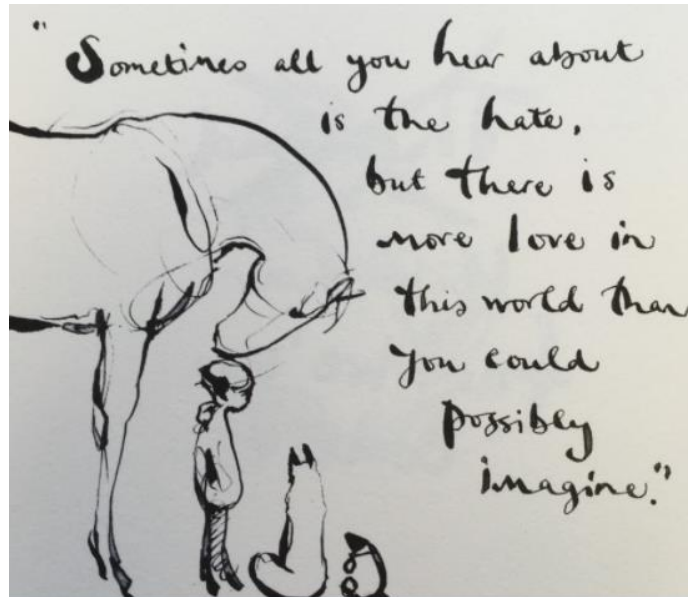




Our High Meadow Community 'Thought for the Week'



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 so we are going to tweak it for the **FINAL** time. Please make note of the **FINAL** changes below....

Timings	Year groups
8.40am – 8.45am Car AND foot drop off	KS2, Years 3 and 4
8.45am – 8.55am	Early years, Nursery and Reception
8.55am – 9.00am	KS1, Years 1 and 2

A gentle reminder to KS2 to please not arrive at the school gates in your car **before 8.35am** as we will not be opening the gate until 8.40am as detailed in the timings above.

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 and you may have noticed that the police are now doing more 'drive arounds' now too. Thank you for your support with this.





Exciting News about Deli Bags

Further to the email we sent out today, we are thrilled to share that we are now at a stage where we can introduce an extra choice to the deli bag menu; a HOT deli bag choice. We have attached the deli bag menu to this newsletter. The children are now doing really well, eating their lunch in their classrooms and cleaning their own tables afterwards and are now ready for us to make a slight change by adding an extra choice. Could you please talk to your child each day, **BEFORE** they come to school about their deli bag choice. Teachers will expect a swift response when they ask what your child would like for lunch, either a HOT deli bag or a COLD deli bag.

Could I also please ask that you check that your child has a packet of anti bac wet wipes in their bookbag every day as they are working through them quite quickly! Thank you for your support in this.

Year 1 and Year 2 Pencil Cases

From next week, the children in Years 1 and 2 will NO LONGER need to bring in their own pencil cases. The children will now have stationery resources just for their bubbles. All pencil cases in these two classes were sent home today. Years 3 and 4 can continue to send in pencil cases.

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/>





Online Gaming

Children are still sharing with us that they are accessing games that are inappropriate for their age. 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.

<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/>

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

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 **TODAY** Friday 18th September. Only children whose families have paid for Friday biscuits will have received them. 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 next week 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...

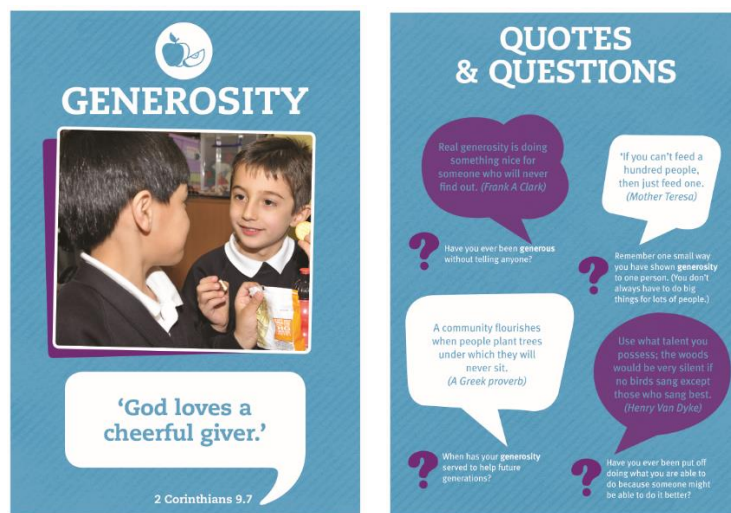




Parent Consultations

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 last week to all parents.

Our Value for this half term is 'Generosity'





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

Educational Events and Activities – Autumn Term 2020 Version 1

September/October 2020

Date	Time	Activity
Thursday 24 th September	Afternoon	Shining Stars Awards. A copy of the virtual awards will be sent to the families of the children who have received awards.
Wednesday 30 th September	9.30am 1.30pm	ZOOM meeting for parents whose children start reception in Sept 2021
Wednesday 7 th October	12.30pm – 6.00pm	Pre-booked ZOOM parent consultations
Monday 12 th October	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Final Confident Kids session for first 15 Year 4 children
Thursday 22 nd October	Timings TBC	ZOOM Feed Our Friends Festival

- HALF TERM HOLIDAYS – Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October Inclusive
- TEACHER TRAINING DAY – Monday 2ND November 2020
- BACK TO SCHOOL - Tuesday 3rd November 2020

Kindest regards

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