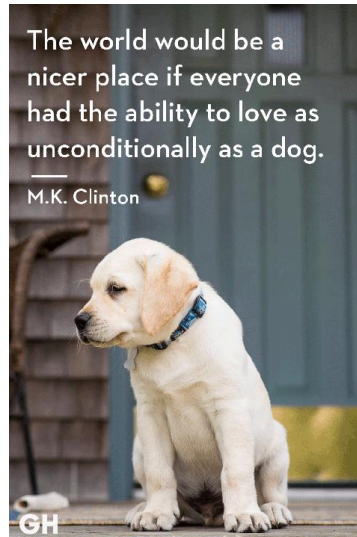




Thought for the Week



Introducing our new school friend, Teddy!



Please read the attached letter to find out more about our adorable new school friend, Teddy!



Sponsored Event

Please don't forget that week commencing 30th September we will be running our annual Sponsored Fitness Trail for the children. This has been a really successful fundraiser over the past three years and once again we are hoping to use the monies raised to put towards our annual Christmas Theatre trip (more details of which will follow later) We have popped the sponsor form in your child's book bag today. Please return this form, along with the monies collected to school by Friday 11th October 2019. Many thanks for your support in this.

Harvest Festival

The children are really excited to warmly welcome you to this year's Harvest Festival. It is on Friday 11th October and starts at 2.00pm prompt in the school hall. Everyone is welcome but we do respectfully request that if a baby or child in the audience gets upset or noisy, that they are brought out to the office area to settle them. This helps ensure that every child in the performance can be heard and seen. Due to space restrictions, we also request that **prams and pushchairs are left outside**. Thank you for your support in this.

Because it is a Harvest festival, we are requesting donations of non-perishable food which in turn will be donated to our local food bank – The Kingfisher Food bank. They have requested donations of the following...

- Milk (UHT or powdered)
- Cartons of squash or fruit juice
- Pasta/curry sauces
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned meat or fish
- Tinned vegetables/potatoes
- Sugar
- Rice pudding/custard
- Dried rice/savoury rice
- Biscuits and snacks

They also urgently need donations of toilet roll, shampoo, deodorant, shower gel, toothpaste and washing powder. Please bring any donations into school from next Monday 23rd September ready for the Harvest display on 11th October. Thank you in advance for your kind and generous donations.



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Positive Behaviour Policy 2019/2022

Attached to this week's newsletter you will find the newly updated Positive Behaviour Policy. This is a very important policy and one that helps keep everyone at High Meadow safe and free from harm. Please take some time to read the policy in full. By agreeing for your child to attend High Meadow Community School, you are agreeing to the procedures laid out in all policies. Our expectations are that parents will support these procedures if on any occasion we have to refer to them. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Parent's Phonics/SPAG workshops

Thank you to all of the parents who came along to the Phonics and SPAG workshops this week. The staff put a lot of hard work into preparing the events and appreciate the wonderful turnout. Copies of the presentations can be found on the school website, on the class pages.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Please come and join us from 9.00am – 10.00am in the school hall to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care. Every year our school community pulls together and helps raise hundreds of pounds for this cancer charity. We will be requesting donations of cakes to be brought into school on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th September but most of all we would love to see you at the coffee morning...please bring your family and friends too!



Cleaner/Caretaker Vacancy

We have attached a copy of a new vacancy we have in school for a cleaner/caretaker. Please share amongst families and friends.



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Attendance – ‘Every Child Attending Every Day’

Good attendance (97%+) is key to academic success and missing just one or two days each half term can have a detrimental impact on a child’s learning and progress. The LA may send out fines to families who are deemed to be ‘persistently absent’. Our Attendance Policy can be found on our school website if you need further clarification.

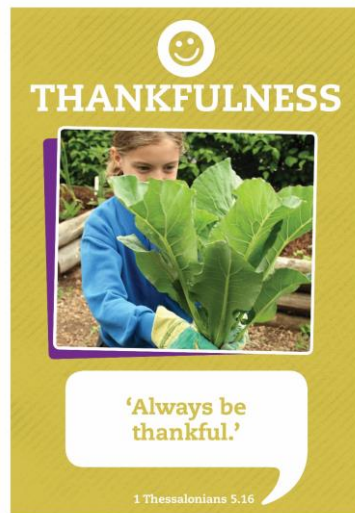
Our target for this year is 97%. This week we SMASHED our target and achieved 98.3%, well done everyone!! Please remember ANY requests for holiday leave during term time **will not** be granted.

Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	100%	Year 3 Rabbits
SECOND PLACE	98.7%	Reception Robins
THIRD PLACE	97.9%	Year 2 Barn Owls
FOURTH PLACE	96.3%	Year 1 Blackbirds

Our ‘Golden Rule’ for this half term is

‘We are kind and helpful, we don’t hurt anybody’s feelings’

Our Value for this half term is ‘Thankfulness’





Our Personal, Social and Emotional 'Jigsaw' theme for this half term is

'Being Me in My World'

We are learning to...

- Help others to feel welcome
- Help make our school community a better place
 - Think about everyone's right to learn
 - Care about other people's feelings
 - Work well with others
 - Choose to follow the Golden Rules

Events and Activities

September/October 2019

Date	Time	Activity
Friday 20 th September	3.00pm	Sponsor Forms sent home
From Monday 23 rd September	Ongoing	Please start to send donations of foods in for the Harvest Festival
Tuesday 24 th September	All day	All Year 3 children to Kingsbury Primary School for Singing Playgrounds training.
Thursday 26 th September	2.30pm	First Shining Stars Assembly and then every other week afterwards. You will be invited if your child is getting an award (see week 1 newsletter for further details)
Thursday 26 th September	All day	Please send donations of cakes in for the Macmillan Coffee Morning tomorrow
Friday 27 th September	9.00am – 10.00am	Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall – everyone is welcome!
w/c Monday 30 th September	All week	Sponsored event running throughout the week
Tuesday 1 st October	9.15am – 10.45am	Swans and Cygnet Pre-school sessions start again in the school hall.
Friday 11 th October	2.00pm	Harvest Festival Assembly Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3
Wednesday 16 th October	12.00pm – 6.00pm	Parent Consultations





Friday 25 th October	ALL DAY	STAFF TRAINING DAY School closed to children
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HALF TERM HOLIDAYS – Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2019 Inclusive
BACK TO SCHOOL – Monday 4th November 2019

We hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend,

Kindest regards

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