



# Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows  
Primary School

## Forthcoming dates

**Please do check the website regularly**

<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Pupil Progress meetings with Parents/ Carers
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	World Book Day
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	France Residential
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Y2 SATS Parents' Meeting 3pm
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Classes 1 and 2 Trip to Etruria Museum
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	INSET day School closed to pupils
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Holidays
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday School Closed
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	SATS Y6



The warm late February weather was especially appreciated by year 5 earlier this week as they completed their Bikeability level 2 training. We are very fortunate to receive government funding to run such a worthwhile activity. The training took place on local streets, giving pupils a real cycling experience. They learnt how to deal with traffic on short journeys and be more observant of their environment. The children once again really enjoyed being outside in the sunshine and developing their cycling skills. We were so very proud of each child who varied in experience and confidence. The instructor complimented their listening skills and their support and encouragement to one another. Yet another example of how children really do care and share for one another at The Meadows.

The school is unable to permit pupils to cycle to school, due to limited storage facilities and also due to a risk assessment of our surrounding roads at peak time.

## Reading at Home

It has been very encouraging to see so many of our parents join us for one of our recent workshops. We very much do value the partnership we have with our parental community and recognise that this relationship is a key contributing factor in our continued academic standards.



Classes One and Two have led workshops focusing on the use of Bug Club and demonstrated just how versatile and modern this resource is. There is so many resources built in to encourage your child to read a variety of books and also enables the adults to foster effective book talk which develop understanding and enjoyment. Whilst we do retain a paper reading scheme also, these do quickly become outdated and worn. They are incredibly expensive to replace. The children love the Bug Clubs books as they are so attractive to the child's eye. Please remember that there is an expectation that all the children in Reception and Key Stage One read one of these books weekly as part of their routines at home. They work on all tablets, computers and even phones. It is also important that we educate our children that screen time can also be used as a learning tool. If you have any issues with log on details please contact the class teacher.



In Key Stage 2 we have launched our new online reading library. This provides our children with an extensive range of books both modern and classic. So far it is proving extremely popular. We have been able to purchase this new resource thanks to the Christmas fundraising events.

We have managed to source some great book benches for outside and now are looking for a talented artist who can paint the designs for us. If you think you may be able to help with this or have any contacts, please let us know. Here is an idea of what we are aiming to create for the playground.



# WORLD BOOK DAY

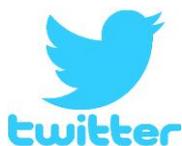
A reminder that we shall be participating in this national event on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. You will have received a letter before half term detailing our activities. Whilst we are not dressing up this year, we shall be participating in book themed activities all day and are looking forward to revealing the winners of our Story Jar completion. Please see the blog page if you need more information.

<https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/world-book-day-competition>

On this day we shall also be welcoming colleagues from The Shaw Education Trust, who will be evaluating the impact of our reading initiatives.

### After School Clubs

We are continuing to receive requests for children to be collected from clubs early or they miss sessions due to hairdresser appointments, family engagements etc. We ask that if a child joins a club they attend each session and stay for the duration. If your child misses 2 sessions for reasons other than illness, their place will be allocated to someone else. It is important that these clubs are not viewed as childcare that can be used as and when needed.



We now have over 100 followers! Since September we have posted 285 tweets! You can view our Twitter feed on our website as well as of course becoming one of our followers.

### Online Safety

You can download an informative guide regarding activities you can do at home to strengthen the work we do in school regarding online safety on our website by clicking [here](#). As you will be aware, we use Google's Internet Legend scheme which teaches children to become: Sharp, Alert, Secure, Kind and Brave in the digital world online.



### Personal Possessions

I would like to remind all our school community of the following:

*The storage of any personal property or possessions or, where pupils bring in personal property or possessions onto the school premises it is at the pupil's and parent's own risk and the school will not be liable for any loss or damage to personal property or possessions.*

*Mrs Procter*



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