



MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



A Message from Mrs Hewitt



We would like to welcome two new parents to our Governing Body: Shaun Clark and Jane Wilson. We look forward to working alongside them over the next four years.

We recently had a visit from a county school improvement advisor who spent time with us discussing school improvement with senior leaders, observing lessons, looking at books and talking to children. His report praises the school and he reported that 'we deem you to be amongst our most secure and high performing schools'. The report states that:

- There is a strong culture of Safeguarding at the school which is built upon rigorous systems and effective practice
- Senior leaders have a very clear and accurate understanding of the school's strengths and areas for improvement both in terms of the quality of education but also in terms of the wider needs of the school community.
- Leaders have established a clear, compelling, and exciting curriculum intent.
- There is a powerful learning culture at the school. Teachers have high expectations of what pupils can and should achieve and these are made explicitly clear both through the teaching, the very high-quality work on display around the school in the different subject areas, and in the pupils' workbooks.
- Right from the EYFS to Y4, pupils are provided with stimulating and immersive learning environments with clear models and images to support their learning.
- Teaching assistants are experienced and skilled in their support role and deployed well in provide support to groups and individual pupils.
- Leadership capacity is strong. The headteacher and her deputy are highly experienced and provide an improvement strategy that is clear, focussed on the right things, and brings about sustainable improvement. They have established a very strong culture of professional learning, where teachers are actively encouraged to reflect on their practice, engage with educational research and develop their professional effectiveness.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff for their continued hard work and dedication to make Meadows First School the best that it can be for our children.



The children looked great in their pyjamas today. Thank you for your support

Christmas arrangements:

- Father Christmas will visit each class in Forest school (around the fire) on Friday 10th December.
- We have organised for a professional Theatre group to visit school on Tuesday 14th Dec.
- Party Day will be on Wednesday 15th December- children can come to school in party clothes.
- Christmas lunch on Monday 13th December.

Christmas carols:

We are very aware that we have had rising covid cases in school, and we want to try to keep everyone safe so that they can enjoy Christmas. We have carefully considered how we can celebrate with our families. Hence (covid cases allowing) as part of our Christmas celebrations, we would also like to invite parents/carers to attend a mini outdoor carol concert performed by their child's year group (years R-4). Nursery staff will inform you of their celebrations via Tapestry.

These performances will last approximately 15 minutes and will be weather dependent (we will do our best to rearrange any that are affected). Mince pies and hot chocolate will be available, for a donation, for parents while they wait. The classes will perform on either the reception or year 1/2 playground, so space is limited. Can we politely ask that only a maximum of 2 people per child attend. We will also be providing a video of the children for you to share with family members. Please complete the consent form if you agree to your child being on their year group's video

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=apksmRW7ykyVmQcinJgWpXZrK9QTRL5CmBmSQ4VdlglUOFNCSUw3SjNYSjhDNEwwTlIZNOJVWDFXQi4u> by Friday 26th November. If we do not receive

consent, your child will not be included in the video but will join in the outdoor performance.

The children will all need to wear a warm coat. Year 3 and 4 can return to school in their own warm clothing.

Children in Year 3 and 4 will need to return to school for 4.30 ready to perform outside year 1 classroom for 4.45pm.

Children will enter school via the early years doors and parents will proceed around the back of the school to the year 1 playground entrance. Hot chocolate and mince pies will be available to purchase before the concert.

The details are as follows:

Monday 6th December	Reception carol performance at 2.15pm (on Reception playground)
Tuesday 7th December	Year 1 carol performance at 2.15pm (on Year 1 playground)
	Year 3 carol performance at 4.45pm (children return at 4.30) (on Y1 playground)
Wednesday 8th December	Year 2 carol performance at 2.15pm (on Year 1 playground)
	Year 4 carol performance at 4.45pm (children come back at 4.30) (on Y1 playground)

We hope that this will be a great way to celebrate Christmas together.



Meadows Mouse Awards

Cygnets	Penelope J - being so enthusiastic about looking after our world. Maverick Bellizzi - trying so hard in phonics this week.
Goslings	Henry - excellent phonics and letter formation. Skye - working hard on learning her letter sounds.
Caterpillars	Everly P -building up confidence and being ready to learn. Benji - being an enthusiastic learner in all lessons, particularly reading.
Dragonflies	Zavier - brilliant phonics work. Jack - excellent Maths.
Owls	Tulashee - super effort, ideas and enthusiasm in writing. Sam - showing great enthusiasm and reasoning in Maths.
Hedgehogs	Harlow G - enthusiasm in all her lessons. Rowan B - amazing information page on being healthy.
Sharks	Shahraan Q - focusing on presenting his work neatly. Esme H S - always being a fantastic example of a Meadows learner.
Dolphins	Cameron A - working hard and answering lots of questions in Maths. Isabelle C - lovely story writing.
Jaguars	Reuben H - great thinking in Maths about perimeter. Poppy A - showing great enthusiasm in lessons.
Tigers	Lola W - writing a wonderful fable and publishing it beautifully. Jack B - making a mouth watering loaf of bread.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS Android Phone

On Android phones, restricting access to particular apps usually requires going onto Google Play. From there, it's fairly easy to navigate your way through the settings to manage the parental controls and authentications relating to any apps on the device. These features can prevent your child from downloading or buying anything unsuitable for their age. Updated versions of apps or games that your child has already installed may occasionally contain something inappropriate, so we've explained how to stop those, too.



How to Block App Downloads (This Also Disables In-app Purchases):

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Scroll down to the Family section and tap Parental controls
- 5 Toggle 'Parental controls are off' to 'Parental controls are on'
- 6 Create a PIN and tap OK
- 7 Confirm your PIN and tap OK again
- 8 Tap Apps & Games
- 9 Set the age limit you wish to set
- 10 Tap Save to apply your changes

How to Stop Auto-updates

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Auto-Update Apps
- 5 Select 'Don't auto-update apps' and then tap Done

Restricting Apps Through Google Family Link

- 1 Open Google Play Family Link for parents
- 2 Tap the three horizontal lines in the top left
- 3 Select your child's account
- 4 Tap Manage
- 5 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 6 Tap Apps & Games
- 7 Select the age limit you wish to set



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Present Drop For Those Less Fortunate

**Bromsgrove Rugby Club
Sunday 5th December
9:30am - 12:30pm**

**Bromsgrove Rugby Club
proudly hosts this event to
support New Starts and Royal
Worcester Hospital**

**LET'S
TACKLE
CHRISTMAS
TOGETHER**



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 or a rash on torso