



MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



A Message from Mrs Hewitt

We loved seeing all of our children and their families back at Meadows on Monday morning. We were aware that there were a broad range of anxieties (for children and adults) and we have tried hard to make the first week as 'normal' as possible. I am so proud of the children for settling back into school life so effortlessly. They are a credit to their families.

This week we have primarily focused on mental health and wellbeing activities for our children. We are lucky to have range of staff across the school who have a vast amount of knowledge and a depth of experience in supporting mental health. It has been a focus of staff professional development over the last few years; all staff have attended Thrive, Trauma Informed and Place2Be mental health training. This means that pupils have access to support whenever they need it from class teachers and all support assistants. In addition, Mrs Dwyer and I are both Mental Health First Aiders (for Adults and Children). Miss Bailey also has a depth of knowledge and experience in this area. Mrs Dodman and Mrs Rowley are both fully qualified in the Thrive and the Trauma Informed Approach to supporting pupils. Hence, help and support is available for children and families that have concerns or anxieties around returning to school and/or issues caused by the recent lockdown.

During this first week back, we have worked hard to re-establish our routines, expectations and learning behaviours whilst also giving the children opportunities to talk with each other, work together, be active and play once again with their friends. The children have been amazing. The school has had a busy, productive, and happy environment again! Thank you to the teachers and TAs for working so hard to welcome the children back and settle them back into school so well.

We have continued to follow our risk assessments to ensure we keep as safe as possible in school. Thank you to all of our families for wearing masks onsite and keeping a safe distance from others. We appreciate your support.

Some people have informed us that collection details or contact details have changed over lockdown. If you need to make any changes to your child's contact details please email office@meadows.worcs.sch.uk

I hope that you all have a relaxing weekend.

We have some exciting things planned this half term for the children. Empty Classroom Day is 29th March, and we have booked a virtual Easter pantomime for the last week of term.

Mrs Ness will be leaving us at Easter to start a new role at Worcester University. We will be sad to see her go after over 25 years of teaching at Meadows, and being a valued member of the Senior Leadership Team.

We wish her every success in her new career, lecturing geography to prospective teachers.

We welcome two new teachers, Mrs Quinn and Miss Pritchard, who will take over Owls class after Easter. We welcome them to the Meadows Family, and hope that they enjoy their new role.

Home Learning Packs

If your child would like to bring in their home learning packs to show their teachers they may do so.

School is closed for teacher training on Friday March 19th

SEND at Meadows

Mrs Dodman and Mrs Rowley have further developed the SEN and Inclusion pages of the school website. See:

<https://www.meadowsfirst.co.uk/useful-information/send-at-meadows> for SEN resources and ideas (including behaviour, organisation, speech and language, learning resources).



Meadows Mouse Awards

- Goslings** Ethan A - settling back into school so well. Lily-Jane E - being so brave to try new things.
- Cygnets** Emily H - making amazing phonics progress. Oliver D - fantastic listening.
- Caterpillars** Zac L - doing wonderful cursive handwriting. Harlow G - answering lots of questions in lessons
- Dragonflies** Joshua - great effort in all areas. Alice - amazing handwriting,
- Owls** Shahraan Q - always being determined & trying this best. Jesse H H - enthusiastic & focused with everything he has done.
- Hedgehogs** Poppy W - enthusiasm in Maths. Noah M - amazing progress he has made with his handwriting.
- Sharks** Louie S - being enthusiastic & organised in his learning. Charlie H - always being a fantastic Meadows example for the class.
- Dolphins** Flynn P & Joey G - good progress in reading.
- Jaguars** Connor - being kind & supportive to other classmates. Dexter - super focus in class.
- Tigers** Cobie - having a fantastic attitude to learning & being a sensible member of Tigers. Sam Ledbury - being extremely focused in lessons and trying his best.