



Our High Meadow Community 'Thought for the Week'



Planning for POTENTIAL closure as a result of Covid-19

In line with guidance from the local authority, for the past week, we have been putting plans in place in case of school closure. We will always be directed by the guidance from the local authority and will never close unless told to do so.

Your children may have already shared with you that we now expect every child to wash their hands (whilst singing happy birthday) when they come into school in the morning, after using the toilet, before lunch and after lunch. The teachers have also been using anti bac spray on all the surfaces in their classrooms at least three times a day too. The cleaners now focus even more on door handles and surfaces on a daily basis. We also ask all visitors to the school to wash their hands on entering the building.

Any information we have been receiving from the government or local authority we have emailed directly to you, mostly on a daily basis. Please ensure you read the guidelines shared.

In the event of closure we have a 'continuity' plan in place to ensure that your children still have virtual access to their teacher and a range of learning opportunities. Our strategies include the following...

- If we get notification to close, on the day we dismiss them, each child will bring home a book for writing in, a book for maths work, 2 pencils, a number line/100 number





square, a whiteboard and pen and potentially some photocopied worksheets/booklets. Please be aware that this WILL vary from class to class.

- For years 1, 2 and 3 ONLY. From today, your child will have a sheet stapled in their reading diary. The sheet is titled 'Seesaw' and gives very clear instructions for getting your child online to their class virtual learning page. The page can be accessed by following the link or scanning the QR code. There are 2 apps that you will need to download, the Seesaw Class app for the children to access and the Seesaw family app for parent access. There will be two activities set up for your child to 'have a go' at. We strongly advise that you do this THIS weekend so if there are any access problems we can try to sort them next week. This virtual space provides the teachers with the opportunity to give daily work and provide communication and feedback throughout any closure period.
- For reception and nursery, Mrs Windridge will continue to use the Tapestry platform to communicate with parents and share learning tools, weblinks, resources, videos, etc.
- All teachers will continue to communicate via homeroom and Twitter.
- We are also exploring the opportunity for video conferencing too, so your child can see the teacher 'live' delivering lessons as if they were in the classroom. You would be given at least 24 hours notice of when the lesson was going live so your child can log on and be registered.
- Please note that any emails for teachers will still need to be sent via the admin2569@welearn365.com email. Both school secretaries will be working remotely between the hours of 8.30am and 4.00pm and will forward any emails directly to teachers. They will not respond to emails before and after these periods or between 12.00pm and 1.00pm.
- You are also welcome to email me on head2569@welearn365.com during the same times as highlighted above.
- Can I please remind parents to follow guidance sent from the government regarding self-isolation or keeping your child off school. I am unable to determine whether your child should be in school or not, you need to follow the guidelines and then keep us informed. If I hear anything different from the LA then I will let you know.

Science Week – Our Diverse Planet!

This week has been 'Science Week' and this year's theme has been Our Diverse Planet. Every class has taken part in a range of activities, exploring, investigating and discovering some of the wonderful things that makes our planet diverse.

In Reception the children have been Rainbow Collectors and explored Brilliant Bubbles. In Year 1 the children have explored the seasons and types of animals. Year 2 have





investigated different habitats that they found on our school grounds. Finally, Year 3 investigated the type of taster they are and explored how different surfaces have different amounts of friction.



Gymnastics Competition

Huge congratulations to our gymnasts from Years 1 and 2 who represented our school in the local gymnastics competition. They did an amazing job and we are thrilled to say that their fantastic performances placed them third out of the 11 schools competing. Well done, we are so proud of you all. Thank you to Mrs Kumada for training the team and to their parents for supporting the children's extra practising. Super jobs all round!





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Easter Eggstravaganza – Friday 27th March 2020

Time is flying and we are on the countdown, once again to our Easter Eggstravaganza! It was a rip-roaring success last year and we will therefore replicate it again this year. It will be run in the hall from 1.00pm – 3.00pm just for children. As always, we will be relying on your very kind generosity to help fill the stalls with prizes and goodies. With that in mind, we would like to request the following donations for the event...

Date	Donations
Monday 16 th March	Bags of sweets please
Friday 20 th March	Easter eggs please
Friday 27 th March	Teddies and soft toys please

Please bring your donations to your child’s class on the morning of each of the listed dates. Thank you for your support.

