



## A Message from Mrs Hewitt

We have had another week of government announcements with regard to Covid. My priority as always is to keep everyone safe, and hence we will be making very few changes to procedures in school. Despite several staff cases, we have managed to keep all classes open. Thank you for continuing to support us; your kind messages are well appreciated.

Our next scheduled parents' evenings are the week commencing 14th February; these will take place virtually through School Cloud again (details to follow). Each meeting will be 9 minutes long. You can only book one meeting through this system, but if you need longer or another appointment you will be able to organise this directly with the class teacher. We are also looking at organising a safe opportunity for you to visit classrooms and look at your child's work later this term.

### School Improvement:

Over the next few newsletters, I will share with you some aspects of our school improvement planning and what we have been doing in school since September.

### Early Years

This year we have implemented the new Early Years Framework in Reception and Nursery. This marries in with our early years' ethos at Meadows of developing a curiosity approach. This approach aims to create 'thinkers & doers' by putting the child at the centre of their own development and education. We are also aware that the impact the learning environment has on children's wellbeing and their engagement in their learning. This has led to us redesigning our Early Years classrooms and outdoor space by introducing natural, upcycled and environmentally friendly resources that will encourage the children's natural curiosity and eagerness to explore and create. See below some of the learning areas in the early years' classrooms.



Mrs Dwyer is the Early Years coordinator in school, if you would like any more information.

How do we teach maths? We understand that many parents/carers feel like maths has changed since they were at school and over recent years. It is sometimes difficult to keep up to date and fully understand some of the teaching methods that we use in school. At Meadows we use a scheme called White Rose Hub as a starting point for our lessons. There are a series of short clips that are very helpful for parents/carers to understand how the teaching of maths has changed in schools – click on Meadows Mouse for the videos.



Mr Tunnicliffe is the maths coordinator in school, if you would like any more information.



Here is a link to Worcestershire's latest 'Families' magazine, which contains lots of useful information. Please click here [Families Magazine](#)

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, and/or rash on torso



Some people have mentioned that they are struggling to get Lateral Flow Tests. You can book to pick-up a test on this site:

<https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/#/location/Bromsgrove>



## Meadows Mouse Awards

Cygnets	Tilly - working so hard with her Phonics. Lockie - being kind with his friends.
Goslings	Leo - super number work and always making us smile with his chats. Ethan - always being organised and so helpful when we have a job to do.
Caterpillars	Ethan A - working hard in class and great progress in Maths. Jessica C - writing an interesting description of a character.
Dragonflies	Hudson - super English work and good writing. Poppy - excellent focus & understanding in Maths.
Owls	Tillie - always being so enthusiastic in her learning and using amazing vocabulary in English. Isaac - always being determined to solve tricky problems in Maths.
Hedgehogs	Lilly-May G - fantastic work with sharing and grouping in Maths. Zac L - determination in English.
Sharks	Mia P - writing a very descriptive and entertaining story. Esme H S - showing great determination and skill in her Clarinet lessons.
Dolphins	William B - working harder and being more focused. Nicole F - fabulous story writing this week
Jaguars	Ollie A E & Amilie-Lou C - fantastic skills in Tag Rugby.
Tigers	Liam - great determination in Swimming. Lola - great answers in Maths & English.