



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 continue with these times.

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.

Year 3 and 4 Parents Only

As you may be aware, the police observed our new car drop off system for two days this week. Overall they commented on the swift moving on of people and the fact that it was calm and orderly too. They also were impressed with how, by 9.00am, the roads outside the school were empty so, thank you to everyone for your support in making the new





arrangements work. However, they have made two recommendations, both of which I have copied directly below...

*Hi Mrs Hughes,*

*I've been asked to make contact with yourself regarding the drop off and kick out time arrangements that are currently in place due to the ongoing risk and guidelines surrounding the Covid-19 outbreak. Unfortunately, where I can completely understand the reasoning why you are using the entrance as a drop off area to greet parents in their vehicles, we have and are continuing to receive complaints from members of the public.*

*I can see from the latest newsletter that you have tried to address the issues of obstructive and inconsiderate parking by parents and have staggered the times. Although this may seem an appropriate way of doing things I do have to bring to your attention that you are asking parents to commit the below two traffic offences*

**1. You are asking parents to stop on yellow zig zag lines which are enforceable by the police and a ticket can be issued for the offence.**

**2. Parking within 10 metres of a junction also enforceable by a ticket for unnecessary obstruction.**

*Whilst I understand you cannot control where individuals park and I do sympathise with the current challenges that you are facing, can I ask that you perhaps have a look and revise the current plan surrounding drop off and pick up times. If we continue to receive complaints and reports then we will have to take some positive action to prevent further issues. Please feel free to contact me to discuss either by email or phone I am on late shifts this week starting at 1300hrs each day*

*Regards*

*PCSO 6239 Craig Marshall*

*North Warwickshire South SNT*

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So, as feedback from parents (and some neighbours) is so positive about the drive and drop system we have in place, we are going to have to 'tweak' it a tiny bit to ensure we stay legal! Our plan is as follows...

- To alleviate the problem of cars stopping within 10 metres of a junction, we are going to ask cars to come up to the drop off point from the other way; effectively **you will travel DOWN Norton Road** instead of driving UP Norton Road. This means





waiting cars will have a much longer road to wait upon and certainly will not be waiting within 10 meters of a junction.

- Please **INDICATE** to show you are turning right to move into the drop off area.
- Your child will need to sit in the **BACK OF THE CAR** as the passenger side seat will be facing the road now.
- Next, **please do NOT wait on the yellow zig-zags**, please wait BEFORE the zig-zags. Then wait for me to wave you forward and proceed forward with care.

Follow this link for a video that demonstrates these instructions.

<https://youtu.be/fmkNrPCxmw8>

Please try to stick to these new guidelines as the police will definitely stop us continuing with this process if what we are doing is unlawful. We will start this new process next week from **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020**. Any cars trying to drop children off by travelling UP Norton Road will be waved on. Thank you for your support in helping to make this work

### **Reminder about Deli Bags**

Please remember to 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.

### **A notice from the local police PLEASE READ**

*Good afternoon to staff at all schools*

*I am one of the police officers based out of Coleshill and I have been asked to coordinate a day of positive action in regards to COVID 19 on **FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER***

*The intention is to be positive and robust in regards to COVID 19, and we will be looking at all areas of our communities including yourselves, pubs, open park spaces, supermarkets, taxi drivers and their passengers...everything basically.*

*In light of the latest restrictions imposed by the Prime Minister (22/09/20) our day of action will not only be to educate, but to also enforce, and **penalty notices will be issued if deemed appropriate**. I am not suggesting that would be necessary at the school, and our aim in this area would be to show a presence at drop off/pick up times where possible and if we manage to get hold of any literature before next week, for this to be disseminated out to*





*you. I would possibly be worth, with the week or so notice, to send something out electronically to parents just to give the heads up and show that we in no means want to come across as heavy handed, it is quite simple that if everyone plays their very small part, it really doesn't take much to comply with the guidelines that have been set. Could I ask that this message is spread please...? It would be a great help. Obviously with time constraints/staffing I would say you all aren't going to get officers at drop off and collection times, that will be down to officers on the day to see what they can get done but I would hope that you will be visited at some point during the school day.*

*As you are aware the current crisis is being dealt with dynamically and can, and probably will, change at any given moment. I can only provide you with what I have as it stands.*

*Thank you for taking the time out to read and we will hopefully see you at some point on Friday....subject to change*

*Kind regards*

*Carl Ramsay*

*Police Constable 0050*

*North Warwickshire Safer Neighbourhoods – Coleshill South*

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### **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/>**





### Shining Stars Assemblies

This week three children in each class, have been awarded a Shining Stars Certificate for demonstrating any one (or a mixture) of our Learning Powers. If your child was one of them, you would have received a link to the Shining Stars video yesterday (Thursday), we do hope you enjoyed it! Here is a gentle reminder of our Learning Powers for everyone...



### Mrs Eling is retiring!

It is with a very heavy heart that I need to share the news that after a wonderful 24 years of service, Mrs Eling, our school senior administrator, is retiring. She will be waving farewell at Christmas, ready to enjoy her retirement with her husband in the New Year. Mrs Eling has seen scores of High Meadow children grow up in Coleshill and is now enjoying seeing their children start at High Meadow too. She started here when her own daughters joined High Meadow and I have been lucky enough to know her since then, as both of our children were in the same class here! I personally will miss her dearly but am thrilled that she will soon be able to relax with her family and enjoy turning off the 6.00am alarm every day! Mrs Eling will be leaving VERY big shoes to fill but if you are interested we will be sharing a link to the advert for a School Business Manager early next week.





### Year 4 Head Boy and Head Girl

It is with pride and pleasure we can announce the new Head Boy, Leo and Head Girl, Nina for 2020/21. These children have been chosen as the teachers feel they represent everything about High Meadow; indeed they represent all of the 8 Learning Powers mentioned above. We know they will serve their time with pride and passion. We would like to thank the outgoing Head boy and girl for their wonderful service last year.



### Year 3 Deputy Head Boy and Head Girl

Huge congratulations to Jake and Jessica who have been chosen to be this years Deputy Head Boy & Girl. They too have been chosen for demonstrating all of our Learning Powers. Well done! Thank you to our outgoing deputies for a great job last year too.





Our Value for this half term is 'Generosity'

**GENEROSITY**

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)

'God loves a cheerful giver.'

2 Corinthians 9.7

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

Educational Events and Activities – Autumn Term 2020 Version 1

September/October 2020

Date	Time	Activity
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	9.30am 1.30pm	ZOOM meeting for parents whose children start reception in Sept 2021
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	12.30pm – 6.00pm	Pre-booked ZOOM parent consultations
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	3.15pm – 4.00pm	Final Confident Kids session for first 15 Year 4 children





Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Timings TBC	ZOOM Feed Our Friends Festival
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- HALF TERM HOLIDAYS – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October Inclusive
- TEACHER TRAINING DAY – Monday 2<sup>ND</sup> November 2020
- BACK TO SCHOOL - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

Kindest regards

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*Mr Jonathan Smith* – Chair of Governors [governors2569@welearn365.com](mailto:governors2569@welearn365.com)

