



MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



A Message from Mrs Hewitt

We have reached half term, and it has been wonderful to already see how much the children have settled and progressed since September. The school is calm and a happy place to be; the children have been amazing after such a challenging and disruptive 18 months.

We have had to cope with several positive cases of COVID across the school this term, but our tight procedures have helped to keep the spread to a minimum. Thank you for your support during this time, as by following the guidelines set out we are managing to keep the school and all classes open.

I hope that you were able to navigate the new system for parents' evenings this week; I know that the teachers thoroughly enjoyed sharing the children's progress, but also, they like having the opportunity of getting to know the parents too. This was a trial and we were limited to 8 minutes per child, which seemed a sufficient time slot for most parents; however, if you felt this was too short and you would like further discussions, there is the opportunity for a further meeting/ phone call. Please contact the class teachers via their class email account and they will arrange a phone call/meeting with you either this week or immediately after the half term break. This also applies to parents who were unable to make the evening and would like to speak to their child's teacher.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break, and I look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 1st November. Stay safe.

A Message from Meadows Eco Council

Take part in Recycle to Read to get books for your school

Recycle to Read is a ground-breaking new Pod Campaign that rewards schools for collecting unwanted plastic toys and tech for recycling and reuse, in exchange for books.

Did you know?

- Plastic toys and tech can be valuable for reuse and recycling but can have a negative impact on the environment if they are not disposed of correctly. Over 318 million toys are sold in the UK every year, of which the majority are manufactured from plastic or contain plastic components¹. However, there is currently limited infrastructure to collect and recycle plastic toys.
- Currently a large amount of tech is either hoarded in homes or thrown out with household waste. It is estimated households across the UK throw away 155,000 tonnes of small electricals every year.

Please send in your broken hard plastic toys (no soft toys please) and your old working Tech to our collection boxes in school (during the week after half term). We will be given reward vouchers that we can spend on books for school with all of the recycling that you donate.

Supporting your child at home with maths:

As a school, we follow the white rose hub scheme of work. Their website contains lots of useful information and help videos for parents on how to support your child's learning at home. There are booklets that you can download or buy for children to complete. <https://whiterosemaths.com/for-parents/>



Meadows Mouse Awards

Cygnets	Asha - trying really hard to learn tricky works. Amelia - amazing number work.
Goslings	Teddy - super listening and concentration. Ada - excellent writing and letter formation.
Caterpillars	Joshua - showing good focus in lessons. Alex - enthusiasm in phonics lessons.
Dragonflies	Harry & Ella E - great focus and hard work in Maths.
Owls	Alana - always showing great enthusiasm in all lessons. Zeke - being very determined & focused in all lessons and showing great reasoning in Maths.
Hedgehogs	Gina M - enthusiasm in Maths. Finnley J - great focus in lessons.
Sharks	Evan J for his mature attitude to work, Abigail G for great focus in lessons
Dolphins	Poppy W for fantastic art work. Mia for setting a great example to others with great manners and behaviour.
Jaguars	Joshua A - wonderful manners. Imogen G - always giving her best in lessons.
Tigers	Finlay H & Georgina R - writing a wonderful biography on Martin Luther King JR.



Pumpkin carving competition

to support 'MIND'

Come to the Boat Shack over half term to see our pumpkins. Our winners are:

In EYFS: Henry B

In Key stage one: Lily- Jane E

In Key stage 2: Charlie M

All the pumpkins have been taken to Upton Warren for their pumpkin trail. The proceeds will go to the Mind charity



Autumn Celebrations at Sanders Park

28th - 31st October,
5pm - 8.30pm
Come & enjoy our FREE
Autumn Lights of the
Park & music.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
(All Saints Road, Bromsgrove) (Temporary Closure)
Order 2021

Proposed Order: to close that part of All Saints Road from its junction with B4091 Stourbridge Road to its junction with C2253 Birmingham Road.

Reason: Footway Reconstruction by WCC.

