



### Thought for the Week



### Thank you, thank you, thank you!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes or came along and supported our MacMillan Coffee morning this morning. Even with the awful weather we had a wonderful turnout, indeed we had to get out extra chairs and tables! Just from the morning, we raised over £130 and this afternoon we are selling cakes outside the classrooms so the total will only continue to rise!!! Thank you again, our High Meadow Community once again demonstrated that you really care.





### Sponsored Event

Please don't forget that week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> 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 popped the sponsor form in your child's book bag last Friday, if you have mislaid it then please let us know and we will forward another one. Please return the sponsor form, along with the monies collected to school by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Many thanks for your support in this.

### Swans and Cygnets Pre-School

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October our Swans and Cygnets Pre-school starts again. It runs from 9.15am until 10.45am and children under the age of 4 are warmly welcome. Please let your friends and families know as it is a great way to start to build a relationship with us here at High Meadow.

### Parent Consultations

This year, after listening to feedback from parents, we have extended the time for parent consultations until 6.00pm. They will run from 12.00pm until 6.00pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October with each appointment lasting ten minutes. The objective of the consultation is for you to get an idea on how your child has settled in to their new class. Books will not be shared at this early stage in the academic year.

To further improve the 'booking in' experience for parents, we are hoping to go live with a new online system for booking times for the consultations. We will hopefully be sharing this with you all at some time next week.

### Harvest Festival

The children are really excited to warmly welcome you to this year's Harvest Festival. It is on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.



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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. Thank you to those parents who have already donated.

The food bank 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 next week, ready for the Harvest display on 11<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you in advance for your kind and generous donations.

### 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 98.4%, well done everyone!! Please remember ANY requests for holiday leave during term time will not be granted.

Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	100%	Year 1 Blackbirds
SECOND PLACE	99.0%	Reception Robins
THIRD PLACE	97.6%	Year 2 Barn Owls
FOURTH PLACE	96.9%	Year 3 Rabbits

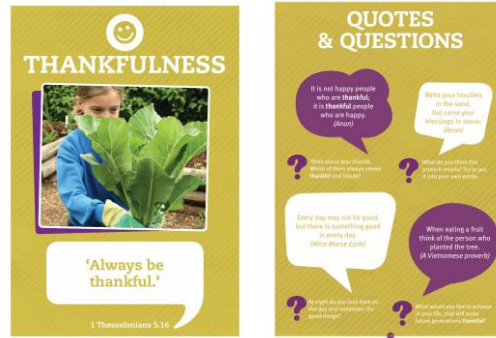
### Our ‘Golden Rule’ for this half term is

**‘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
w/c Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	All week	Sponsored event running throughout the week
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	9.15am – 10.45am	Swans and Cygnet Pre-school sessions start again in the school hall.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	2.00pm	Harvest Festival Assembly Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	12.00pm – 6.00pm	Parent Consultations
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	ALL DAY	STAFF TRAINING DAY





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HALF TERM HOLIDAYS – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 Inclusive  
BACK TO SCHOOL – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

We hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend,

Kindest regards

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