

MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

A Message from Mrs Hewitt

I have not experienced a year like this in all my years of headship; a very challenging time for all of us. I would not have predicted in March that we would be closing our school to the majority of our children, that our community would be restricted to their homes only leaving for essential shopping and that we would be socially distancing from our friends and family. Our community has stayed strong throughout this pandemic, and we should think of the positives that have come out of this crisis, such as more family time, a growth in a sense of community and less pollution. The lockdown has given us time for reflection about things we take for granted in every day life; time with our friends and families, the importance of hugs, our work, our freedoms and an appreciation of our services such as the NHS. We at Meadows have felt privileged to be able to help our critical workers by staying open for their children so that they could continue to keep our essential services functioning. However, we have missed having all of our children in school. We are so sorry that the children missed time with their teachers and missed opportunities that we usually offer in school; but we will do everything in our power to make up for lost learning when we return fully. I'm glad that we managed to welcome back some of our children in the last few weeks, as it brought the school back to some sort of normality. We hope that it also gave the children the opportunity to see what 'new' school looks like and to reconnect with friends. The staff loved seeing the children back at Meadows. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at Meadows for their dedication throughout this period, whilst also having their own families to support.

We are now in the process of preparing to welcome all of our children back in September. We will give you more information in August when we have more government guidance. Until then, I would like to thank you for your support over this difficult time. We have tried our best to keep you fully informed and to support the children's home learning, but we appreciate this has been challenging for many of you due to your own work commitments. Our priority has always been the health and wellbeing of our children and their families, so please do not be concerned about lost learning; that'll be our task when the children return to school fully! Now is time to enjoy the summer in the best way that you can, and I look forward to welcoming the children back in September.

I would like to say a special thank you to Friends of Meadows for purchasing our Year 4 Leavers T shirts and the new Reception teddy bears. We really appreciate their hard work in raising funds to support our school.

All the staff and I would like to thank you for your kind words and gifts; your messages of support have kept us going and your thoughtfulness at this time is very much appreciated.

A note to our leaving year 4 children:

We have missed our year 4 children so much since the lockdown started and feel very sad that they didn't get to finish their year 4 with us properly and to have the send off we would have wished for, such as the Leavers' play. We have loved having them back this week, and we hope that they liked their class t-shirts. As a special goodbye present, their teachers have made a video for them to keep as a reminder of their time as part of the Meadows family. We hope that you enjoy watching it.

This can be found on the Tigers and Jaguars page of the website, but also on the link below.

For Jaguars <https://www.meadowsfirst.co.uk/admin/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Jaguars%20end%20of%20year%20presentation%202020.MP4>

For Tigers <https://www.meadowsfirst.co.uk/admin/ckfinder/userfiles/files/Tigers%20end%20of%20year%20presentation%202020.MP4>

Thank you for your support over the last 5 years and I wish your children the very best for the next step of their educational journey. We will miss them

Enjoy the summer when it arrives.

RECEPTION / KS1	INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
<p>FIRST PLACE - MAXIMUM POINTS</p> <p>Alana - Year 1 - Abberley Perochial VC Primary Louie - Year 1 - Burlish Park Joel - Year 1 - Crabbs Cross Academy Gracie - Year 1 - Sutton Park Primary Maisie - Year 1 - Sutton Park Primary Emily - Year 2 - Sutton Park Primary Lacey H - Year 2 - Sutton Park Primary Willow - Year 2 - Sutton Park Primary Milly - Reception - Burlish Park Alana - Reception Comberton Primary Dollie-Rae - Reception Comberton Primary Dylan - Reception Comberton Primary Grace - Reception Comberton Primary Lilyanna - Reception Comberton Primary Scarlett - Reception Comberton Primary Seb - Reception - Hanbury First X - Reception - Meadows First X - Reception - Meadows First Mya - Reception - Bengeworth CE Academy</p>	<p>PB CHAMPIONS</p> <p>Megan - Year 1 - Pitmaston Primary Callum - Year 1 - Pitmaston Primary X - Reception - St Andrew's CofE First</p> <p>VALUES AWARD</p> <p>Max - Reception - Bewdley Primary</p>

Well done to Gina and Olivia in Cygnets who gained maximum points in the Worcestershire Virtual School Games EYFS and Key Stage 1 Target challenge.

Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

On Friday 10th July 2020 the DfE updated guidance for parents and carers of children attending community activities, holiday or after-school clubs, tuition and other out-of-school settings. It has been updated with content to make clear that children will be able to attend all types of dance classes and also, that clubs and activities for children will only be able to operate in those premises legally able to open

To read the guidance in full, visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

School Gates

From September the gates will be locked between 8.30 – 9.15 am and 2.55 – 3.30 pm.