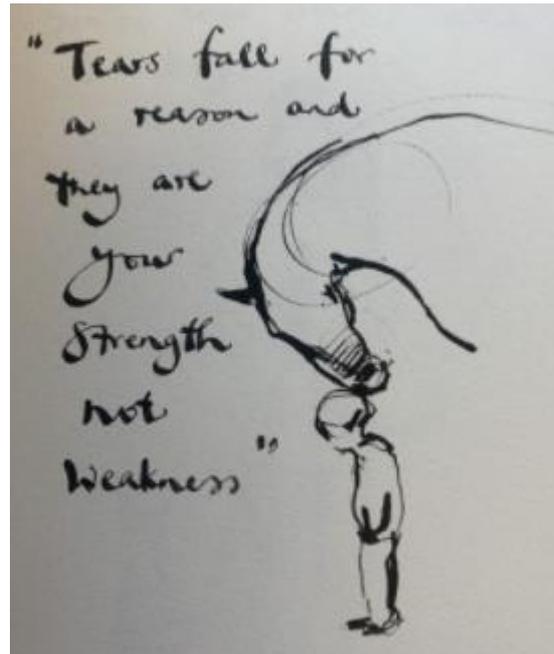




Our High Meadow Community 'Thought for the Week'



Charlie Mackesy

Full return to School 🎉



We are thrilled to hear the news that all schools will be open to ALL pupils from Monday 8th March. We have missed filling our classes with happy and curious children (and staff) and are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school!

We will be opening with a continued raft of safety measures in place such as regular handwashing, hand gel, staggered starts and finishes, social distancing of bubbles and close monitoring of signs and symptoms. We will detail these measures further, next week.





Relationships, Relationships, Relationships!

As we look forward to welcoming your child back into school, we will be ensuring our curriculum reflects the need for your child to re-connect with their friends, teachers and other staff throughout the school. As we continue our journey of becoming a Trauma Informed School we recognise the impact of RELATIONSHIPS and the importance of your child feeling safe, precious and loved in school. We know that human connection is key, especially as we slowly come out of lockdown and we promise to work together, with you, to make sure 'Every Child Has a Champion' There may be some bumps in the road for SOME children and if they are finding it tricky we may need to reach out to other professionals for support but we want you to know that every adult in High Meadow will strive to ensure your child experiences joy, happiness, warmth and love when they re-enter our school gates on Monday 8th March.

Every Child Needs a Champion
 Ted Talk by the late, great Rita Pierson

- ★ James Comer: "No significant learning can occur without a significant relationship."
- ★ Kids don't learn from people they don't like
- ★ Teacher: "You were chosen to be in my class!"
- ★ Student: "You made me feel like I was somebody"
- ★ Teaching and learning should bring joy
- ★ Every child deserves an adult who will never give up on them
- ★ This job is tough but we can do it. We're educators and we were born to make a difference.

Human Connection is key

TEST 1/2x 2✓ BRAVO!

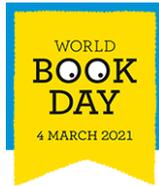
YOU CAN DO IT!!

@sylvia duckworth

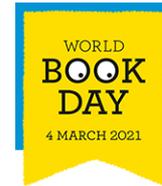


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World Book Day – Thursday 4th March 2021



We are so excited for WBD again this year! We will be inviting everyone to dress up in their PYJAMAS and engage in a range of fun 'book-related' activities! Your class teachers will be sharing the menu of activities next week and we can't wait to see lots of photos of the activities you have completed!

'Well Being Thursdays' Remote Teaching

Please remember that on Thursdays we will still expect children to be online to register at 9.00am and to 'connect' with their class teacher however, there will be no LIVE teaching on Thursday mornings OR afternoons. The required three to four hours of learning will be provided but there will be no LIVE teaching, just on this day. This allows families to plan for a 'screen-free' afternoon and maybe spend an afternoon outdoors, or playing together indoors or even cracking on with learning that may have been missed earlier in the week.

Next Friday 5th March, all teachers will be working in school to re-set up up their classroom and attend training. With this in mind, just like a Thursday, they will be online to register at 9.00am but then will set remote learning for the rest of the day. There will be no 1.00pm LIVE registration on that day either.

