



# Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows  
Primary School

## Forthcoming dates

**Please do check the website regularly**

**Tuesday January 8<sup>th</sup>** Start of New Term

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January** Swimming begins for Years 1 and 2

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Half Term Holiday

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March** France Residential

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March** INSET day School closed to pupils

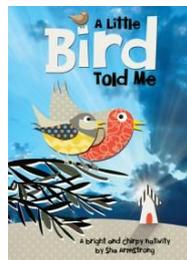
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April** Easter Holidays

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** Bank Holiday School Closed

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May** SATS Y6

We have finally reached the end of the term after a very busy week. I want to thank all the children for working so hard in what has been a very long autumn term and their families for their continued support. The staff as always, take great joy in sharing this special time of year with the children and I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank them for their enthusiasm and commitment to our school. I know they are certainly ready for the busy weekend ahead, as they prepare for Christmas with their families.

We are once again so very touched by your generous gifts, kind emails and cards. On behalf of everyone here at The Meadows I would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and our good wishes for 2019.



## Nativity Performance

Classes 1 and 2 brought so much cheer and pride to their families on Wednesday. They were all absolutely amazing and certainly pushed themselves out of their comfort zones. They did so incredibly well performing to a full audience, with very little practise beforehand on the stage. They all looked beautiful in their costumes and we would like to thank our families for supporting us with this. It was particularly lovely to see so many of the children have the support of many family members as they performed. Sharing such a proud family memory with you is a real privilege of my job. The refreshments afterwards proved to be very popular and we enjoyed chatting to so many of our families.

## Jack and the Beanstalk

Classes 3 and 4 had a thoroughly fun filled afternoon on Monday at Crewe Lyceum. Our old friends "Cannon and Ball" once again had the children and staff in absolute fits of laughter. We were seated right in front of the stage, which did of course mean that Miss Parry was right in the centre of the jokes and even at one point had squashed banana smeared across her face. The children's behaviour was exemplary and they were a joy to spend the afternoon with. We are regular visitors to the Lyceum and have already booked for 2019! We are on the front row again too!

## Christmas Disco

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our fundraising event last Friday. The grand total raised was £761.90. The children had a great time and we raised such a terrific amount too. This will support the development of our reading resources. I must say a particular thank you to Mrs Cooper who leads our fundraising events, to Leycett Cricket Club for their free use of the venue and to those parents who helped out on the evening. We really could not do these events without the extra hands.



**Academy News** We have recently welcomed the Director of English to The Meadows. Her focus was upon the further development of Reading across the school with a particular emphasis upon the engagement of boys. This is very much a national focus currently as girls continue to outperform boys in this area. She spent time in each of the classrooms, looked at books, held pupil discussions and reviewed our assessment data. She particularly enjoyed discussing the newly formed Book Club with the children. This was proposed and organised by Christi in Y5. This has proven to be very popular and completely child led. We also shared our "Brilliant Books" project. This is where we are creatively studying various books and facilitating children's imagination as they unravel the meaning and words.

You can find out more about her visit and her delight at our reading culture on our blog page:

<https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/academy-visit-reading>



## School Clubs

These will commence on WB 14<sup>th</sup> January. We will send out details of the clubs available on the first day back in the new term, so look out for this on ParentMail. As before, we will be using an electronic booking system. We do request that if your child attends a club, they attend for the whole session as it is very disruptive if they have to leave early. They frequently are working in paired activities. If your child is unable to stay for the whole session due to other commitments, we politely request that you collect your child at 3:30pm instead.

## Attendance

This week we have celebrated the outstanding attendance of over a third of our pupils, who have 100% attendance this term.

As you are aware we have high expectations regarding attendance and punctuality and expect ALL of our children to have an attendance of at least 97%. This means that only 5 days can be missed across the year. This of course does allow for the odd day here and there to recover from genuine illness. Please do remember to let the school know via telephone or email if your child is going to absent from school every day they are absent. If by 10:00am we haven't heard from you, we will telephone you and we may even make a home visit if we have any concerns.

This term our attendance data is:

Year Group	Attendance
R	98.7%
1	99%
2	95.5%
3	96.9%
4	97.2%
5	97.7%
6	96.65%
Total	97.3%

Well done to R,Y1,Y4 and 5 for being above our school target.

The term dates for this academic year and 2019-2020 can be viewed on the website and as always paper copies are available from the office. I urge you to take note of the dates before you book holidays in advance, as holidays during term time will not be authorised and are highly likely to incur a Penalty Notice issued by the LA.

## News from our Pupil Ambassadors

All schools have development points each academic year. Even though our outcomes continue to be excellent across the school, we are certainly not complacent and are always striving to further improve and embark on meaningful new initiatives. You can find out more about this on our website: <https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/school-development>

This week The Ambassadors have been tasked with meeting with the school leaders to find out more information about how the school is progressing in meeting its objectives this year.

Here is a summary of their findings in their very own words:

Area of development	Member of staff	What have we achieved so far this term?	What has been the impact?	What do we need to develop further?
Maths	Mrs Kuffour	We have introduced a new Concrete, Pictorial and Abstract based scheme called Power Maths. We have introduced new textbooks that give the children harder work. Also, we have introduced new characters to promote positive learning attitudes and purchased lots of physical resources.	Children are better at representing methods and quick recall.	Children drawing the diagrams more independently.
English	Miss Parry	We have introduced Brilliant Books and reading for pleasure. We have got more books aimed for boys in the library and we	Children are loving reading and are more aware about the different	We are trying to encourage more boys across the school to enjoy

		have now got a challenge in school to read 200 books before you leave school.	characteristics of a reader and a writer.	reading and read for pleasure.
Science	Mrs Farrand	We have done more investigating and more challenging opportunities in our learning.	Children have more knowledge of science and they can apply their knowledge of scientific vocabulary.	We want the children to become more independent when planning investigations.
Online Safety	Miss Parry	We have introduced a new Internet Legends scheme and are encouraging children to think about their choices and how to manage their risks.	The games on Internet legends are becoming more popular and children are more aware about how to be safe online. The 5 pillars and characters are memorable for children.	We are working on parents joining in with their children's learning and helping them to be safe online at home.



**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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