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# Friday Fortnightly Newsletter

*Summer Term Edition*

*Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018*

*Dear Parents, Carers and Children*

## Message from the Head

This term, we will continue to work with local councillors and our police and PCSO teams, to improve road safety around the school site and nearby residential areas. We are going to have signs designed by Meadowside families manufactured and on display as soon as possible. If you feel strongly about the safety of your own children and our school family, then please get involved. See the box below for further details of how to enter your design for consideration.

Next week, I will be 'publishing' my second newsletter - Head Lines – via Parent Mail. This is intended to keep you, as parents, updated on Meadowside's educational projects and priorities. I will always try to respond to any ideas or common 'themes' which emerge, from my conversations with all of you. I hope you find it useful and informative.

## Meadowside Class News.

### Reception –

This term we will be learning about different places in our topic "where shall we go". First, we looked at the map of the world and were amazed at how small England was. Everyone in apple class made a Meadowside passport with our picture and age in. As we travel around the world we will collect the flags of the countries we visit. To start with we will be using our imaginations to fly round the world with Granny on her flying carpet. Our first stop was Thailand where she got 2 temple cats. Where will she go next and what souvenirs will she collect?

### Years 1 & 2 –

Year 1- What a fantastic trip to Warwick Castle Years 1 and 2 had yesterday! We loved getting to see what a real medieval castle looked like and were very good at spotting some of the features we have learnt about in our topic! We got the chance to see and touch some real armour as well as find out more about Richard Neville and the history of the castle! It was a very busy day packed full of exciting things and we are so excited to now be able to become the best knights possible!

Year 2- Before half term, we got to sample some of the pastimes of the Medieval period. We tried our hands at cross stitch, which we discovered was not as easy as we thought it would be! A special thank you goes to the parents that came in to help us. We each now have a cross-stitched bookmark! Year 2 are very excited to find out all about being a knight this week! By the time you read this we will have been to Warwick castle... we are sure to have had a great day!

### Year 3 & 4 – Time Machine - Would you survive in AD420?

Year 3- It's been an exciting start to our new topic - we arrived back at school to find a time machine in our classroom. Unfortunately it doesn't work so we are designing and making helmets to power the machine so we can travel back in time to meet the Anglo-Saxons and see if we would survive in AD420? We have found out about the Warrior Queen Aethelfled and are attending a workshop at the library on Monday to find out more about our local hero who was buried at St.Oswalds Priory 1,100 years ago. Lots of celebrations are taking place in Gloucester this weekend for this anniversary. In Music, we are learning how to play the recorder and this week learnt how to play the note B! We can't wait to share our Musicate learning this year with you in our upcoming parent assembly in July!

In year 4 Before half term, we concluded our topic of 'What makes our world wonderful?' by exploring Meadowside's grounds and photographing anything we found that could answer this question. The class managed to take some AMAZING photographs, which showed just how beautiful our world really is. A selection of these are currently on display in the junior cloakrooms.

Don't forget our new class text is 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes, send in any copies you have at home.

On Tuesday we were surprised to find a strange machine in our classroom. On further investigation we discovered that it is a time machine that is set for AD420. Should we use it? We will be learning more this term to help us make this decision.

### Year 5 & 6 –

In year 5 we have been working on finding the missing angle in quadrilaterals and triangles. Next week we will move on to use protractors to measure internal angles. The Boy in the Girls' Bathroom was a very thought-provoking novel which we concluded before half-term. We have moved on to use a non-fiction, explanation text relating to athletes as part of our topic. Yesterday, both classes attended the Science Festival in Cheltenham and really enjoyed a Adventures in Cyberland, (code breaking), run by Lockheed Martin and an interactive engineering feature.

We have begun to plan our World Cup competition that Year Five will be running next week and Year Six will be running a separate competition for younger children.

Year 6 are too busy having fun at residential!

### **Road Safety at Meadowside – Design a street sign competition.**

We would like to create up to 10 large signs which will then be attached to lampposts outside/near school, to promote road safety and improve parking issues.

We would like families to design these together, for maximum impact. Please include 'Designed By...' on your entry.

Entries need to be on white A4 paper, portrait rather than landscape. The winning designs will be adapted and transferred onto larger outdoor material, so please ensure your lettering is clear, correctly spelt and designs are eye-catching and bold.

**Entries need to be with us by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June at the latest.** Winners will be announced on the next Friday Fortnightly.

### **Friends Of Meadowside**

Our focus is now totally on the CIRCUS which is heading to Meadowside!!

Can't quite believe it's so close now but somehow it is.

Tuesday 3rd July. Refreshments and activities from 4pm and Circus starts at 6pm to 8pm.

Tickets on sale and selling well so don't leave it too long before buying yours!

There are spare letters in the school office with forms on in case you've lost the original.

They'll also be a class competition to see which year can sell the most raffle tickets. Open to anyone to buy whether coming to the circus or not and featuring some fabulous prizes! Look out for the letters in book bags soon.

If you can lend a hand volunteering on the day please let us know, we'd be very grateful for 30mins of your time! Thanks!!

**Y3 and Y4 Library Visit** – Don't forget your library card on Monday for the trip to the library. There are application forms in the office if you do not have a library card and would like to get one.

**Year 5** – Registration is now open for the Grammar School Entrance Examination. Please remember that the registration deadline is **June 30<sup>th</sup>** and there is no 'wriggle room' on this! Register at the school where you want your child to sit the test. You can ask for the awarded mark to be considered by whichever Grammar Schools you are interested in.

We are delighted to announce that Miss Megan Christie has been appointed to our teaching team for September 2018, to replace the 'irreplaceable' Mrs Morley!

#### **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**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June** - Class Photos

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 6pm** – New Intake Parents Meeting

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June** - Y3/4 visit to Quedgeley Library for Aethelfled workshops

**Monday-Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>/ 26<sup>th</sup> June** - Circus workshops with Thomas Trilby

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June** - Whole School Sports Morning

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** - Y3/4 Musicate Celebration assembly. Y3/4 parents invited 1.30 - 2pm

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

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

**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

Staff Line Up for September will be announced on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July**.  
Annual Reports to parents will be sent out on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July**!

**Date of next newsletter: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**