



Our High Meadow Community 'Thought for the Week'



Charlie Mackesy

Christmas Nativity Performance 2020

At this time of the year, we are usually thrilled to be inviting friends and family into school to watch our annual nativity play. Due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to do that this year. So, the children have worked really hard to still spread some festive love and cheer through a different kind of nativity called 'Busy, Busy Bethlehem'.

We have recorded songs from each class and we have then threaded narration throughout to tell the nativity story. We will be uploading the filming to our school you-tube site sometime next week. We will send you a link to enable you to access the filming. Only those sent the link will be able to access the nativity and it is not accessible to anyone else on Youtube. Although we understand that you will be really proud of your child in the nativity and want to share it widely, we ask that you please respect the privacy of other families by not sharing a copy of the filming on social media. Thank you for your ongoing support of this.





Virtual Santa Visit – Monday 14th December

We usually have the 'real' Santa come to visit the children at High Meadow every year but he too has to abide by the COVID rules so this year the children will experience a 'Virtual Santa' visit! No doubt he will be dropping off a special present for every child too; keep a look out in your child's book bag on Monday afternoon!

Children's Class Christmas Party – Tuesday 15th December

Today (Friday) we have sent home (in your child's bookbag) a paper plate with an instruction sticker on the back. Please NAME the paper plate, follow the instructions and send it into school on the morning of Tuesday 15th December ready for the class Christmas party.

Please also send your child's party clothes in a NAMED bag ready for them to change into on Tuesday afternoon. Please only send in clothes they can fasten and unfasten themselves...including shoes. NO FOOTBALL KITS PLEASE. Please note that we will be dismissing your child at the end of the day still in their party clothes.

Children's Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 16th December

As previously communicated, school will be paying for EVERY CHILD to have a Christmas lunch this year. It has been a very challenging year and we feel that this is a small way that we can say thank you to all of the children for being so amazing! We are also using Christmas Lunch day as an opportunity for everyone to wear their CHRISTMAS JUMPERS to help spread some festive cheer! Children can wear whatever bottoms they wish but they must still wear school shoes and a coat as they will still be going outside for playtime and lunchtime. If you do NOT want your child to have a Christmas lunch then please just send in a packed lunch as usual.

Onesie/Pyjama day – Thursday 17th December

On Thursday we will be encouraging all of the children to come to school dressed in onesies or PJ's with their dressing gowns too! This is not compulsory and if your child would prefer to come in their uniform then that's okay too. We will spend the day snuggling up, watching a film, making decorations and cards and having a lovely 'christmassy' day. Please still send your child in their school shoes and coat as your child will still be going outside for playtimes.



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Last Day of Term - Friday 18th December

As previously communicated, nursery and reception will finish at 1.00pm and everyone else at 1.15pm on Friday. Larks and Owls after school club **WILL NOT** be running on the afternoon of Friday 18th December.

COVID cases in school

First of all, I would like to thank you all for your support in helping keep our school COVID safe. We are one of the very few schools in Warwickshire, that have **not** had to close a class bubble since September and am thankful for your support and adherence to everything we have put in place such as staggered starts, no adults in school apart from staff, antibac wipes, etc, etc.

Wednesday 16th of December is a crucial date for EVERYONE as any positive cases and/or closures of bubbles in school from that date, means that any close contacts need to isolate for 10 days according to new Government guidance which comes into effect from Monday 14th December. This would mean that the close contact would still be in isolation, up to and including Christmas day! Please be aware of this and continue to support us all in keeping COVID safe at all times. We desperately do not want a class bubble to close as this will impact on everyone's Christmas. Please stay safe, wash your hands regularly, wear a mask and keep 2 metres away from people.

Parents Online Safety Meeting – Wednesday 9th December

Thank you to those parents who attended the Local Authority Online Safety meeting with Jane Key, we hope you found it beneficial. We have attached two documents, from the meeting which everyone may find helpful in keeping their child safe online.

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....





Conratulations to this weeks' Shining Stars

Reception Robins





Year 1 Blackbirds



Year 2 Barn Owls





Year 3 Rabbits



Year 4 Hedgehogs



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 or you have financial worries, 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, Relying on someone to support you, Unbreakable promises, Showing that you can be trustworthy, Treasuring good friends

TRUST

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

Psalm 18.2

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

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.

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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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)
Wednesday 16 th December	Afternoon	Christmas Lunch for EVERYONE. This year, as a special treat (after such a tricky year!) school will pay for EVERYONE to have a lovely, hot Christmas lunch today. Also wear a Christmas Jumper today too!
Thursday 17 th December	All day	Christmas Onesies Day! Come into school dressed in a warm onesie as today the fun continues with a Christmas film, lots of Christmas stories and activities too!
Friday 18 th December	Last day	Earlier finish...please take note... 1.00pm finish – Nursery and Reception 1.15pm finish – All other year groups Larks and Owls will NOT be open after school on this day.

END OF TERM HOLIDAYS – Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2021 Inclusive
TEACHER TRAINING DAY – Monday 4th January 2021
BACK TO SCHOOL - Tuesday 5th January 2021

Kindest regards

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