



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School

Forthcoming dates

Please do check the website regularly

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| Friday 29th March | INSET day School closed to pupils |
| Monday 15th April to Friday 26th April | Easter Holidays |
| Tuesday 30th April | 9am Phonics Meeting for Y1 parents and carers. |
| Monday 6th May | Bank Holiday School Closed |
| Thursday 2nd May | 3:30pm Online Safety workshop for parents. |
| Friday 10th May | Class and Leavers' Photographs |
| Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May | SATS Y6 |
| WB 20th May | KS1 SATS |
| Wednesday /Thursday 22nd -23rd May | Y6 Wilderness Residential |
| WB 10th June | Phonics Screening Y1 |

I am sure we all agree that we have missed the sunshine and it has been so lovely to see it return. Spring is certainly here and we have the lighter evenings to look forward to as well next week.

Early Mothers' Day Treat

Class 1 enjoyed welcoming their special visitors to Afternoon Tea last week. The food looked delicious, and there were certainly some tasty treats to enjoy. A big thank you to Stella and her team from AIP catering, for going above and beyond.

Trip to Etruria Industrial Museum

Classes 1 and 2 enjoyed their trip yesterday which has enriched their learning about local history. They went aboard a narrow boat which was built in 1959 and has been restored as a floating classroom. They were shocked to learn how tiny the living space was in those days for a whole family whilst working on the canals carrying cargo in the hold. It was amazing to see how a cupboard board was pulled down to make a small table. The bed had to be pulled out at night from the "bedole" and guess where baby had to sleep! In the bottom drawer! Children were most shocked at the bathroom facilities or actually the lack of them! They learnt how to make a rag rug and they all had a go! Take a look at the class blog page on our website for photos.



Contact Details

It is vitally important for safeguarding reasons, that the school holds at least two contact names and working telephone numbers for your child. It is also essential to ensure that the numbers you provide do accept calls during working hours. Also please ensure that you let us know when your phone numbers and addresses change.

Collection Times

A polite reminder than children should be collected promptly at 3:30pm or 4:30pm if staying for an extra-curricular club. Of course we do appreciate occasional and unexpected traffic delays do happen and this is understood. However I am noticing that the frequency of delayed collection is increasing significantly. Children do quickly become anxious when parents are late and we simply do not have the staffing capacity to provide childcare. If your working hours and travel routines mean you are unable to ensure prompt collection, please do make adequate arrangements for your child. As part of our safeguarding procedures, late collections are recorded.

Mrs Fowler is available either in school or by telephone on: **07950717559** should you wish to make arrangements with the Roosters after school facility. Please note this is not run by the school and all communications need to be made directly with her.

INSET Day

A final reminder that the school is closed tomorrow. The staff are joining colleagues from other schools within our Trust to review our curriculum design. We hope you enjoy the longer weekend and we wish all the special ladies in our children's lives, a happy Mother's Day on Sunday.



Online Safety

Thank you to our families who have participated in our survey regarding the most suitable time to hold the workshop. The overwhelming majority indicated 3:30pm is the most convenient time. So it will be held on Thursday 2nd May at 3:30pm. This will be unsuitable for children, so we will provide free childcare on this occasion to those children who are not already in an after school club on that day. We do hope that many of you as possible will be able to attend, so that we can share some key messages about managing risks at home and supporting your child in developing digital resilience.

Book Club

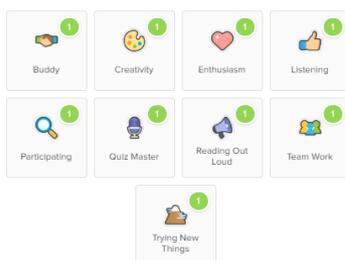
At The Meadows we are so proud of our articulate and confident children. We do actively engage them where possible in

how the school is run. Our Book Club has grown from an idea presented to me by a pupil and has now developed into a key part of our reading culture. Below is a message from the leaders:

On Thursdays, we run a lunchtime club called Book Club for pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2. We wanted to introduce the club as we love reading and want to encourage others to read for pleasure as well.

Each week we organise the sessions ourselves and then deliver the activities to our members. We have so much fun leading our sessions - it is great to see people reading out loud and discussing the book that they are reading. Some children have certainly grown in confidence during the sessions and are reading more at home too.

We have enjoyed sharing our club with visitors too. Recently Mrs Pierce (the English Director for SET) came with another colleague to watch our session and to see how we are celebrating reading for pleasure. Miss Parry has told us how brilliantly we led and how impressed the visitors were. As a result of this visit, we are now introducing our 'bring a buddy to book club' idea with children and have even created our own Dojo award system to encourage our members. We want to encourage and reward our members to: listen, participate, try new things, read out loud, ask questions, be enthusiastic, be creative, to bring a buddy and even take turns as the quiz master.



If you haven't tried out book club before, why not come with a buddy next Thursday lunchtime.

By Christi, Gracie, Michelle and Alexi

Message for Y6 Parents/Carers

The leavers' hoodies are due in anytime now and we shall distribute them as soon as they arrive. The children are invited to wear them for PE lessons now and then as part of their daily school uniform, from WB 20th May onwards.

Friendship Bench

Many of you will have noticed that the bench has become rotten and is looking very much past its best! We have ordered a replacement and hope to have it installed very soon.



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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