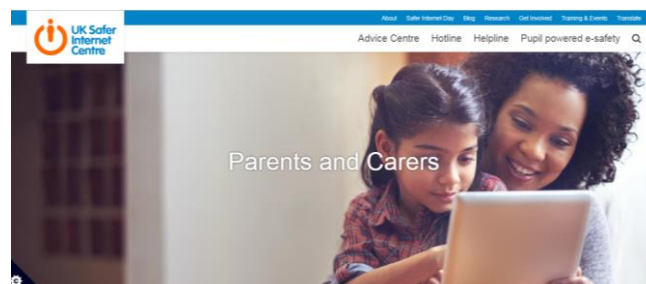
- Accept that everyone is different
- Include others when working and playing
- Know how to help if someone is being bullied
  - Try to solve problems
  - Try to use kind words
- Know how to give and receive compliments

kindest regards

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Find out more about how to keep your child safe on-line



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