Exemptions: to permit access to any land or premises fronting the highway affected where there is no other form of access; and to allow the works to be undertaken.

Alternative route: U21350 All Saints Road, B4091 Stourbridge Road, U21348 Victoria Road, C2253 Birmingham Road and vice versa.

Maximum duration: 18 Months. Anticipated duration: **33 days** Commencing: **15 November 2021.**

If your child displays any of the symptoms below they must not attend school and a PCR test is strongly recommended.

Symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a new, continuous cough,
- a high temperature,
- a loss of, or change in, sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Additional symptoms:

- runny nose
- headache
- nausea
- sickness and diarrhoea
- lethargy
- rash on torso

Mini bus

The school mini bus is for sale. Contact Mrs Slack in the school office for details.

Winter Resilience

Worcestershire County Council
County Hall
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you, for all that you have done so far this term to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 in school. You will be aware that rates of COVID-19 are high across the County and several of our schools have seen outbreaks. However, COVID-19 is not the only challenge that schools face this winter. Outbreaks of other infectious diseases, such as Norovirus, have already been reported and have the potential to impact on your child's school. We are suggesting key steps that can be taken this winter to protect you and your family against common winter infections and ultimately help to keep your child's school open and your child in education.

Handwashing

One of the most effective steps against all infectious diseases is handwashing. Although hand sanitizer has its place and is largely effective against COVID-19 it is less effective against other illnesses such as Norovirus. Therefore, I would like to stress to you the benefit of implementing good handwashing practices at home.

- Encourage your children to wash their hands before and after school and regularly throughout the day.
- It is important to wash hands for at least 20 seconds, using soap and water, then dry thoroughly.

COVID-19

There have been some recent changes to the guidance of how outbreaks of COVID-19 are managed in schools (**Contingency framework: education and childcare settings - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)**). You may notice some differences if your child's school experiences an outbreak. The key differences are:

- Additional testing
 - If there are several reported cases of COVID-19 in your child's school your child may be asked to do a PCR test.
 - For year 7 and above, your child may be asked to do a one-off Lateral Flow Test (LFT) or daily LFTs.
 - If you have a COVID-19 case at home or your child has been notified that they are a contact of a case of COVID-19 by NHS test and Trace, they should get a PCR test and do daily LFTs until their PCR test result is returned.
- Individuals previously identified as CEV are advised to continue to follow the guidance: **Coronavirus: how to stay safe and help prevent the spread - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)**. Individuals should consider advice from their health professional on whether additional precautions are right for them.

These measures have been suggested as part of the guidance to reduce the impact of an outbreak of COVID-19.

Norovirus

Norovirus, also known as the "Winter Vomiting Bug" is a virus that often circulates in winter and causes diarrhoea and vomiting. To reduce the impact of Norovirus on your school please:

- Ensure that after having diarrhoea and/or vomiting your child does not return to school until a minimum of 48 hours of being symptom free.

- Promote handwashing in your household, with soap and water and good **hand drying**. Wet, washed hands spread germs.
- Remember that hand gels don't work against Norovirus infection.

Influenza

Influenza(Flu) is likely to be circulating amongst other respiratory infections this winter. Things to consider, to limit the spread are:

- All children aged 2-16 are eligible for the nasal spray flu vaccine.
- Children who test negative for COVID-19 should not come back to school until they are at least 24 hours clear of a fever and are feeling well enough to return to school.
- Share clear respiratory hygiene measures with children "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it."

All parents and carers are encouraged to download the "Handi Paediatric App" this is a free app which has been designed by health professionals and allows you access to expert advice on how to manage common childhood illnesses. More information can be found here:

Herefordshire and Worcestershire ccg - HANDi Paediatric app (Worcestershire)

Thank you again for all that you have been doing and we really do wish you well as we enter the winter months where, we do traditionally see more circulating infections. If you would like any further information on Norovirus or Influenza please visit:

Norovirus (vomiting bug) - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Flu - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Kind Regards,



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