



## Our High Meadow Community 'Thought for the Week'



Charlie Mackesy

### Please reach out if you need help!

As we approach the end of the second week back after Lockdown it is wonderful seeing how the children and staff have settled back into regular, safe routines. It is uplifting to hear the hall full of children singing, the classrooms full of chatter and learning and the playground full of games and friendships. We are however, mindful of some families who continue to struggle to manage their child's behaviour, sleep patterns or anxiety. Please, please reach out for help and support. Warwickshire is full of professionals who are specialists in their fields and want to help. Here is a link to the Family Information Services website where you can find all the contact details you need...



#### Advice and support for your family during Covid-19

Family Information Service Newsletter – providing ongoing support and advice about Covid-19 for families across Warwickshire.

- [View our latest newsletters](#)
- [Book a FIS professional briefing session](#)
- [Coronavirus - education guidance for parents and carers](#)
- [Coronavirus - guidance for parents and families](#)



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## 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





Year 1 Blackbirds



Year 2 Barn Owls





Year 3 Rabbits



Year 4 Hedgehogs



Well done to all of our Shining Stars this week!



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### Sponsored Fitness Circuits

In your child's bookbag today you will find a Sponsor Form. W/c 29<sup>th</sup> March all children will be participating in a sponsored fitness circuit to help raise money for our school. This year we have missed out on many fundraising activities and need to replenish our piggy bank to help pay for birthday books, library books, artist visits and all the lovely things that help make High Meadow such a great place to be. The number of laps that your child will be completing is on the top of the sponsor form and your child will bring home a certificate of completion when they have done their circuits.

In the current COVID situation we do understand that some of our families may be suffering financial hardship as a result of redundancies or reduced hours; please do not feel under any pressure at all to send any sponsor money in if this is the case in your household. Your child will not be aware that this is the case as each class will be celebrating the total amount raised for each class, not individually. Thank you, as always for your ongoing support of our school.

### Keeping Everyone Safe in School – A Gentle Reminder

#### COVID 19 symptoms in your child

Any child 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. If your child is showing these symptoms at home, please do not send them into school.

If a child tests positive for COVID 19 then the **WHOLE** class bubble will need to self-isolate for 10 days. Please ensure you have emergency plans in place if this does happen. Remote teaching, will then take place and your child will be expected to engage in online learning for the whole period of isolation, unless they become too unwell to do so.

You can find out more here...

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms>





### 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.

### Warwickshire COVID Advice and Updates

Click on the picture below for more information



### Events and Activities

w/c 29 <sup>th</sup> March	All week	Sponsored Easter Event – details tbc
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**END OF TERM EASTER HOLIDAYS** – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Inclusive  
**BACK TO SCHOOL** – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021

#### April/May 2021

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	All day	Staff Training day – school closed
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	All day	All children back to school
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	3.10pm – 4.00pm	Year 3 Confident Kids Session start (5 sessions in total) for the first 15 children on the register
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	2.30pm	Reception Parents Phonics Workshop – Via ZOOM
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	4.30pm	NEW parents meeting for children starting reception in September 2021- via ZOOM
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	All day	Whole Class Photographer in

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY** – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 Inclusive  
**BACK TO SCHOOL** – Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021





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



Kindest regards

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