

*Summer Term Edition*

*Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018*

*Dear Parents, Carers and Children*

## Message from the Head

I've been engrossed in reading reports across the school and am sure each one of you will be proud of your child's achievements this year. A lot of work goes into crafting each report, to ensure it tells the story of your child's learning journey. Teachers work incredibly hard to produce these, and always include helpful next steps, based on their knowledge of achievements, skills and learning styles. We hope you enjoy reading them!

## Meadowside Class News.

### Reception

The last 2 weeks we have had a great time trying out our circus skills. Did you see our big circus art in the parent pavilion? It has been good fun and we have all demonstrated lots of perseverance and determination as none of the skills are easy and take some practice. This week we have also been on our travels again. First, we visited Japan on our flying carpet and then Peru. That will be the end of our travels with Granny on her carpet, so we will have a chat and decide which part of the world we would like to explore next. We may try out some different modes of transport too.

### Years 1 & 2

Year 1 have had a brilliant time getting involved in all things circus! We have been finding out about the history of the circus, different types of clowns, designing ourselves as clowns, creating our own unique circus acts and even tackling some circus skills challenges in PE. Next week we are working on a very special circus challenge which you will be able to ask your child about on Monday! In general, our attentions now turn to thinking about life as Year 2 children and getting ready to move on to our new classroom and teacher!

In Year 2 we have had circus fever these past 2 weeks! We have watched snippets of The Greatest Showman, heard extracts of circus stories and used our own experiences to imagine what wonders we would see if we went to The Circus of Dreams. What wonders we saw! Over the next two weeks we will start talking about transitioning to Year 3 and Key Stage 2.

### Year 3 & 4

When the circus comes to school, what else can you do but delve into the world of juggling, plate spinning and diablo's! Year 3 had a fantastic workshop with performer Thomas Trilby, practised these skills during our PE lessons, learnt how to divide using a tightrope numberline and are busy planning and writing circus stories after visiting the circus tent on Tuesday and then watching the show on the evening! It has certainly been an exciting couple of weeks!

We had a fantastic Circus themed week last week and demonstrated amazing perseverance and determination in our circus skills workshop with Thomas Trilby, particularly when we tried plate spinning. It was great fun. We also wrote circus cinquains, looked for all possibilities in maths, created our own acrobats and baked cakes, amongst other things. This week, we all enjoyed a fantastic finale to our Musicate project and the children showcased all they have learnt on Monday afternoon. Thank you to all who came to see our performance. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did

### Year 5 & 6

Last week, Year 5 enjoyed taking part in the circus themed assembly and subsequent circus skills workshops provided by Thomas Trilby. We learned how to juggle with handkerchiefs and hats, spin a diabolo and manipulate the devil sticks. A further practice session later in the week enabled us to build on our initial training so now we feel confident and are all ready to join the circus, should the opportunity arise. It was a pleasure to watch our children participate at sports morning. Everyone demonstrated well the values of sportsmanship which we have discussed in topic lessons recently.

In our maths lessons, we have reflected upon our recent maths assessments and also completed our lessons about estimating, measuring and drawing angles. We are currently learning how to solve problems by converting units of time. In English, we used the circus as represented in art to inspire our writing, producing some imaginative work about circus performers and also creating our own ideas for circus acts. This week, we have been preparing to write persuasively about healthy eating. As the summer holidays are rapidly approaching, we would ask that all school library books are now returned to us. Thank you.

Year 6 have just completed their inductions days at secondary school and we couldn't be prouder. They have represented the school beautifully and have all made an excellent start to their next adventure. Over the next two weeks, we will be rehearsing for our upcoming play 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies', as well as preparing for the Leavers' assembly. Both events are going to be fantastic! In class, we have been finishing our work on the most recent class novel – Kensuke's Kingdom – which the children have adored. We are still keeping maths ticking over by completing problem solving tasks that often involve practical elements. It's an exciting time of year and is often an emotional one as their primary school journeys come to an end. We have really enjoyed our time with this class and we are looking forward to our final weeks together.

### Governor corner

As previously shared, Governors recently invited parents to submit nominations to join the team as a Parent Governor from September. We only received one nomination, which means that the parent in question has been elected unopposed.

Regardless of the number of nominations received, we are delighted to announce that Craig Broadman will be fulfilling this position. Craig a keen footballer, believes in the contribution sport can play in school life and is keen to share his personal and professional experience to help shape the future of Meadowside and is looking forward to the challenge of this new position. All Governors look forward to working with Craig in the next academic year.

### Friends Of Meadowside

Who is still buzzing from Happy's Circus on Tuesday then???

I can't quite believe that not only is the Circus over, but we've now completed a years worth of events already!! Where has this year gone?!

A few thank you's needed. It's certainly the biggest event that I've been involved in at Meadowside and it has taken 12 months of planning.

It was a bit scary committing to the cost considering we don't normally do so in advance for our events. But you didn't let us down. We were just shy of 500 people and it was brilliant to see and hear such a great atmosphere before, during and after. Thank you!!

Thank you to the school too, for trusting us and whole heartedly buying into the event. Supporting us throughout the build up and helping on the night. You've been brilliant!

And, the Friends team themselves. That's the hardest to know where to start as everyone puts so much care and attention into making the events we do as enjoyable as we possibly can. Giving the children an experience as well as raising funds.

For us, that's our final event this year. Our AGM is on 19th July and we would love you to join us to hear how much we've raised and there's always a little something fizzy to celebrate!

### Other News

**\*\*Don't forget that Tewkesbury Medieval festival is on \*next weekend\* 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July – This event is FREE! We recommend going if your children want to see more Medieval Madness!\*\***

**Dinner money debt-** There is currently an extremely large amount of outstanding dinner money debt. Please make sure that all outstanding debts are paid immediately. May we remind you that all school meals should be paid for in advance.

A huge thank you to all those who came and supported Sports Morning this year. The weather, atmosphere and sportsmanship were all excellent. Special thanks go to Mr Iain Cronin, who continues to do an amazing job for 'Team Meadowside' and of course to Mrs Morley, whose passion and organisational skills have ensured the event is successful in every way.

#### INSET dates (school shut for pupils)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Monday 3rd September 2018**

**Friday 12th October 2018**

**Monday 7th January 2019**

**Monday 22nd July 2019**

**Tuesday 23rd July 2019**

Please visit our website [www.meadowsideschool.co.uk](http://www.meadowsideschool.co.uk), for all upcoming events.

#### Dates for your diary

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** New Reception Class visits

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July** - Y4 visit to Beechenhurst Lodge

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July** - Y3 visit to Beechenhurst Lodge

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July** 9 15– Rock Steady Concert (for parents of children taking lessons)

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July** - Y3/4 Anglo-Saxon dressing up day

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 4 30 – 6 30** - Whole School Family Picnic

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 9 15 a.m.** Leavers Assembly (Y6 parents + any other leavers)

Annual Reports to parents will be sent out on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July!**

**School finishes on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm**

**Date of next newsletter: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July**