



Our High Meadow Community 'Thought for the Week'



@ Charlie Mackesy

'We Miss You Beary Much'

We were so excited to send all of the children these postcards! We want them all to know just how much we miss them and that we think of them every day and that we can't wait to see them all again. Here are a few pictures that I have snipped from the teachers Twitter pages to share with you. Thank you too for all of the thank you's.





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Sponsored Sports Week – NEXT WEEK!!!!

Don't forget, it's sponsored sports week next week. Please encourage your children to fill their sponsor forms and engage in all of the activities that their class teachers will be sharing next week. Our school funds need a little help and this will go some way in helping us get ready for an exciting new start in September! Thank you.

New Build Update

Well, after just twenty-one days building work we can see even bigger changes!!! Click on our TWITTER feed to see daily photos of the amazing progress!!!

https://twitter.com/TheBurrow_HMCS

Keeping Children safe Online

The BBC have a website and app called [Own It](#). The website has content for children to help navigate their online lives. [SafeToNet](#) is an app for parents to help them safeguard their children from online risks like cyberbullying and sexting, whilst respecting their child's rights to privacy.

Continuing to help keep your children safe

As you are aware, we are a school that uses the Protective Behaviours curriculum throughout our practice. You may have heard your child talk about their 'Personal Network Hand' or 'safe' and 'unsafe' secrets. To keep the conversation going and to further develop your own understanding of the Protective Behaviours curriculum, we have included the following links in last week's and this week's newsletter. There is a lot to read on this subject so I will continue to promote these links over the next few weeks too.

<https://www.protectivebehaviourstraining.co.uk/publications/we-all-have-the-right-to-feel-safe-booklet>

<https://www.protectivebehaviourstraining.co.uk/publications/lets-talk-magazine>





Our High Meadow 'Fabulous Five'

We are missing you all so much and have thought long and hard at how we can continue to spread the High Meadow joy and love over the next five weeks of the summer term. As well as continuing the wonderful online learning that you are all supporting so fantastically, we would also love everyone to join in with our High Meadow 'Fabulous Five...take a look...

Date/time	Activity	Other info
w/c 15 th June	Free Art Packs A bag filled with crayons, felt tips, paint and paper to help you and your children continue to explore the arts.	We have created these packs for every child attending High Meadow. Please come along and collect one pack per child from the school gate as follows... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YR/YN Monday 15th June between 9.30am and 12.00pm • Year 1 Monday 15th June between 12.15pm and 3.00pm • Year 2 Tuesday 16th June between 9.30am and 12.00pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 Tuesday between 12.15pm and 3.00pm
w/c 22 nd June 5.30pm	The Big Family Quiz Night Friday 26 th June at 5.30pm	As we are unable to have a Summer Sizzler this year we have planned a fun, family friendly quiz night for all the family, on ZOOM! Everyone is welcome, more details will follow next week! (Don't forget to order your pizza's for halfway through the quiz!!)

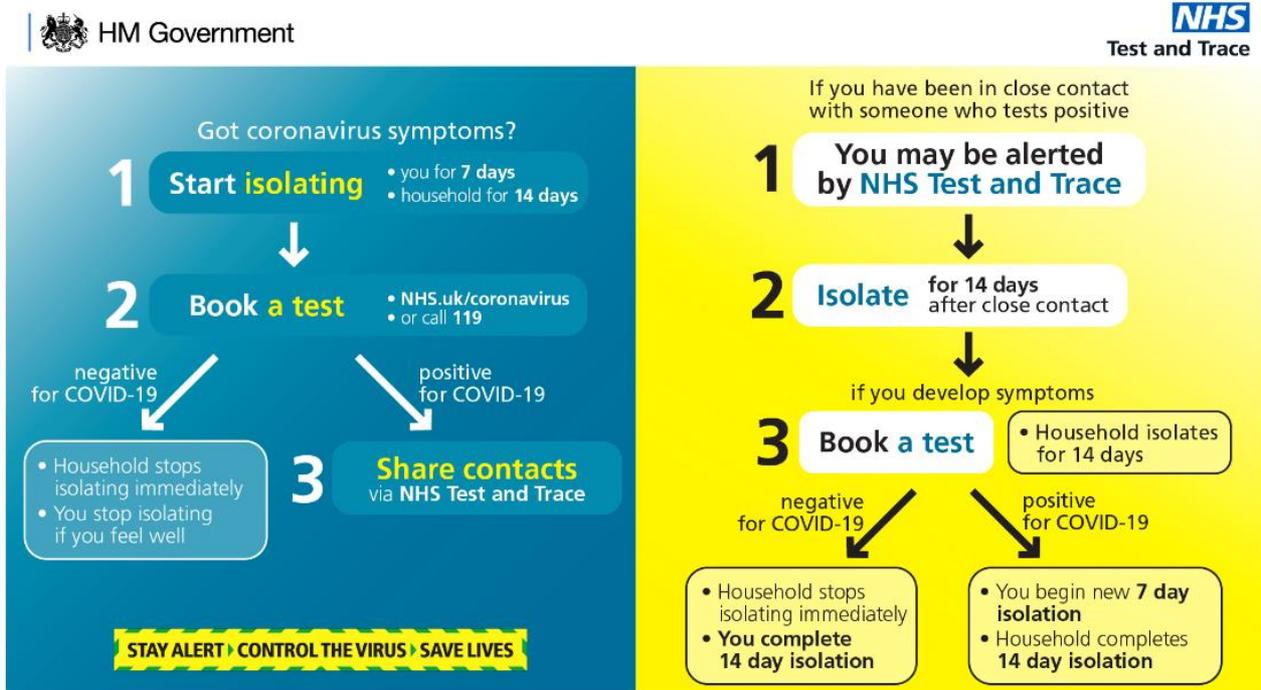
w/c 29 th June All week	Sponsored Sports Week	As we are unable to have a Sports Day this year we have planned a series of sporty activities that your whole family will be encouraged to complete across the week! We will be encouraging everyone to get sponsored to revive our very depleted school funds.
w/c 6 th July Thursday 9 th July 2.30pm	Meet your NEW class teacher	To help with transition, your child will hear a story every afternoon from their NEW (Sept 2020) class teacher. Then on Thursday 9 th July they will have a LIVE Zoom session with them to say hello and ask any questions they may have about their new classroom and topics for next year! Exciting times!
w/c 13 th July Thursday 16 th July 2pm	Arts Week	All week we will be encouraging your child to... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn the words and actions to two songs that their teacher will share with them • Learn the poem that their teacher will share with them • Create a piece of artwork based on the 'Stick Artwork' sheet that their teacher will share with them. <p>At 2pm on Thursday 16th July, the class teacher will then run a LIVE zoom session in which to showcase and share all of the wonderful creative work completed throughout the week. Everyone will sing the songs together and perform the poetry together too!</p>