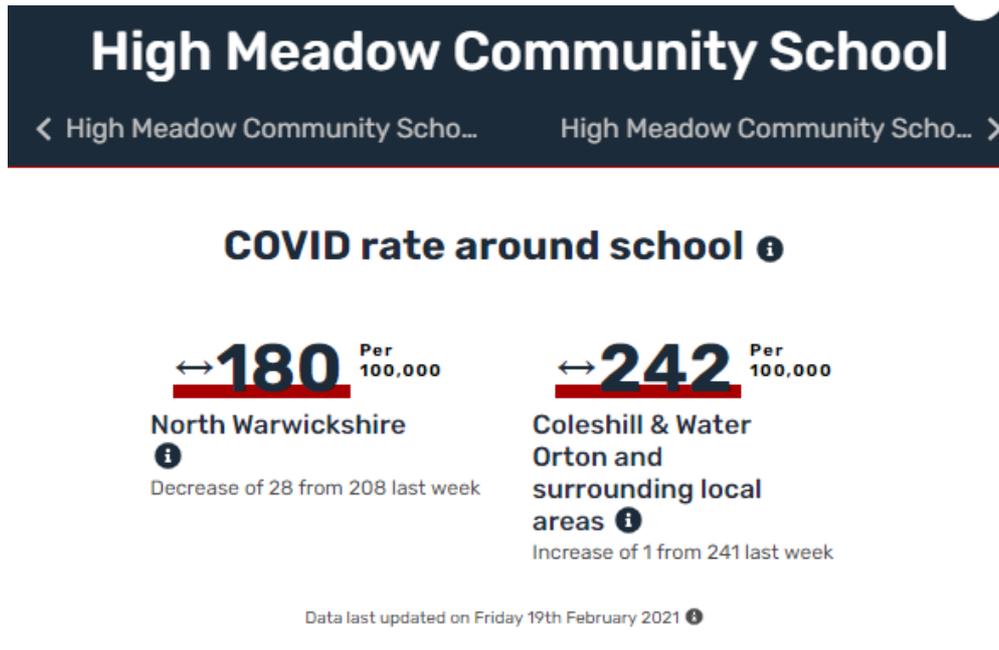
Lateral Flow Testing for all Staff

We are continuing Lateral Flow testing twice a week in school for staff. This regular testing may pick up positive results even if a member of staff is not showing symptoms. This could mean there is **a higher risk of bubbles bursting** as if any staff member in the key stage bubble tests positive, then the WHOLE BUBBLE has to isolate for 10 days. This means that your child will not be allowed in school and they will need to isolate at home. They will still need to engage in remote learning during the 10 day isolation period so please ensure you have plans in place if this happens.





Local infection rates have risen slightly and are still higher than North Warwickshire!



As you can see, the rates in our area have slightly increased and continue to be far higher than North Warwickshire (This is Thursdays data). We cannot be complacent, COVID is still prevalent and we need to work together to keep us all safe. Please continue to follow National Guidance.

Please remember we are STILL in full lockdown which means we CANNOT visit other people. We must stay home and only go out for shopping or a daily walk. Please do not take your child to visit their best friend in their home; this simply is not safe and is against what is stipulated in the guidelines. If your child is coming into school after visiting other friends, you are simply putting my staff and the other children in their key stage bubble, at risk!

The Burrow New Build

The new Key Stage 2 classroom build is romping ahead now and we are getting really excited about the prospect of moving our very patient Year 3 and Year 4 children into their new spaces during the summer term. We have enjoyed selecting brand new furniture and resources for the new space and can't wait to share our designs for the new KS2 Book Nook! Here is a photo taken from the nursery class windows....





There is still lots to do including cedar wood cladding to the face of the building and flooring to be laid too but this gives you a glimpse into what will VERY SOON be our amazing Burrow learning space 😊

Larks and Owls Re-Opening

We are thrilled to share that Larks and Owls before and after school club will be re-opening but not until Monday 15th March, a week after our whole school opening. This will allow children and staff to settle back into normal COVID safe school routines before re-opening the club. This also allows the staff who run the club, planning and preparation time too. We will send out more information and booking details next week. We ARE planning on running an Easter Holiday club during half term.



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Keeping Your Child Safe Online

A gentle reminder to please help your child keep safe online. Please click below to find information on how to set up parental safety controls etc and guidance on age appropriate games for your children to engage in too.



Support for you and your children during these challenging times

Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service

Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service (WSHWBS) is here to support school-age children and young people and parents/carers with any issues relating to health and wellbeing. Parents/carers can get advice from a nurse by texting Parentline, our confidential text messaging service, on **07520 619 376**, or by calling **03300 245 204**. We're available **Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm and Friday 9am-4.30pm**.

Family Lives

Family Lives is a service that provides guidance to families with issues including family breakdown, challenging relationships and behaviour, debt, and emotional and mental wellbeing. Their team are now working with WSHWBS to help provide a wider level of support for Warwickshire families. They can be contacted via their helpline on **0808 800 2222** – it's open **Monday-Friday 9am-9pm** and **weekends 10am-3pm**. You can also email askus@familylives.org.uk, start an online chat on their website, or speak to other parents in their online forum community.





The Family Support Line - 01926 412412 is also continuing to operate during the lockdown period offering advice, support and guidance for parents, carers and professionals.

[Warwickshire COVID Advice and Updates](#)

Click on the picture below for more information



And finally, thank you, you are amazing....



Kindest regards

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