



Our High Meadow Community 'Thought for the Week'

“ Kindness is a silent smile, a friendly word, a nod of encouragement. Kindness is the single most powerful thing we can teach children. ”

Autumn Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the school bookfair this year or who sent in money with your child. In total you spent £823.50!!!! Your kind generosity has meant that we can now spend **£205.88** on new books for all of the class libraries. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Reception class applications

Timetable for entry in September 2020

Stage of process	Date
Primary school application period starts	16 September 2019
Closing date for applications	15 January 2020
<u>National Offer Day</u>	16 April 2020
Deadline for accepting the offer	24 April 2020
Deadline for submitting appeals	29 May 2020
Appeal hearings for appeals submitted on time	June and July 2020
Autumn term starts	5 September 2020

In this authority, children enter school at the start of the academic year in which they become five. There is one admission date per year, early in September when the autumn term begins. Therefore, parents who would like their child to be admitted to this school during the year their child is five, should ensure that they return the necessary preference





form on-line to the Admissions Service by the 15th January 2020. The offer date for September 2020 entry to reception is 16th April 2020.

The LA's annual admissions information is available online at

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-school-place-reception/apply-school-place-reception/1>

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.

School Council Lunchtime Activities
12.30pm – 1.00pm

During their meeting this week, the school council have requested that they trial running some lunchtime clubs. They have agreed to the following which will start next week. Children will be invited to 'sign up' to their Year groups club however there will need to be limits on the numbers. Class teachers will monitor this to ensure every child has the opportunity to attend at least one club each week if they so wish. Children DO NOT have to attend a club and may wish to continue to spend their lunchtimes playing outside as usual. A HUGE thank you to the school council for suggesting this great idea, well done!

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Monday			
Tuesday	Writing club	Writing Club	Writing Club
Wednesday	Library reading	Mindfulness	Puzzle club
Thursday	Puzzle club	Library reading	Mindfulness
Friday	Mindfulness	Puzzle club	Library reading

End of day

Can I please remind everyone to please support your children in **NOT playing on the tyres at the end of the day.** Throughout the winter, they are damp and slippy and it simply is not safe. Thank you for your support in this.



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Seatbelt Safety

Can I please remind parents that ALL children need to be safely secured in your car. It is illegal if you do not do this and you may be liable for a fine. Please click here for more details...

Child car seats: the law

Uniform Reminder and Discount

Thank you to all of the families who ensure that their children always have the correct uniform every day. Could I use this opportunity to remind parents that **hair accessories should be SMALL, RED, GREY or BLACK**. Please save any Jo-Jo bows or glittery accessories for parties. Please also ensure that any nail polish or tattoos are removed before school.

BLACK FRIDAY– 20% OFF ALL PARENT ONLINE ORDERS
Online code: BCBLACK19 from on the 29th Nov to 2nd Dec 2019.

Brigade, our uniform supplier is offering a huge 20% discount on all orders placed during their Black Friday event from 29th November to 2nd December.

Please visit www.brigade.uk.com, select the correct school and place your order using the promotional code: BCBLACK19.

You can also register with Brigade via <http://eepurl.com/Wlbln> to ensure you don't miss out on any future offers and promotions.

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 LAST FRIDAY** you will have found 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 LAST FRIDAY** you will have found 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 25th 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.

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.



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

Thank you to everyone who brought in chocolate donations for the Christmas Fair. Next Friday we are requesting donations of teddies for the teddy tombola. 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.

Date	Donations requested
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.

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+

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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 a 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.

Attendance – ‘Every Child Attending Every Day’

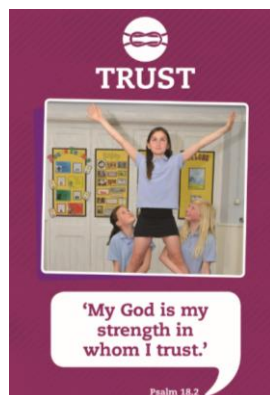
Good attendance (97%+) is key to academic success and missing just one or two days each half term can have a detrimental impact on a child’s learning and progress. The LA may send out fines to families who are deemed to be ‘persistently absent’. Our Attendance Policy can be found on our school website if you need further clarification. Our target for this year is 97%. This week we our target and achieved 97.4%, well done everyone!! Please remember ANY requests for holiday leave during term time **will not** be granted.

Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	99.3%	Y3 Rabbits
JOINT SECOND PLACE	97.9%	Y2 Blackbirds
JOINT SECOND PLACE	96.8%	YR Robins
FOURTH PLACE	95.5%	Y2 Barn Owls

Our ‘Golden Rule’ for this half term is

‘We listen, we don’t interrupt.

Our Value for this half term is ‘Trust’



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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 the 1:1 consultation meetings that are available to parents. These meetings are an opportunity for you to speak in confidence to a Primary Mental Health Practitioner about your child. Please read the attachment for more details.

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 <i>Please ensure child's name AND class is on the envelope</i>
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 As usual, Coleshill Primary are finishing at 1.30pm so we will be finishing at 1.00pm for early years and 1.15pm for Years 1, 2 and 3. This will help lessen traffic congestion and allow those families with children at Coleshill Primary to collect from here first. Larks and Owls will NOT be open after school on this day either so ALL children will need to be collected by 1.15pm at the latest.

We hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend,

Kindest regards

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