



MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



A Message from Mrs Hewitt

As we draw near to the end of our first half term, we are so pleased with how the children have settled down to their learning and the new routines. May I take this opportunity to thank staff for their hard work in making school as enjoyable as possible in these difficult circumstances. May I also thank parents and carers for supporting us so well; your positive comments have been appreciated by us all. We have had a great last week in school. Our parents' evenings were completed by telephone; I hope that you found these useful and informative.

We also ended the term with a zoom assembly; this was the celebration of 'Meadows Has Got Talent'. The winners for each year group were: year 1: Chase, year 2: Nicole, year 3: Reegan and year 4: Betsy. The whole school watched the videos of each performance today, and the overall school winner of 'Meadows Has Got Talent' is Betsy. Go to <https://www.meadowsfirst.co.uk/year-by-year/whole-school> to see photos and short videos of our finalists. Well done to all of the children who participated and a special 'thank you' goes to Mrs Webb for organising the event.

We have analysed the parental questionnaire regarding home learning in the event of a lockdown or at times of self-isolation. Most parents stated that they would prefer a mixture of paper copies and online work. To support this, in addition to work set on Teams and Purple Mash, we are providing a paper learning pack which will come home this evening in your child's book bag (years 1 -4). These packs should be placed in the home learning folders (sent home last week), and only used in the event of a lockdown/ bubble closure.

We would like to welcome two new members into our Meadows family. Two ducklings hatched this week and the Nursery children have named them Cheese and Quackers.



Flu Nasal Spray Vaccination

This is booked for Tuesday 1st December and will take place in school for all children. Consent letters to follow.

Half Term Holidays

If you are taking a holiday over half term please check the quarantine list for the country you are travelling to. If you visit a country on the list you will need to self-isolate for 14 days on your return.

An organisation called 'South Birmingham Lunches' will be offering food lunch parcels for families during the October half term holiday. They have several collection points, and offer weekly drop offs if people cannot collect their parcels. All requests for lunches will be completely confidential, so please do not worry about asking for help if you need it. Contact is made via email- SouthBirminghamLunches@outlook.com

May I wish you all a very safe and happy half term holiday.

I wanted to make you aware of a local parenting service that is highly recommended. It is the Starting Well Partnership, which is based at Peartree Family Hub, Broad Street, Sidemoor, B61 8LW (telephone number: 01527 835775). It is a service which covers ages 0-19 years for parenting support. Their website (<https://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/>) explains the services that they offer, e.g. support for ASD and behaviour. They also run parenting courses.

Meadows Mouse Awards

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

Goslings	-	Everly P – trying hard with her letter formation. Laurie H – good listening during lessons.
Cygnets	-	Xavier G – doing so well at lunchtimes. Ella B – being a lovely, kind and tolerant friend.
Caterpillars	-	Rowan B – being determined to write a long story. Eden C – working so hard in every lesson with great focus.
Dragonflies	-	Freya – great work in all lessons. Ruby – super enthusiasm all of the time.
Owls	-	Mia P – enthusiastic work in our Seaside Dance. Vlad – focused work drawing an endangered animal for Big Draw
Hedgehogs	-	Cameron A – amazing wire fish sculpture. Marley L – working so hard at her reading.
Dolphins	-	Ella P & Sam K for fantastic story writing, with lots of interesting words and phrases.
Sharks	-	Reegan K & Aila H – working so enthusiastically with their writing.
Jaguars	-	Morgan – amazing art work for our big draw. Dylan – for doing such a lot of writing for his Horrid Henry story and for persevering when writing it up!
Tigers	-	Nate S – writing a BRILLIANT Horrid Henry story & always being focused in lessons. Kelsey M – being focused & determined in Maths!