Kindness Cushions

Huge congratulations to the following children who have been recognised for their outstanding kindness over the past week. They have been awarded the Kindness Cushion for the whole week in school.





Mother's Day 'Crafternoons'

Over the years, the children at High Meadow have really enjoyed inviting their mums in for a Mother's Day treat indeed many 'Mums' have been treated to tea parties, massages and assemblies. This year we would like to invite all mums into school for a 'Crafternoon', an afternoon of creativity shared with your child followed by cakes and drinks. To enable mums to attend each child's activity, we have set them on different dates...

Nursery Wrens - Monday 16th March – 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Reception Robins – Tuesday 17th March – 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Year 1 Blackbirds – Wednesday 18th March – 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Year 2 Barn Owls – Thursday 19th March – 1.30pm – 3.00pm
Year 3 Rabbits – Friday 20th March – 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Lots of our mums work and we recognise that getting time off from work can be tricky. To address this, you are more than welcome to send in a female relative (a nanny, an aunt) or even a friend so your child has someone to work with on the Crafternoon. As always there will always be plenty of spare adults around so NO child will left unaccompanied.

Due to space restrictions we only have space for ONE lady. We also request that no siblings are brought along to the Crafternoon as space restrictions make caring for younger siblings more difficult. Thank you for your support in this.





Our Golden Rule focus for this half term is

‘We are honest, we don’t cover up the truth’

Our Value for this half term is ‘JUSTICE’

JUSTICE

‘Learn to do right.
Seek justice.’

Isaiah 1.17

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

Earth provides enough to satisfy every man’s need, but not every man’s greed. (Mahatma Gandhi)

Justice cannot be for one side alone, but must be for both. (Eleanor Roosevelt)

How much of what you want is what you actually need?

Do you think about what is fair for others as well as what is fair for yourself?

Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity; it is an act of justice. (Nelson Mandela)

If you want peace, work for justice. (Pope Paul VI)

Can you rewrite these words spoken by Nelson Mandela in your own words?

Why do you think Pope Paul VI believed justice was essential to having peace?

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

‘Protective Behaviours’

We are learning that...

- We all have the right to feel safe all the time
- We can talk with someone about anything even if it feels awful or small
 - We will learn about the NSPCC PANTS campaign and how it helps keep us safe from abuse

As part of this half terms focus on ‘Protective Behaviours’ we are once again reminding your children about the NSPCC Pants Campaign. They we be learning the PANTASAURUS song and actions again in assembly and will continue to re-visit the key messages throughout this half term. To find out more about how you can support you child in keeping themselves safe from sexual abuse, click here. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>





These are the key messages that we will be focusing on



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 with 94.5%.

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

Position	% attendance	Class
FIRST PLACE	97.7 %	Y1 Blackbirds
SECOND PLACE	97.4%	YR Robins
THIRD PLACE	93.1%	Y2 Barn Owls
FOURTH PLACE	89.3%	Y3 Rabbits

March 2020

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 16 th March	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Nursery Mother’s Day Crafternoon
Tuesday 17 th March	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Reception Mother’s Day Crafternoon
Wednesday 18 th March	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Year 1 Mother’s Day Crafternoon





Wednesday 18 th March	3.10pm – 4.10pm	Children's Choir Club starts
Thursday 19 th March	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Year 2 Mother's Day Crafternoon
Friday 20 th March	1.30pm – 3.00pm	Year 3 Mother's Day Crafternoon
Friday 20 th March	All day	Class photos
Monday 23 rd March	Afternoon	Year 1 Easter Experience in Coventry Cathedral
Wednesday 25 th March	2.30pm – 3.00pm	Family Well-Being Information Session
Thursday 26 th March	6.00pm	New build update meeting with the LA for Year 2 and 3 parents only
Friday 27 th March	1.00pm – 3.00pm	Easter Eggstravaganza (for children in school only)

Easter Holidays

Monday 6th April 2020 – Friday 17th April 2020

Back to school Monday 20th April 2020

Kindest regards

Mrs Debby Hughes – Head teacher head2569@welearn365.com

Mr Jonathan Smith – Chair of Governors governors2569@welearn365.com



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