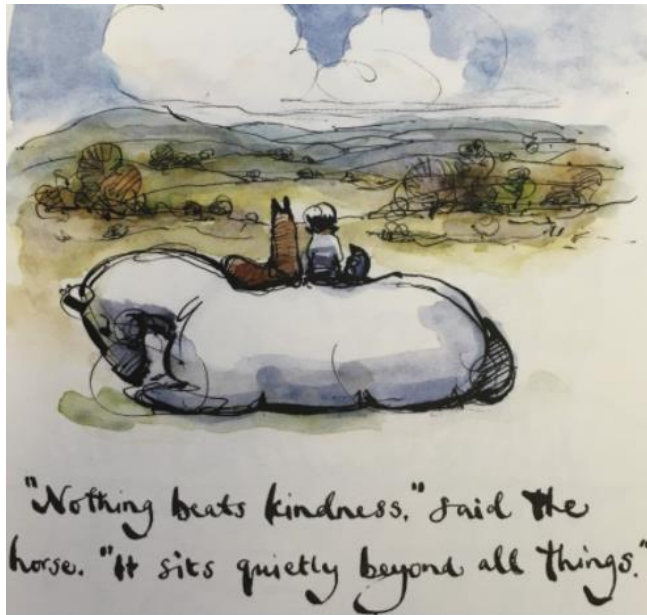




Our High Meadow Community 'Thought for the Week'



Charlie Mackesy

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone for the smooth running of the drop off system in the morning. It appears to be working smoothly, thank you. A gentle reminder to KS2 to please not arrive at the school gates in your car before 8.30am as we will not be opening the gate until 8.35am as detailed in the timings below.

Please also consider our neighbours when parking to drop off on foot. Please do not park in front of their drives or up any alleyways so they can't get their cars out. Thank you for your support with this.

Timings	Year groups
8.35am – 8.45am Car AND foot drop off	KS2, Years 3 and 4
8.45am – 8.55am	Early years, Nursery and Reception
8.55am – 9.05am	KS1, Years 1 and 2

Coughs, colds and sneezes!

The autumn term is here again with coughs, colds and sneezes as par for the course, HOWEVER, these are not ordinary times! I am sure you will appreciate, school guidance is





very clear that any children displaying symptoms of COVID19 must be sent home to be tested. As we are not medical professionals, it is difficult for us to determine whether a child has cold or COVID symptoms so, to keep the whole school community safe we WILL call you and ask you to take your child to be tested if they show ANY ONE of the symptoms outlined on the NHS website. These are ...

a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)

a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)

a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

You can find out more here...

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

To help further, we have also attached a 'Covid-19 related pupil absence' sheet to this newsletter. This clearly outlines actions that you need to do as a result of a range of activities/symptoms. We hope you find it useful.

Relationship and Behaviour Policy 2020

We are thrilled to attach our new Relationship and Behaviour Policy. We have been working really hard over the past 9 months to completely overhaul it and for it to reflect a more 'trauma aware' approach. You will see that it is based largely on the book 'When the Adults Change, Everything Changes' by Paul Dix. The policy has been signed off by Governors and we are now ready to share it with you all. The new updated policy will be available on the school website by next Monday.

In light of the COVID19 pandemic, we are having to temporarily introduce an additional appendix to the policy to ensure the effective safeguarding of the whole school community. We hope that the strategies outlined in this, will be short term whilst the pandemic is still so widespread.

Online Gaming

As we have continued to progress through the Recovery Curriculum children have continued to share what they have been doing over the holidays. We know that many children will have accessed lots of wonderful activities online and lots of children have talked about games on CBBC and Cbeebies. However, we are a little concerned that some children have been playing on online games that are just too old for them.



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Although we cannot control what you choose to allow your child to access at home, we do have a responsibility to highlight the dangers that your child may be exposed to if they access games that are Pegi rated higher than their chronological age. If a child does tell us that they are playing on Fortnite or any other inappropriate games, then we will get in touch just to say that we feel it isn't safe.

We sent an email to everyone on Thursday highlighting the dreadful video that is being shared on Tiktok at the moment; just remember your child cannot 'unsee' something dreadful that they may accidentally fall upon online! Please be aware of what they are accessing and please follow the Pegi rating recommendations.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/minecraft/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/fortnite-battle-royale/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/>

Thank you for supporting us in helping keep your child safe online.

Meet the Teacher ZOOM Meetings

Thank you to everyone who joined the 'Meet the Teacher' ZOOM meetings this week. We hope you found them useful and informative. Please remember to email admin2569@welearn365.com if you need to get a message to your class teacher. Please do not message via Dojo or Tapestry.

Water Bottles, Biscuits and Reading Diaries!

Thank you to everyone who has been on the School Gateway and paid for their children's reading diaries, Friday biscuits and water bottles. There are still some families who have yet to pay; could I please ask that the outstanding amounts are settled by next Friday 18th September. All children will receive Friday biscuits today but from next week only children on the paid list will be eligible. If you are suffering financial hardship and unable to pay for any of these items, please get in touch on admin2569@welearn365.com





Shining Stars Assemblies

Up to three children in each class, will be awarded a Shining Stars Certificate for demonstrating any one (or a mixture) of our Learning Powers. We will restart the assemblies w/c 21st September but due to Cov-id restrictions, they will be pre-recorded. We will then share the recordings with the parents of the children who have received the awards. We will continue to also share photos of the children and their awards in this newsletter every fortnight. Here is a gentle reminder of our Learning Powers...



Football After School Club

Marcus Painter will be running football clubs again from next week. Please be aware that there are NO SPACES for Years 2 or 3 now, they filled as on the first morning! He does however have spaces in Years 1 and 4.

Day and time	Year group
Tuesdays 3.00pm – 4.00pm	Year 1 and Year 2
Wednesdays 3.15pm – 4.15pm	Year 3 and 4





Parent Consultations

We will once again be running October parent consultations this year but again, due to COVID restrictions, they will be run as a 10 minute online ZOOM meeting. They will be available on Wednesday 7th October between midday and 6.00pm. The link was sent in an email this week to all parents.

Our Value for this half term is 'Generosity'

GENEROSITY

‘God loves a cheerful giver.’

2 Corinthians 9.7

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out. *(Frank A Clark)*

‘If you can’t feed a hundred people, then just feed one.’ *(Mother Teresa)*

Have you ever been generous without telling anyone?

Remember one small way you have shown generosity to one person. (You don’t always have to do big things for lots of people.)

A community flourishes when people plant trees under which they will never sit. *(A Greek proverb)*

Use what talent you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those who sang best. *(Henry Van Dyke)*

When has your generosity served to help future generations?

Have you ever been put off doing what you are able to do because someone might be able to do it better?

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

'Being Me in My World'

We are learning to...

- Help others to feel welcome
- Help make our school community a better place
 - Think about everyone’s right to learn
 - Care about other people’s feelings





- Work well with others
- Follow the Behaviour Rules – Safe, Ready and Respectful

Kindest regards

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