Testing For Covid 19

A gentle reminder that it is everyone’s responsibility to take a sensible approach to social distancing, handwashing and staying safe. We do not want to have to close the school due to an outbreak but that relies on **everyone** in our school community following the guidelines. Please, if you do develop symptoms, follow the information below...



For advice on testing

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-for-coronavirus/ask-for-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

To apply for a test

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test-essential-workers>

Class Newsletters

Now, we are thrilled to say, all of our class newsletters are on ‘Sway’. Please follow the links below to see how your child’s class have been spending their time this week...



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Nursery and Reception



26.06.2020 Wrens and Robins Newsletter

What have the Wrens and Robins been learning this week?

[Go to this Sway](#)

Year 1



26.6.20 Year 1 Blackbird's Newsletter

Year one Blackbirds continue to work so hard and make me proud. Here is a snapshot of what we have been doing this week.

[Go to this Sway](#)





Year 2



26.06.2020 Year 2 Barn Owl's Newsletter

We've had another busy week in Year 2 which has been filled with lots of lovely learning experiences. Take a look to see what we've been up to!

[Go to this
Sway](#)

Year 3



26.06.2020 Year 3 Rabbits Newsletter

Here is a snapshot of our learning in Year 3 Rabbits this week...

[Go to this Sway](#)





Black Lives Matter

As a school we have always endeavoured to reflect our wonderfully diverse British society throughout our teaching and in our practice. As a staff, we continually engage in deep conversations about society and its impact on our children and often end with a 'call to action' as a result of our dialogue. You will all be aware of the killing of George Floyd. The last few weeks have seen movements advocating for an end to racial inequality on a mass scale. Many children may have questions about the images, stories and conversations they hear on the news and around them and it is our (school and parents) responsibility to engage in positive and open discussions about race and racism.

As an SLT, we have sought out even more diverse books to further enhance the offer we have in school and have delved even further into our curriculum to ensure we are respecting and celebrating black lives. However, it needs to be said that this is just the **start** of our journey at High Meadow. We recognise that as white leaders, we are in a position of privilege and we need to use this to amplify the voices of our friends of colour. To start our journey, we are sharing (see attached) 'A Parent's Guide to Black Lives Matter'. I would ask that you take the time to thoroughly read this fantastic document. It has certainly helped frame my thinking and as an SLT we have all read more and watched more to help further deepen our knowledge as a result of reading this.

Thank you for your support in helping us work together to build a fairer society.

And finally, if you need to, please reach out for help!

Please don't forget that you are not on your own out there. We recognise that it's a hard gig supporting your child with their home learning, potentially working yourself as well as keeping on top of the day to day essentials of running a busy family home.

Did you know if you are struggling financially to feed your children, you can apply for Free School Meals at any time? You can apply online through the [Parent Portal](#)

The qualifying benefits for free school meals can also be found on the [free school meals page](#).

If you are struggling financially, contact the Family Information Service to see if you are eligible for any other support.

Telephone: Family Information Service - **01926 742274**

Email : fis@warwickshire.gov.uk

Webpage: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/children-families>





The Department for Education has said families of children eligible for free school meals will be provided with a voucher "to cover the full six-week summer holiday beginning next month". Further details to follow soon.

If you still find yourself in financial difficulty, then the [Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme](#) may be able to help, please call on **0800 4081448** and speak with one of our advisors. [Warwickshire Local Welfare Scheme](#)

Warwickshire Educational Psychology Service 01926 742921

You can call to arrange a telephone consultation to talk about

- How to talk to your child about Covid19 or any worries they may have about it
- How to help children engage with online learning while at home
- How to support behaviour that can be challenging or difficult to manage
- How to best look after your own or your child's mental and emotional well-being on a daily basis

Mental Health Advice Line 02476 641799



Please stay safe and thank you for everything you are doing at home to support your child,
Kindest regards

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