



# Meadows Newsletter

The Meadows  
Primary School

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## Forthcoming dates

**Please do check the website regularly. Full Term dates are on the website.**

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| Christmas Holidays | <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> January</b><br>Staff INSET<br>4 <sup>th</sup> January<br>Closed to pupils |
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| Half Term | <b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b> |
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| Easter Holidays | <b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b> |
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As we approach the end of a year, like no other, I'd like to thank you. We always recognise that, in sending your children to our school, you are putting great trust in us, both to care for and to educate them. This year, this couldn't be more true, So thank you for continuing to trust in us through this tumultuous time, particularly when there must have been times of real worry for you, as there have been for all of us.

Thank you for all your support in returning the children to school in September. Every headteacher in the land worried in late August as we prepared the school for the return for the return of the pupils, but we also relied on your support to make it all work.

Lastly, thank you for working with us through these challenging months, without traditional events like welcome meetings, parents' evenings or even the school nativity.

In some ways, it's felt harder than ever to be together as a school community but, in other ways, this period of change has highlighted the importance of working

together as we do. I've never been prouder to lead to such a special school family. The staff, the children and yourselves have been remarkable and even on the toughest of days with midnight government announcements, my commitment to the school and all of you has been constant. We really have overcome these challenges together.

Hopefully, you'll agree that, throughout 2020, we've worked with you to provide your children with the safest, most enjoyable and most effective education possible. And we look forward to doing the same in 2021.

Mrs Procter

## Christmas Video

At the end of a long and difficult year, it has been so lovely to celebrate Christmas at The Meadows this week. As a community, we have had a lot of festive fun over the past few days - something that the children really deserve for all their hard work and determination this term to recover from school closures and restore their learning behaviours and lost learning. We have been so incredibly proud of each and everyone of our school community and how they have adapted to the changes this term has brought - our children, staff, parents and family members.

Whilst we are disappointed not to be able to hold our Christmas Nativity and music concerts this year, we are so proud to be able to share with you our 'Christmas at the Stable' video. This is our small way of thanking you for supporting us all during the course of this difficult year. We hope you enjoy it; we have certainly enjoyed making it, despite having to contend with recording outside and all of the difficulties this poses. You may hear the passing traffic on the main road. You might even hear the sound of drilling here and there. But hopefully, overall, you will feel a sense of pride and joy - pride in our amazing, resilient community and the infectious joy that children spread at Christmas time.

You can find our Christmas video on our private school YouTube channel, by clicking on the link sent via email.

## Christmas Activity Day

The children had such a fabulous day yesterday. They certainly enjoyed their festive lunch and we all agreed that it was by far the best party day we have had. My thanks to you as parents for your financial contributions and to Mrs Cooper, who led the organisation and worked very hard to ensure everyone had a good time.



Once again, we were overwhelmed by your generosity. We received so many lovely gifts that we were able to prepare a gift bag of presents to our families who need a little extra help this year. Our family ethos of caring for one another has well and truly been shared amongst our community. Thank you once again for your consideration and kindness.

## Class 3

Mrs Quinnell has been made to feel so welcome over the last couple of weeks. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time with Class 3 and I am incredibly proud of how the children have adapted to the change and continued to show what a special class they are. We look forward to welcoming back Miss Parry in January.

## Christmas Window Competition

We have been delighted to receive so many entries. They have certainly helped to spread Christmas cheer in our community. Each and every one was different and very creative. Congratulations to the winners below:



Unless there is a further change to the guidance issued to schools by the government, clubs will resume week beginning 11th January. We will send further communications, when we return to school.

Finally, on behalf of all of the staff I would like to thank you for all the thoughtful and special gifts we have received. The children know my tastes well it seems ..... I feel very blessed to be taking home such lovely cards, messages and gifts. Thank you to you all.

Have a wonderful Christmas, look after each other and stay safe. We look forward to welcoming you all on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### 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.*



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