



MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL

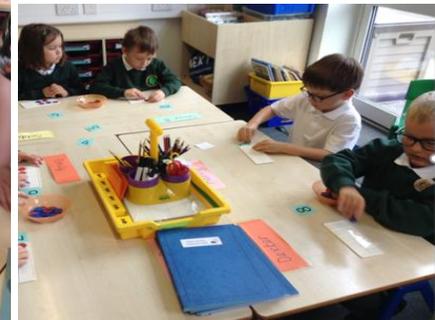
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



A Message from Mrs Hewitt

We have had another great week in Meadows- children have been engaged in their learning and there is a lovely atmosphere around the school. Thank you to the parents and Carers for continuing to support us with the procedures we have put into place to ensure a smooth transition to normality within school. We have unfortunately got 3 staff members out of school at the moment due to COVID, so we are grateful that parents are remaining cautious if their children are ill; we will continue to monitor cases as our priority is to keep everyone safe and to keep the school open.

We are trialling publishing our newsletters using 'sway,' a platform that is easier to read on mobile phones. We will send the newsletter via email whilst also sending a link to 'sway' until we can monitor the best platform for parents to access the information. The newsletter also is uploaded to our school website weekly.



Nut allergies: we have several children who have severe nut allergies. Please can you ensure that you do not put any nut products in lunchboxes or for snacks- eg granola bars.

Reminder that the Macmillan Coffee Morning is on Friday 24th September. We usually invite parents in for this event, but currently parents cannot come into school to minimise the risk of transmission. However, we still want to fundraise for this important cause, so we are holding a class 'coffee (squash) and cake/biscuit' event for the children. On that morning, we will provide drink and cakes/biscuits for each child for a donation of £1. If your child has allergies, you can provide a snack for them.

Lunchtime menu: the published menu may alter occasionally due to a shortage in certain food products. We will try to inform you in advance if we know of specific changes to the menus.

Governors: we are sad to see two of our governors leaving due to work commitments. We would like to thank both Jane Baker and Polly Reed for their hard work and commitment on our Governing Body. We now have several parent governor vacancies available- see below for the details.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!

New Governor wanted!

We currently have a vacancy for governors and would like to hear from any parent who might be interested in joining our Governing Body.

All schools in the state-maintained system (i.e. not Academies) have to have a Governing Body. The Governing Body plays a key role in helping oversee the strategic direction of a school and works in partnership with the Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team. The main aim of a Governing Body is to ensure the delivery of a high standard of education for all pupils in its care.

To achieve this at Meadows First School our Governors undertake the following three main roles:

Strategic- The Governing Body sets the general direction of the school, looking at how it should best develop and improve. This is done by agreeing policies, setting priorities, and monitoring and reviewing aims and objectives.

Critical Friend- The Governing Body works with the Head Teacher and has a clear understanding of the challenges faced in managing the school. The Governing Body's role is to question and challenge. A good working relationship is essential as a real critical friendship is only achieved where there is trust and mutual respect.

Accountability- The Governing Body has a professional attitude and uses its collective skills to benefit our learners. It gathers views, asks questions and decides what is best for the school and the children.

Governors are volunteers and are asked to attend meetings each term with some specific tasks and responsibilities assigned to individuals as appropriate. We hold a general School Improvement meeting each term, which covers strategy, personnel and curriculum issues. Separate meetings are also held with a specific focus on finance and buildings.

To maintain a varied mix of skills and experience our membership is selected from Parents, the Local Authority, Staff and our Community.

We would like to hear from any parent of a current pupil in the school who might be interested in joining. We are specifically looking to enhance our skills base to support the financial management of the school, so an expertise in this area would be very beneficial for one of the posts.

If you feel that you could help our school please complete a short article about yourself that includes details of the skills you could bring to a role of Governor. Please submit any details to the head teacher, or via her email - head@meadows.worcs.sch.uk by 29th September 21 at the very latest. If there are more people who are interested than posts available, we will commence a parent vote.

If you would like to talk to an existing Governor to understand more about the role please ask Mrs Hewitt who will be happy to put you in touch with someone.



Meadows Mouse Awards

Caterpillars	Ella T - careful listing. Jake F - being focused and concentrating in lessons.
Dragonflies	Esme - super determination in Maths. Ciaran - great focus in all lessons.
Owls	Cairo - super effort & enthusiasm in all lessons. Anna T - showing amazing determination and imagination in her writing,
Hedgehogs	Chase S - working so hard learning in place value. Leni M - working with such focus and enthusiasm in her first week.
Sharks	Alfie D N - working so hard with his speech mark work. Mia P - writing with great enthusiasm in our preposition work.
Dolphins	Joseph E - trying exceptionally hard in all lessons. Nicole F - enthusiasm and sharing ideas in class
Jaguars	Charlie H - super focus in lessons. Amelie-Louise - doing her best in all lessons.
Tigers	Ava E - working hard in all lessons and showing excellent understanding of place value. Ella P - always trying her best and being kind and considerate to her friends.

You don't have to struggle alone

Talk to somebody now – 0808 196 9127

Herefordshire & Worcestershire 24-hour urgent mental health helpline



Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes



MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL
Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

- Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- Jewellery and Accessories
- Paired Shoes and Footwear
- Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS
DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED
CLOTHES.
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS,
BOOKS CDS OR ANY UNIFORM

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection date: 29th September

Please return the empty bag to the school if you are unable to donate this time.
Please remember - NO UNIFORM

