



Our High Meadow Community 'Thought for the Week'



Fundraising Mum!

One of our amazing mums in Year 3 is fundraising. We'd all love to support her and the charity she is raising funds for...

Hi

I just wanted to let you know that I have signed up for the Birmingham 5k in Sutton Park on April 19th to raise money for JDRF. Nina had asked how she could raise money for Diabetes and felt I ought to do something! I set up a just giving page last week and have already raised £480. This is amazing but obviously we would like to get more. If you are able to share this with the HM parents and staff we would be really grateful. The link is below. Many thanks. Helen.

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=10157293424773208&id=660923207

JDRF

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NSPCC Number Day



We're counting down to Number Day 2020!



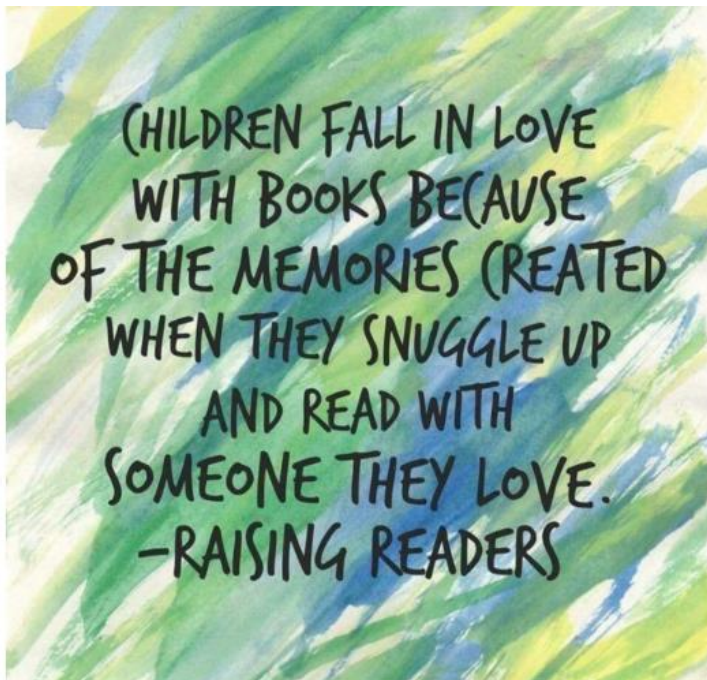
We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in their Number Day on **Thursday 6th February 2020**. On **Thursday 6th February 2020** we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits* and pupils will be invited to wear a onesie or pyjamas and bring a donation of £1.00. We will also be taking part in lots of fun curriculum-based maths activities throughout the day.

The NSPCC believes that all children deserve a childhood free from harm but, sadly, that's not the case for many children. That's why the NSPCC is fighting for every childhood and working to help keep children safe from abuse.

The NSPCC needs our support. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.

Snuggle Up With A Book!



We are so excited to share this brand - new reading initiative with you.

Snuggle up and share a bedtime story with hot chocolate, a biscuit and a furry friend!

Here at High Meadow Community School, we believe that giving children a love of books is one of the greatest gifts.

Research has shown that...“Reading a **regular bedtime story** to children is a simple activity that encourages children to enjoy reading and **gets them into good reading habits that will set them up for the future.**”





"When parents encourage their children to read at home, it can make a big difference to their **wellbeing** and **how successful they are at school, and beyond**. It will help boost your child's sense of **wellbeing**, **bring you closer together**, and **add another warm and nurturing experience to family life**."

So, every Friday, two children from each class will be given a Snuggle Up Suitcase containing a high quality, age appropriate story book or non-fiction book, a notebook, some biscuits, hot chocolate and a soft toy (examples are shown below)



You and your child will have the suitcase for a week during which time we would love you to share the story at bedtime. We all know that children love hearing the same story time and time again, indeed, quite often, by the fifth re-telling they will tell it to you. This experience is about YOU reading the story TO your child however your child may enjoy joining in after a few readings.

Once you have shared the book together throughout the week, it would be lovely if you could add photographs, write a short review or comment about it in the notebook provided. If you have any other recommendations please let us know!





Please return the suitcase, reading book, notebook and cuddly toy before next Friday so it can be enjoyed by another member of the class (we will replenish the hot chocolate and biscuits). Please remind your child to treat the suitcase and its contents with care as many more children will be taking the case home throughout the year.

Thank you and happy reading!!!

Keeping Our Children Safe

The Warwickshire County Council Children and Families information service have relaunched their website and it is a treasure trove of information. At High Meadow we recognise (and empathise) with the ups and downs of family life and how they can potentially impact on our ability to keep children safe. Please, always reach out for help and support, either through us at school or through accessing the many areas highlighted below. By working together, we can help ensure every child at High Meadow is safe.



Guides for parents

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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 achieved our target with 98.5%, well done everyone!

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

Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	100%	YR Robins
SECOND PLACE	98.6%	Y3 Rabbits
THIRD PLACE	97.6%	Y2 Barn Owls
FOURTH PLACE	97.5%	Y1 Blackbirds

Kindest regards

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February 2020

Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday 4 th February	Morning	Whole school Composting and Recycling assembly
Thursday 6 th February	All day	NSPCC Number Day
Friday 7 th February	All day	Y2 class trip to Blakesley Hall
Tuesday 11 th February	All day	Safer Internet Day

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS – Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2020 Inclusive
BACK TO SCHOOL – Monday 24th February 2020



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