



# MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



## A Message from Mrs Hewitt

Welcome to the summer term! I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and that you had the chance to spend time as a family. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back this week into school; they have been amazing as usual and have settled straight back into working hard.

This week we have welcomed Mrs Quinn and Miss Pritchard to the school; they have taken over from Mrs Ness and are teaching Owls class. They have made a great start and we are so pleased to have them in the Meadows family.

We are continuing to try to find ways to enable pupils to have different experiences whilst we are still restricted by COVID. Year 3 had a 'virtual' trip this week from Wildlife Watch; they spent the time studying rocks and soils.

The weather has been beautiful this week. Unfortunately, we are unable to apply sun cream due to current and ongoing risk assessments. Therefore, can I please ask that all the children have a long-lasting sun cream applied before school. Can children please bring to school a labelled sun hat and a drink when necessary.

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor: 12-1pm each day. If you are interested please contact Mrs Beck [office@meadows.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@meadows.worcs.sch.uk)

Reading is a priority within the school as we know how crucial it is for children to be able to read. To promote reading even further, we are in the process of developing a new library in school which all pupils will have access to. I will share photos with you when it is completed.

Reminder  
that we  
are not in  
school on  
Monday  
3<sup>rd</sup> May

The Starting Well Partnership has been created to support parents, families, and children across Worcestershire. Families can be supported by professionals such as Health Visitors, Parenting Support Workers, Community Nursery Nurses, School Health Nurses, Health Care Assistants, Volunteer Coordinators, and Business Support Officers. You can ask for support <https://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/families> or register your interest for courses <https://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/parenting-groups> on their website.

## Key messages for parents re COVID

### Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school

NHS Test and Trace have announced that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site - anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests. <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>
- by ordering a home test kit online - please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most. <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>
- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees.

If you have any queries about the tests, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines) between 7am to 11pm. Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, **washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing** plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.



### Meadows Mouse Awards

Goslings	Alex B - trying so hard with her independent writing. Oliver B - super independent reading.
Cygnets	Ciaran R - working so hard in Maths with numbers to 20. Shahnoor - lovely Sleeping Beauty writing.
Caterpillars	Gina - returning happily to school after the Easter break. Aiden L - great focus in lessons and asking lots of questions.
Dragonflies	Ted - super reading. Olly - working so hard in class.
Owls	Alfie N D - great enthusiasm in all his lessons with week. Logan H - for taking great care and improving his handwriting.
Hedgehogs	Thomas M - amazing improvement in his writing. Lauren M - focus in all lessons.
Sharks	Anna C - being more confident sharing ideas. Charlie M - fantastic vivid volcano poem
Dolphins	Arthur D - working hard on his volcano poem. Jack P - working with great enthusiasm in Maths.
Jaguars	Oliver C - super thinking with decimal numbers in Maths. Tommy S - great Ideas for his 'wishing story'
Tigers	Annika M & Kayla H - writing a wonderful story based on the King of Fishes.



# Community Learning Courses

## Health and Wellbeing

Moodmaster

Positive Me

5 Ways to Wellbeing

Mind Matters

Mindfulness & Meditation

Baked Bean Project



## Art and Craft

Funky Arts

Funky Watercolours

Creative Mindfulness

Introduction to Drawing

Easy Knits

Sew and Reap

Tantalising Textiles

Upcycled Jewellery

More new courses coming soon!

All Community Learning Courses are **FREE** to attend until 31st July 2021.

All our courses are online. We offer support in joining us via; phone, tablet, ipad or laptop.

To find out more course information and to book a place, search the course title at: [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses) or call 01905 728537

# 8 THINGS CHILDREN CAN DO TO MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE



Try to build time in your daily routine to do physical activity



Try to chat regularly with friends, family or someone you trust



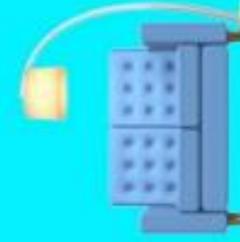
Try to offer your help to those around you and do a good thing every day



Try to be honest and open with people



Try to encourage others to share how they are feeling with you



Try to find time to relax and focus on yourself



Try to go to sleep and wake-up at the same time each day



Try to keep yourself and the things around you clean and tidy



HM Government

**NHS**

**Got any coronavirus symptoms?**

**Isolate and book a test.**

Use the NHS COVID-19 app  
or go to [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)



High temperature



New continuous cough



Change/loss of smell/taste

**STAY ALERT**

**CONTROL THE VIRUS**

**SAVE LIVES**