



A Message from Mrs Hewitt

I hope that everyone had a lovely Bank holiday weekend. The children have returned to school refreshed and ready to learn.

This week parents in years 1-4 should have received an invite from their child's class teacher to visit the classroom to look at their child's books on either 7th or 8th June after school. Reception are inviting parents in for a stay and play session on either 7th or 9th June at 2.30pm. Nursery parents are invited in for a stay and play session on Wednesday 8th June 9-9.45am. It is so lovely to be able to welcome you back into school for these events after the restrictions of the last two years.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

We are planning a week of activities to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. These celebrations will commence on the week beginning 23rd May.

We will also be holding a whole school street party (on the field for the children) on Friday 27th May; they can bring in a small picnic (cake and drink) to have on that afternoon. The children can come to school in non-uniform on this day; they can wear red, white and blue clothes.

During the week, parents will also be invited in for a biscuit and a song with their child's class (see table below)

1 parent or carer is invited into the classroom have a 'biscuit' with their child and listen to songs		
	9.15-9.45am	2.45-3.15pm
Monday 23 rd May:	Nursery – a forest school jubilee fun morning	
Tuesday 24 th May		Reception
Wed 25 th May	Y3	Y1
Thurs 26 th May	Y4	Y2
Friday 27 th May		

This week will also be Arts Week.

Each morning we will run a 'Big Draw' activity (based around the Jubilee) for parents and children to get involved in before and after school.

We have an artist in residence during this week who will be completing printing workshops with key stage 2.

We also have the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra performing concerts for all of the children on Friday morning.



Queen's Jubilee homework

Children are encouraged, if they wish, to create a crown at home and bring it on Thursday 26th May. On the following day, there will be a crown competition and the child who has made the best crown in each year group will win a prize



Children's Challenge Fun Run - Sanders Park

This has become a popular event with the children and before Covid attracted over 150 young people all of whom get a proper race medal for finishing. The run is split into two age groups with 7s and under doing approximately 800m and the 8-10s running just under a mile.

Races start at 5pm on Saturday 16th July, entirely within the safe confines of Sanders Park, Bromsgrove. The event is open to all children under 11.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Race Director Mark Graham on 07881224699.

We have started working with the Waitrose Community Team in order to support families that are struggling financially. They have offered us food that is near it's end of date. We will collect this each Thursday. They have said that the food will vary according to what they have to offer each week. If you are interested in receiving any food parcel, you can contact us confidentially by email to office@meadows.worcs.sch.uk and we will contact you when anything becomes available.



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Take care when cooking



ESCAPE PLAN

Plan a safe escape



Meadows Mouse Awards

Cygnets	William - always working really hard and being a wonderful friend. Chloe - trying so hard with writing.
Goslings	Amelia H - helping us all share her expert knowledge about Islam and telling us about what Eid means for her. Ethan - always being an enthusiastic learner and a helpful class member.
Caterpillars	Oliver B - great effort learning about the Global topic, climate change. Ella T - being focused in every subject.
Dragonflies	Theo - super reading. Ollie C - good phonics.
Owls	Leo - amazing enthusiasm and sharing lots of super facts in Science. Harriet - super enthusiasm and creativity in her writing.
Hedgehogs	Rowan - focus in his problem solving and reasoning in Maths. Annabelle - being determined with her maths calculations.
Sharks	Leyla N - showing great determination with her reading. Harrison T - showing determination with his fractions.
Dolphins	Leo F - sharing his lovely ideas in English lessons. Dominic R - spelling tricky words correctly
Jaguars	Indie - fantastic ideas for her version of the King of the Fishes. Charlie H - always giving his best in lessons.
Tigers	Sam Kowalski & Ava Edwards - working hard on their re-writes of the story of the King of the Fishes.

KS1 SATs

Over the next few weeks, the year 2 children will be taking their SATs. The tests include:

- Reading Paper 1 and 2
- Arithmetic
- Reasoning
- Grammar
- Spelling

For the children's well-being we will spread the tests out so that children will have no more than 2 per week.

How to help at home.

Above all else please continue to keep reading with your children and practising their weekly spellings. Spellingshed and numbots are also great tools to help keep children interested in practising the skills they need to learn.

Well-being

Whilst these SATs are important, they are really just an opportunity for children to show off just how much they have learned over the last 4 years. We already know the children extremely well, so teacher assessment is important above all else. Our priority is that children enjoy their time at school and not worry about these tests. They are done in such a way that the children will think it is usual work in school. The teachers created a video explaining the process and sent it out to parents on the year 2 newsletter a few weeks ago; I hope that you found this useful.