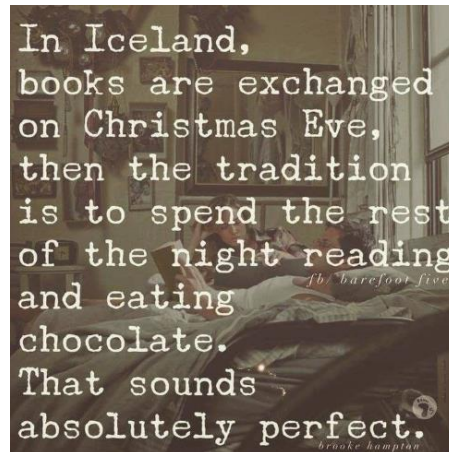




Our High Meadow Community 'Thought for the Week'



Years 1, 2 and 3 Nativity

A HUGE well done to all of the children (and staff) who participated in the nativity performance today. We are all so proud of you! Every single child shone and stepped up to the (very daunting) challenge of stepping onto the stage and dancing and singing in front of over 90 adults! What an absolute joy to watch!

Every child will bring home a colour photograph of themselves in their nativity costume to keep and treasure for the future. In the meantime, here are a few photos from the dress rehearsal performance.







Class Christmas Parties – Tuesday 17th December

The class Christmas parties are on Tuesday 17th December. Again this year, due to the growing range of dietary requirements we will be sending home a NAMED paper plate with each child. Please can you fill the plate with food that your child likes. Please **DO NOT** put any meats on the plate as we have **no facilities for re Fridgeration.** Suggestions might include some crudities, crisps, 1 cake and some some fruit. Please remember that your child will have eaten lunch an hour before so they will not be hungry so will only need a small amount. We will provide drinks for all of the children. The plates will be sent home today (Friday 13th December) Please return them, filled with **secure cling film on the top,** on the **morning of Tuesday 17th December.** Thank you for your support in this.

If you wish, you can send a 'party outfit' for your child to **change into** for the party in the afternoon. Please ensure that your child can put all items of the party outfit on





INDEPENDENTLY, including the shoes as the class teacher cannot dress all 30 children on her own. Please send the outfit in a **clearly named** plastic bag which your child can hang on their coat peg until the afternoon. However, if your child would prefer, they can stay in their school uniform for the party.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 18th December

All children are warmly invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers for the Christmas Lunch. They can wear casual bottoms too....school uniform does not have to be worn. Please remember that there will still be playtime so warm coats and hats and gloves will be needed as well as sensible shoes too.....please, no lace ups unless your child can tie them themselves!

Theatre Trip - Thursday 19th December

The children are really looking forward to the Christmas theatre trip next week at the Warwick Arts Centre. We will providing ham sandwich deli bags for all of the children which they will eat after the trip. If you would prefer your child to have their own packed lunch then please send it in on the morning of Thursday 19th December in a **clearly labelled disposable bag.**

Own toys/clothes day – Friday 20th December

On our last day, the children are more than welcome to come to school in their own clothes. Please ensure that the clothes they chose to wear are practical and they can fasten and un-fasten them independently; including shoes!

They can also bring a toy to play with too. As always we like to remind them to...

- Choose a toy that they can share with a friend or two,
- Choose a toy that will fit in a NAMED carrier bag,
- Choose a toy that doesn't have too many small pieces as you may lose some parts,
- Choose a toy that isn't very precious or delicate as it may accidentally get broken,
- Choose a toy that **does not** need lots of space to play with (footballs and remote control cars/vehicles are not suitable)

Please talk with your child about the toy choice they make to help make the toy day as enjoyable as possible. Thank you for your support with this.





Larks and Owls Holiday Club

We have had very little interest in the Christmas Holiday club with only three children planned to attend. With this in mind, unfortunately we are unable to run it this time. So, Larks and Owls will close at 9.00am on Friday 20th December and re-open again on Tuesday 7th January at 7.30am.

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 missed our target and achieved 96.5%.

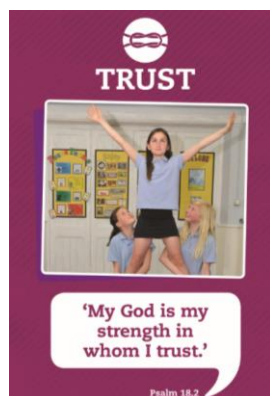
Please remember ANY requests for holiday leave during term time **will not** be granted.

Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	98.3%	Y2 Barn owls
JOINT SECOND PLACE	97.9%	Y1 Blackbirds
JOINT SECOND PLACE	97.4%	YR Robins
FOURTH PLACE	92.7%	Y3 Rabbits

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.

Online Safety – By Mrs Garbett, Online Safety Leader

We are increasingly conscious of online safety and the importance of keeping our children safe online. One of the ways to help solve this problem is by keeping ourselves and you as parents educated on new and existing online platforms. We will be sending regular articles to keep you informed. Once again this week's focus is **Screen Time Boundaries**. Although no screen time limit has been recommended, it is important that boundaries are in place. This article provides some tips to support achieving this at home. Click on the picture below to find out more...

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Screen Time Boundaries

Advice for parents and carers with children aged 0 to 7.

When it comes to children and technology, parents and carers have long been asking the same question:

How much screen time is OK for my child?

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) have produced guidance for screen time use of under-18s. Following research into this area, they have advised that no set amount of time is necessary to adhere to but that devices should not replace sleep, exercise or family time. They advise that devices should be avoided in the hour before bed to promote healthy sleep and have provided the following checklist to help

Hot topics

- Have a conversation
- Need help?
- Things to do
- Parent and Carer Toolkit





Events and Activities

December 2019

Date	Time	Activity
Wednesday 18 th December	Afternoon	Children's Christmas lunches Nursery and Year 3 please pay (see email sent today)
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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