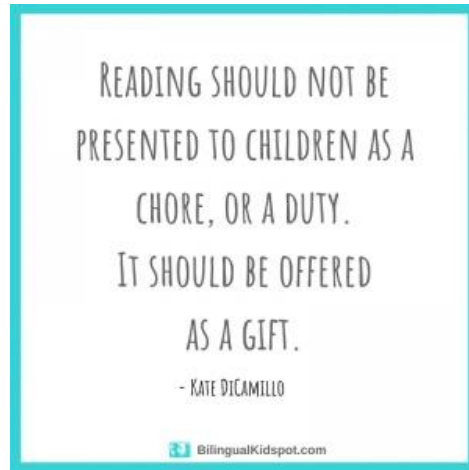




Our High Meadow Community 'Thought for the Week'



Autumn Book Fair

We are really excited to invite you and your child to our Book People Book Fair. The Fair will be open from 3.00pm – 4.00pm next Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November. The books on sale offer great value for money and it's also a perfect opportunity to start some early christmas shopping too!!!

Your child's class will be invited to look at all of the books throughout the day on Monday so they may well come home with some ideas for Santa's list! If you wish, on Tuesday, you can then send your child in with money for the fair. **You will find a brown envelope in your child's bookbag today in which to put the money for books.**

The school will earn commission on all of the book sales which will in turn be used to buy more books for your child's class library. Thank you for your support in this.

School Council Movie Night – Tuesday 3rd December 4.30pm – 6.00pm

The High Meadow School Council are thrilled to share with you their 'Christmas Movie Night' If you are in Year 1, 2 and 3 you are warmly invited to come back to school, in your PJ's, with a blanket or sleeping bag and join in a cosy early evening session of Christmas movies and hot chocolate! Please see the attached poster for more details. Please note this is for YEARS 1, 2 and 3 ONLY. £1 for entry, £1 for hot choc drink and sweets, all payable on the door. Thank you to class teachers who are giving their time freely to run this event.



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Nativity Performances

This year there will be two SETS of performances, one performed by the Early Years children (nursery and reception) and the other performed by Years 1, 2 and 3.

Early Years Nativity Performances – Thursday 5th December.

In your **child's bookbag today** you will find a form asking you to choose which Early Years Nativity Performance you would like to come to. The Early Years performance is at 10.30am and 2.00pm in the school hall on Thursday 5th December.

Due to space restrictions and to ensure our youngest children are not over-awed by the occasion, there are only 2 tickets per FAMILY. You may choose to have 2 tickets for the 10.30am performance OR 2 tickets for the 2.00pm performance OR 1 ticket for each performance. **Please return your completed request forms to school ASAP as the tickets will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.** All tickets will be numbered and we will make a note of which family has been allocated which numbered ticket.

Please note that ALL performances are ADULT ONLY performances. There are only 50 tickets available for each Early Years performance; 50 for the 10.30am performance and 50 for the 2.00pm performance. Please arrive from 10.15am for the morning performance and from 1.45pm for the afternoon performance.

On the day of the performance please come to the office doors to allow us to take your tickets from you. Entrance to both school performances are by TICKET ONLY...please do lose them or forget them! We have to be STRICT about numbers due to Fire and Health and Safety regulations, so if anyone does turn up without a ticket, we will not be able to let you in. There are no exceptions.

Years 1, 2 and 3 Nativity Performances – Friday 13th December.

In your **child's bookbag today** you will find a form asking you to choose which Nativity Performance you would like to come to. The Years 1, 2 and 3 performances are at 2.00pm and 5.00pm in the school hall. It is expected that ALL children will return to school to be in the 5.00pm performance. If you anticipate that this is not possible please let your class teacher know on Monday 18th November.

