



Our High Meadow Community 'Thought for the Week'



Charlie Mackesy

A HUGE thank you for the chocolate donations!

Wow, once again, we have been blown away by your amazing generosity today...we have never seen so much chocolate...thank you so much! We will keep it safe for the Chocolate Tombola at the Children's Christmas Fair in December. Here are some photos of your very kind donations...





Children in Need Spotty Day!

Thank you to everyone who dressed up for CIN and made a donation too, we made a fantastic £168.57 for this very worthwhile charity, thank you! We will share some photos from today's activities, in next week's newsletter 🍪

Another HUGE Thank you!

Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support and kind messages during these challenging times. Balancing staffing who are having to isolate was always going to be tricky but we have really felt it this week. As an update for you...

Mrs Windridge YR – returned this Tuesday (10th) after 7 days isolation

Mrs Allen Y1 TA – Will return on Monday 16th November after 15 days of self isolation

Mrs Thompson Y1 TA – Will return on Monday 23rd November after 15 days of isolation

Mrs Repton Y1 Teacher – Will hopefully return Tuesday 17th after being poorly

Please be assured that none of these staff have tested positive for COVID, they have had to isolate because they have been in close contact with someone who has.

Where we have been able, we have used internal staff to cover as it's important that children are taught and supported by adults they know, however (for the first time in five and a half years) we have had to use some supply TA's to help get us through this period, and potentially going forward too. This is not ideal but a strategy that ALL schools are now having to use. Thank you for your support and understanding (and cake) during these tricky times, it really does mean a lot!



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Dogs outside the school gate

Can I respectfully request that any dogs brought to the school gate are kept on a very short lead and away from other children. The area around our school gate can get very busy and we need to keep it as safe as possible for all children and families. You may be very confident that your dog is always safe around all children, however with the busyness of people in the area, we just need to keep everyone safe. If you do have your dog with you, could I suggest that you stay on the pavement on the other side of the road, and where we can (if staff are available) we will walk your child over to you. Thank you for your support with this.

Road Markings to be updated outside school

We have attached copies of a letter Councillor Dave Reilly has sent to local residents along with maps detailing where he is proposing putting extra parking restrictions, to this weeks newsletter. We only received the letter this week but, please get in touch with him if your are opposed as the changes WILL impact where you can park when dropping your child off to school. Thank you.

This Week's Shining Stars

Every fortnight, up to three children are picked from each class and recognised and celebrated for displaying one (or more!) of our Learning Powers. They are rewarded with a certificate and then parents will receive a link to a presentation (as we are unable to have an assembly) where they will hear the class teacher talk about why their child has been chosen. Here are the Learning Powers as a gentle reminder....





Reception Robins Shining Stars



Year 1 Blackbirds Shining Stars





Year 2 Barn Owls Shining Stars



Year 3 Rabbits Shining Stars





Year 4 Hedgehogs Shining Stars



Educational Psychologists Training Sessions for High Meadow Parents

Thank you to everyone who attended the first webinar session last night, we hope you found it helpful and are looking forward to the next two. They are planned for next Tuesday 17th November at 4.00pm and the topic is Helping your child to Self-Regulate. The third and final one is on Thursday 26th November at 4.00pm and the topic is Helping your child develop Resilience and Reasoning. If the timings mean that you can't access the webinars, if you register, you can have access to the recorded webinars for 30 days afterwards. You can only do this by registering an interest though. We have attached the information to this newsletter again this week.

Braiswick School Photos

If your child was in school on Monday, they would have had their photo taken by Braiswick. On Thursday, the photopack was sent home in your child's bookbag. Please follow the instructions in the pack to order the photos if you wish to. They have requested that all orders have been returned to school or ordered online by Wednesday 23rd November at the very latest.





Children’s Christmas Fair – Friday 4th December

Every year, all the children in school are invited to our Children’s Christmas Fair. It is held during the school day so that all of the children can visit it independently, with their class friends. Every year, on the build up to the Fair, we reach out and ask for donations of goodies for each of the stalls. To help prepare for it, I have created a list of items and dates below (you might like to create the sweet jars over the half term holidays). Thank you, as always for your kindness and support in this event.

Date	Items
Friday 20 th November	Pocket money toys such as bouncy balls, pencils, felt tips, crayons, colouring books, etc.
Friday 27 th November	Unwanted teddies that are clean and in good condition that another child might like to buy from our Teddy Adoption Stall
Friday 4 th December	Cakes that we can serve on at our Cake and Juice Café for the children

Please reach out if you and your family or child need support

Please remember, if you need someone to talk to about any concerns you have about your child, then please call the Family Support Worker Helpline on 01926 412412

Our Value for this half term is ‘TRUST’

TRUST is...

Taking someone at their word, **R**elying on someone to support you, **U**nbreakable promises, **S**howing that you can be trustworthy, **T**reasuring good friends



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TRUST

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.
(Corrie Ten Boom)

Trust yourself, you know more than you think.
(Benjamin Spock)

Corrie Ten Boom faced many risks and challenges in her life. She got through them because she trusted God to provide what she needed. Do you trust God to help you?

Can you remember an occasion when you surprised yourself by what you were able to achieve?

Trust is the most valuable thing you will ever earn.
(Anon)

Trust takes years to build, seconds to break.
(Anon)

How trustworthy are you?

What do you think this saying means? Try to put it into your own words.

'My God is my strength in whom I trust.'

Psalm 18.2

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

Celebrating Differences

We are learning to...

- Help others to feel welcome
- Accept that everyone is different
- Include others when working and playing
- Know how to help if someone is being bullied
 - Try to solve problems
 - Try to use kind words
- Know how to give and receive compliments

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Tuesday 17 th November	4.00pm	Parents Webinar Workshop – Helping Children to Self Regulate – 2 of 3 workshops led by the Warwickshire Educational Psychiatrists Team exclusively for us!
Friday 20 th November	1.00pm	Hot Chocolate Friday for nominated children Please send in small pocket money toys for the Christmas Fair today
Thursday 26 th November	Afternoon	Shining Stars Assembly – you will be sent a YouTube link if your child has been awarded a Shining Star
Thursday 26 th November	4.00pm	Parents Webinar Workshop – Developing Resilience and Reasoning in children – 3 of 3 workshops led by the Warwickshire Educational Psychiatrists Team exclusively for us!
Friday 27 th November	Morning	Please send in clean/new unwanted teddies for the Christmas Fair today
Tuesday 1 st December	All day	The Christmas Card letter box opens – please send cards in with your child, clearly labelled with the child’s name and class to ensure they are given to the correct child.
Thursday 3 rd December	1.00pm	Hot Chocolate Friday for nominated children (on a Thursday due to Christmas Fair on Friday)
Friday 4 th December	Afternoon	Children’s Christmas Fair Each class bubble will access the Fair with their teacher and TA (as in previous years) Please send in cakes for the Christmas Fair Café today
Monday 7 th December	4.30pm	The High Meadow Christmas Family Quiz! On ZOOM...further details to follow!
Thursday 10 th December	Afternoon	Shining Stars Assembly – you will be sent a YouTube link if your child has been awarded a Shining Star
Monday 14 th December	2.00pm	ALL children will have a VIRTUAL visit from Santa via ZOOM – I am sure he will leave a gift for every child too!
Tuesday 15 th December	Afternoon	Children’s Class Christmas Parties – please send a Christmas outfit in a named bag for your child to independently change into for the afternoon (no football kits please and SAFE footwear too)

Kindest regards

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