



# The Meadows School

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## This week at The Meadows...

### **Happy New Year**

Welcome back everyone! I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas holiday. The children have settled back into school quickly this week and we are looking forward to the Spring Term ahead.

### **Staffing update**

Mrs O'Leary popped into school on the Inset day with baby Edith and is hoping to come into school to see the children later this term.

Ms Thomson, who is the Executive Headteacher of the Great Learners Trust, will be working at The Meadows on a Friday as the Headteacher to help cover Mrs O'Leary's maternity leave. Mrs Moore will continue to be the Headteacher Monday to Thursday.

We also welcome Miss Pavli, who has joined the team as our Year 4 class teacher.

### **Academisation**

We are expecting to academise and join the Great Learners Trust on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018. Ms Thomson and I are currently working on the re-branding of the school but I'd like to reassure parents that there will be no changes to uniform until September 2018. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to come and see me.

### **Please help us improve our Ofsted rating!!!**

The persistent poor attendance and morning lateness of some pupils continues to be a concern and this is something that you can help us improve. Please make sure your child attends school regularly and on time. As children are brought to school by an adult, the responsibility for arriving at school on time lies with you and you can make this difference to our school and your child's education.

### **Late Collection**

Lateness at the end of the school day has become a significant issue. Some pupils are not being collected until 3.30pm on a regular basis and some as late as 3.45pm. Teachers have clubs and other commitments after school and it is not fair on both staff members and other pupils if clubs and commitments are delayed. From now on, any pupils not collected on time at 3.15pm will wait in the Rainbow room and the pupil's name and collection time will be recorded. If a pupil is collected late more than twice, a senior leader will speak to the parent regarding this.

### **Parent Liaison Group**

Communication is really important and we are very keen to further improve the communication between school and parents. Therefore, we would like to set up a Parent Liaison Group who would be able to meet with Mrs Moore once a half term to be involved in new initiatives that could move the school forward and feedback parental views on events and schemes already in place. If you would be interested in joining this group please let the school office know. We would ideally like to have a parent to represent each class.

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Next week your children will be...

Pre School: learning about Winter

Reception: starting a new topic - Under the Sea

Year 1: looking at poems about Winter and number work

Year 2: reading Augustus and His Smile and fractions

Year 3: looking at adventure stories and 2D shapes

Year 4: learning about acute and obtuse angles and punctuation

Year 5: solving time problems and studying the story of Beowulf

Year 6: studying war torn Europe and learning equivalent fractions

## Housepoints

Topaz	Ruby
72	77
Sapphire	Emerald
114	97

## Champions of the Week

Pre-School: Chloe Jones    Year 3: Brooke Turner

Reception: Ruben Stiff    Year 4: Max Carter

Year 1: Brooke Hogben    Year 5: Kayden Jackson

Year 2: Maya Ancau    Year 6: Emily Rutt

**Well done to all of this week's champions!**

## Star

Year 1

96.1%

## Attendance!

## Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January: Year 5 Dance rehearsal for Energize

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January – Phonics meeting for Year 1 parents at 3pm

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January- Maths Topic day

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January: Final family learning session- Pizza making (places have already been allocated)

Upcoming dates:

Clubs start the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> January – letters will be going out next week