As in previous years, due to space restrictions there are only 2 tickets per FAMILY. You may choose to have 2 tickets for the 2.00pm performance, OR 2 tickets for the 5.00pm performance OR 1 ticket for each performance. **Please return your completed request forms to school ASAP as the tickets will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.** All tickets will be numbered and we will make a note of which family has been allocated which numbered ticket.



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Please note that ALL performances are ADULT ONLY performances. There are only 90 tickets available for each school performance; 90 for the 2.00pm performance and 90 for the 5.00pm performance. Please arrive from 1.45pm for the afternoon performance and from 4.30pm for the evening performance.

On the day/evening of the performance please come to the office doors to allow us to take your tickets from you. Entrance to both school performances are by TICKET ONLY...please do lose them or forget them! We have to be STRICT about numbers due to Fire and Health and Safety regulations, so if anyone does turn up without a ticket, we will not be able to let you in. There are no exceptions.

Maths Workshop for Parents

Thank you to the 19 parents who braved the cold and came along to the Maths Workshop on Wednesday 13th November. Mrs Garbett (our maths leader) shared a range of contemporary strategies that are now used across ALL the year groups. The presentation has been attached to this weeks newsletter for those parents who were unable to attend.

The very low turnout leads us to believe that parents would prefer workshops to be after dropping children off in the morning or before collecting them in the afternoon. Our parent workshop timings will now reflect this going forward.





Children In Need Spotacular

Thank you to all of the families who donated money as part of our Spotacular Day! The children enjoyed lots of spotty themed activities as well as joining all of their friends in the school hall for a 10 minute workout with Joe Wicks (via the BBC Children In Need website) A super £118.68 was raised overall. Thank you.

Children's Christmas Fair – Friday 6th December – 1.00 – 3.00pm

Every year, we run a Christmas Fair for children only. It's always a lovely event where the older children support the younger children to go around the fair and spend their money. We collect donations for the fair for three weeks prior to the event. Please find below the requests for donations and the dates on which to bring them in.

Date	Donations requested
Friday 22nd November	Chocolates. Bars of chocolates, bags of chocolates, boxes of chocolates, chocolate xmas tree decorations, indeed, anything chocolately!
Friday 29 th November	Teddies for the Teddy tombola. New or nearly new or good as new, washed soft toys and teddies.
Friday 6 th December	Bottles OR Cakes. Anything non-alcoholic in a bottle that the children can thro a hoopla over such as bubble bath, tomato ketchup, lemonade, squash, etc. OR cakes of all varieties.

Please bring your donations into school on the date above and place them in the trays which will be positioned outside the school classrooms for the next three Fridays. Thank you in advance of any donations.





Christmas Theatre Trip – Thursday 19th December

Every year at Christmas, we take all of the children to see a high quality theatre production. This year we are hoping to take them all to see the theatre production of 'Father Christmas' by Raymond Briggs at Warwick Arts Centre. Due to the fantastic fundraising efforts in the Sponsored Fitness event last half term, the cost of this trip has been **heavily subsidised** and we only need to request a payment of £5.00 per child (the same cost as last year). The children will travel by coach to and from the venue. This is not part of the school curriculum therefore payment and consent will be required for every child to make the trip viable. Please pay the £5.00 by Friday 29th November via the School Gateway.

A Lyric Hammersmith and Pins and Needles Production

Raymond Briggs' Father Christmas

Wed 27 Nov – Sun 29 Dec 2019

Venue: Theatre

Tickets: £15 – £19

[Book Now](#)

Duration: 60mins

Recommended Age: 3+

[Like 39](#)



Join Santa as he awakes from a dream of sun, sea and sand only to find it is the busiest day of the year: Christmas Eve.

Watch as he prepares his Christmas deliveries, feeds his reindeer and finally takes flight into the snowy night.

This heart-warming adaptation is full of merry touches with plenty of live music, songs and playful puppetry. It's a perfect introduction to theatre for young children who won't be able to look away as secret doors and hidden hatches are revealed in this beautifully visual show.

