



# MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



### A Message from Mrs Hewitt

#### Reception parents:

At this time of year, we usually run phonics and reading workshops for new parents to the school. Unfortunately, we cannot run this face-to-face event this year. To support you, we have compiled some resources and a short PowerPoint for parents to look at. These can be found on the school website following this link: <https://www.meadowsfirst.co.uk/reception>. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish for more information.

#### COVID19 Support:

With your support, we are trying to minimise risk within our school community, and we hope that we are able to remain open to all of our children for as long as possible. All the strategies that have been put in place are to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for wearing masks on the school site to support this. Teachers are wearing them too at the end of the day so that you can approach them if you need to talk to them about your child. Remember that the class emails are also available, as we value communication between home and school.

Parkside have had a positive case reported this week and fortunately the person had not been in contact with anyone in school, so we didn't need to close any bubbles. As you will appreciate this is a sensitive time for the family concerned and we ask that your responses take this into account, as many families both local and national have been impacted by Covid-19. So please can we ask that you avoid posting messages on social media or speaking to the press, to support the privacy of the families concerned if and when positive cases arise. Please speak directly to the Senior Leadership Team if you have any questions or queries.

We are aware that some schools within our local area have had to close bubbles due positive cases being reported. Our strategy for supporting the children with home learning in the event of a closure is outlined on the COVID page of the school website.

<https://www.meadowsfirst.co.uk/parents/covid19>. This week, a learning resource pack containing a book, a pencil, glue etc was sent home for the children. **This is only to be used if your child is at home self-isolating.** We really hope that we do not need to use this

I wish to share some exciting news. Mrs Tromans is expecting twins in the New Year. We have employed a new teacher, Miss Vickery, to cover the maternity leave. However, due to the current pandemic, Mrs Tromans will need to stop teaching earlier than usual; this will be sometime in November. Miss Vickery will begin her post at Meadows before Mrs Tromans leaves, so that they can work together to ensure that there is a smooth transition for the children. We are sure that you join us in wishing Mrs Tromans lots of luck and happiness at this exciting time.

#### **Trips:**

Money collected for trips that were booked last year that were cancelled due to COVID-19 will be used to book activities within class throughout this year, e.g. zoom cooking lessons. We will keep you updated with the activities when they are organised.

#### **Bikes/Scooters**

Reminder that parents and children should not ride bikes or scooters on school premises. Thank you.

Today is World Mental Health Day and I asked the children in assembly to look after themselves and each other. Make sure that you do the same, have a lovely weekend with your families.

### Meadows Mouse Awards

*these were given out today in a 'Zoom' assembly across school. Well done to the children listed below:*

Goslings	-	Georgia F – always so enthusiastic during lessons and activities. Jax HC – trying hard with his number work.
Cygnets	-	Esme H – being such a kind, helpful member of the class. Theo S S – settling in so well & making great progress in phonics
Caterpillars	-	Thomas D – learning his spellings really well. Aidan W – trying hard in all lessons.
Dragonflies	-	Tillie – excellent focus and well done for being so organised. Isaac – super ideas and good handwriting.
Owls	-	Alfred C – enthusiasm in al he does. Harvey R – great determination in handwriting.
Hedgehogs	-	Eleanor A – always listening and working her absolute hardest. Daniel C F – amazing enthusiasm
Dolphins	-	James B – wonderful oil pastel portrait. Lola W – great team leadership in PE.
Sharks	-	Olly A E – working independently with his maths work. Louie S – always being so determined.
Jaguars	-	Scarlett C – being a thoughtful learning partner. Jess R – excellent focus in lessons
Tigers	-	Lyla B – being determined to do well in maths. Jake – being focused in lessons and trying his best.