



## MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



### A Message from Mrs Hewitt

As a reminder, all information about the topics that your children are studying in school can be found on the school website <https://www.meadowsfirst.co.uk/our-school/year-by-year>. To find this information, go to your child's year group page and look in the appropriate half term.

As always, thank you for your cooperation this week with supporting us through Covid. We are continuing to work hard in school to keep children safe. Following advice from Public Health England, we are keeping classrooms well ventilated. Classrooms may feel colder than usual so please make sure children have extra layers on.

**Christmas cards:** Unfortunately, we have had to make the decision like many other schools at this time, that exchanging Christmas cards within school this year would not be a wise decision. With well documented proof that the COVID can survive on paper, card, etc. it seems sensible that we protect our children and staff in any way possible. If you wish to donate money instead of sending cards, we will send our contribution to Primrose Hospice, a local charity that has helped many of our families over recent years.


Here is a link from Oxford University Press. It is a Well-being toolkit for parents. It has lots of ideas about how to support well-being in your family. [https://fdslive.oup.com/www.oup.com/oxed/Wellbeing/Primary/Wellbeing\\_Parent\\_Toolkit.pdf?region=uk](https://fdslive.oup.com/www.oup.com/oxed/Wellbeing/Primary/Wellbeing_Parent_Toolkit.pdf?region=uk)

and <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-youre-worried-about-your-childs-mental-health/?region=uk>



The BBC has produced an excellent resource aimed at the parents of babies and children up to ages 4-5 years. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/activities/zjh8hbk>

This 'Tiny Happy People' site has an activity section where activities are grouped into age bands. These include putting actions to words, taking turns, imaginary play and learning nursery rhymes. There is also a tips and advice section which includes advice from midwives and more activities to do with children.

Worcestershire have updated their website to include activities (arts, craft etc) for children to do at home in the Christmas holidays. [https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20818/worcestershire\\_school\\_holiday\\_food\\_and\\_activities](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20818/worcestershire_school_holiday_food_and_activities) 

### Friends of Meadows

Thank you to Friends of Meadows for organising the Christmas Raffle. This will help raise vital funds for the school at this very challenging time. The website link is <https://raffall.com/153523/enter-raffle-to-win-christmas-draw-8-prizes-hosted-by-friends-of-meadows>

### Meadows Mouse Awards

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

<b>Goslings</b>	-	Phoebe P - trying really hard with her writing. Harry T - trying hard in phonics lessons.
<b>Cygnets</b>	-	Benno R - building an amazing model out of Kapla. Abbi-Marie E - trying really hard to build speaking skills.
<b>Caterpillars</b>	-	Gina M - working hard in phonics lessons. Lana R - always doing beautiful artwork & taking care in presentation.
<b>Dragonflies</b>	-	Addison – enthusiastic in all lessons. Megan – trying hard to improve her handwriting,
<b>Owls</b>	-	Stanley R – enthusiastic writing about keeping healthy. Megan J – being focused & determined with her reading
<b>Hedgehogs</b>	-	Joseph E – determination in English & amazing handwriting. Piper S – her focus in Maths when working with money.
<b>Dolphins</b>	-	Kiyah H - lovely cursive handwriting and neat work. Jamie M - excellent work In Maths.
<b>Sharks</b>	-	Harley - working really hard with her subtraction work. Millie - always showing great enthusiasm for her school work.
<b>Jaguars</b>	-	Billy BJ – being thoughtful & considerate in class discussion. Ava C – always being organised & helping others
<b>Tigers</b>	-	Stanley & Anni ka – for writing wonderful odes about their favourite food.