“Magnificent” ★★★★★ The Observer

“Magical” ★★★★★ The Upcoming

“Enchanting” ★★★★★ The Sunday Times

“A cracker of a show” ★★★★★ The Mirror



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Early Years Phonics Workshop – 27th November – 2.15pm

All families who have children in Nursery or Reception are warmly invited to the first of three Phonics Workshops. Mrs Windridge and her team will share with you how reading is taught at High Meadow and how you can best support your child at home to be a confident and fluent reader. This is a REALLY IMPORTANT workshop so please try and come along. It is on Wednesday 27th November from 2.15pm – 3.00pm in the school hall. You can collect your child straight after the event.

Shining Stars Awards

Huge congratulations to the following children who were awarded a certificate based on demonstrating one (or more) of our High Meadow 'Learning Powers'

Reception Robins





Year 1 Blackbirds



Year 2 Barn Owls





Year 3 Rabbits



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 our target and achieved 98.5%, well done everyone!! Please remember ANY requests for holiday leave during term time will not be granted. **Next week you will receive your child’s attendance record for last half term, keep an eye out for it in your child’s bookbag.**

Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	99.3%	Y1 Blackbirds
JOINT SECOND PLACE	99.0%	Y3 Rabbits
JOINT SECOND PLACE	99.0%	Y2 Barn Owls
FOURTH PLACE	96.8%	YR Robins

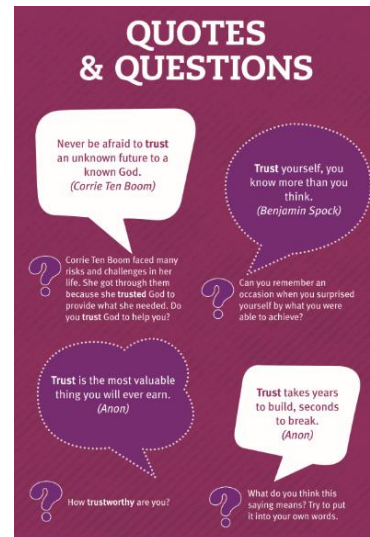
Our ‘Golden Rule’ for this half term is

‘We listen, we don’t interrupt.





Our Value for this half term is 'Trust'



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

Celebrating Differences

We are learning to...

- Help others to feel welcome
- Accept that everyone is different
- Include others when working and playing
- Know how to help if someone is being bullied
 - Try to solve problems
 - Try to use kind words
- Know how to give and receive compliments

Keeping our whole school community safe

Every week in this newsletter, we will be signposting you to resources that can help keep our school community safe and healthy.

Continuing with the theme of children's mental health, this week we have attached one document. This document introduces an online tool called Dimensions. Using this tool will help you find information to support your child in a range of mental health areas.





Events and Activities

November/December 2019

Date	Time	Activity
Wednesday 27 th November	2.15pm – 3.00pm	Early years parents phonics workshops
Saturday 30 th November	1.00pm – 4.30pm	Coleshill Town Hall Christmas Fair Volunteers needed to run book tombola please
Monday 2 nd December	All day	High Meadow Christmas Post Box opens
Wednesday 4 th December	Afternoon	Year 2 'Journey to the Stable' class trip
Thursday 5 th December	10.30am 2.00pm	Nursery Wrens and Reception Robins Nativity performance (Due to space restrictions, 2 adult tickets per family)
Friday 6 th December	Afternoon	Children's Christmas Fair
Friday 13 th December	2.00pm 5.00pm	Years 1, 2 and 3 Nativity Performance (Due to space restrictions, 2 adult tickets per family)
Tuesday 17 th December	Afternoon	Children's class Christmas parties
Wednesday 18 th December	Afternoon	Children's Christmas lunches
Thursday 19 th December	All morning	Whole school trip to the theatre to see Father Christmas by Raymond Briggs
Friday 20 th December		Last Day of term

We hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend,

Kindest regards

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