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Friday Fortnightly Newsletter

Summer Term Edition

Friday 12th July 2019

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Message from the Head

Reports are out today! The teacher's comment box will help you to get a picture of your child's attitude to learning this year, their strengths and successes. You will also find a box with a target for each of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. We will be using these to shape your child's provision on entry to their new year group in September. The children have added their own comments this year and set themselves some goals for the future! No doubt you will be proud of their achievements and progress academically and socially. It was a pleasure to read them all and add my own comments and to be able to celebrate and encourage them in so many ways.

Meadowside Class News

Reception

Rather than deciding where to go we have been thinking about how to get there this week. We brought our bikes into school on Tuesday. There were some impressive cycling skills. We labelled bikes and read the story Mrs Armitage on wheels, she added all sorts of interesting things to her bike. On Thursday we went on a walk to the canal to look at the boats. We then experimented with different things that we could use for building our own boats, some are more waterproof than others. It is hard to believe there is only one week left in Reception for Yew class.

Years 1 & 2

What an exciting holiday Year 1 had to finish off our Buckets and Spades topic! We got the chance to experience holidays in the 1900s by taking in the sea air and going along the promenade, as well as enjoying some other holiday favourites like visiting the arcade and eating ice cream! We also had the chance to build sandcastles for the sandcastle competition! Everyone looked fantastic and we had great weather too! We will now turn our attention towards getting ready to be Year 2s! Everyone has worked very hard this year and deserves a well earned summer break!

Year 2- Our holiday last week was a brilliant way to conclude our Buckets and Spades topic! We all had a lovely time on our 1900s holiday and some of us said we would love to go back there one day! Year 2 have worked very hard this year and should all be very proud of themselves. We now turn our attention to preparing for Year 3 and the transition from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2, recognising that, although there will be some changes, many things will stay just the same! Have a lovely summer holiday.

Year 3 & 4

What a lovely few weeks we've had in year 3! The children have worked really hard in English, writing diary entries and newspaper reports and have come up with some lovely ideas. In maths we have worked hard interpreting data and statistics and this week we have one back to focusing on money and problem solving. We have been lucky enough to watch the Year 6's performance which was fantastic! Next week we are looking forward to our class treat which will be a teddy bear's picnic on the field and some games.

Year 4- Recently we have been thinking about 'the ground beneath our feet' and researching Roman remains and artefacts that have been found in Gloucestershire, who knew what a amazing finds are all around us! In maths we have been thinking about mathematical movement - using co-ordinates to describe shape and position - ask your child about our mathematical mantra. In other news we really enjoyed sharing our cricket skills with Key Stage 1 and reception children - we're sure there are a few future England players in our class! We've had some amazing homework sent in and have enjoyed the opportunity to share it with the rest of the class.

Year 5 & 6

We are coming to the end of our class text, 'Arthur and the Golden Rope'; we have really enjoyed writing our own versions of how Arthur overcame Fenrir, the evil wolf. Year 5 have really impressed the team with their mature and sensible approach to our Relationship and Sex Education. Our final session will take place next week and consolidate learning through the unit.

As a class, we have used this term's maths and reading to identify areas for consolidation. This week, we have been reviewing different approaches and 'using what you do know' to find out what you don't! A highlight of this fortnight was the recital by Shyla and Sophie of a collaborative letter by Grandad, from 'Running on Empty', by S.E. Durrant. The girls read to an audience of over 200 children and adults; it was very moving and beautifully delivered. Thank you Jamie for your efforts to create the letter.

Please would you return any outstanding classroom or library books; or books belonging to Mr Mayne. If you have any childrens' books that you no longer require but you would like to ensure they go to a good home, we can accommodate them. Any that we cannot use as a school, we will pass on to a charity shop so that others can benefit from them. Thank you for your support this year, it has been fun working with you. Enjoy the Summer break.

Well done to everyone in Year 6 for creating such an amazing performance of "The Pirates of the Curry Bean". It has been a pleasure for Meadowside staff and families alike to see the children confidently singing, acting and dancing their way through such an entertaining play. We hope to showcase our performance skills again at the Leavers' Assembly on the last day of term. Secondary school transition days seemed to be very successful; certainly the children returned to Meadowside full of excitement and anticipation. Meanwhile, back at Meadowside, relationships education continues in Year 6 and we are impressed by the mature attitude the children have shown in our lessons. In art, we used our research about Viking longships to create some beautiful collages of a vessel at sea.

Please help us to conserve our school's resources by returning all class and staged reading books and any library books immediately. It would also be helpful if your child could bring in a carrier bag or similar for transporting books and personal belongings at the end of term. Thank you.

Other News

Amy Heywood, who is a Meadowsider from 2011, returned to watch the year 6 performance of Pirates of the Curry Bean. She is studying media at university and was very impressed by the children's' performances! She also managed to raise an amazing £102.86 for a charity in South Africa that helps fund schools and healthcare. Amy is going to South Africa this summer and will be returning to share pictures, videos and thoughts of her trip. Thank you so much for your donations – she is incredibly grateful.

Cricket – Well done to the cricket team on another victory against Hardwicke yesterday – if they win by 57 runs today in their match with Beech Green, they win the league!

Governor News – Sports Funding

Recently Governor News has had a focus on funding and resourcing activities throughout the School. Funding is important for academic as well as sporting and Physical Education aspects of school life. Meadowside currently receives PE and Sport Premium funding to help provision of sport and physical activities, which is calculated based on pupil numbers in years 1-6. The funding is provided to develop or add to the PE, physical and sporting activities that the school already offers, or build capacity and capability within the school to ensure that improvements made now will benefit pupils joining the school in future years. Over the past year Meadowside has allocated this funding to many areas of sport and PE provision, including;

CPD and specific sport training of staff to enhance and broaden activities available

Transport of pupils to sporting events and hosting events at Meadowside

Purchase of new sports equipment to widen activities that are available

Replacement and maintenance of existing equipment

We are currently investigating the possibility of installation of outdoor table tennis equipment that can be used for PE sessions as well as general use in breaktimes and lunch periods.

Recent inspections have shown that the school sports equipment store, (an old timber shed), has come to the end of its life. We are hoping to allocate some funds to purchase a new, more robust sports store to protect existing and new equipment. It is likely that the new store will require a new concrete slab, (as the current one merely sits on the grass) and would welcome help from any of the school family to assist in installing a base when it is needed! If you would like to help, please feel free to get in touch with the school!

INSET dates (school shut for pupils)

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Monday 2nd September 2019

Friday 25th October 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Dates for your diary

Friday 12th July- Reports sent home

Tuesday 16th July- 4:30pm- Whole School picnic

Friday 19th July- 9.15 for a 9:30am start- Year 6 Leavers assembly

Friday 19th July- 2pm- School finishes for the Summer.

Children return to school at 8 55 am on Tuesday 3rd September

Have a very happy Summer Break everyone!

Friends of Meadowside

This is the last Friday Fortnightly update from us for this school year. We bid a very fond, but sad farewell to both our year 6 classes. Thank you to all of you for your part in FoM over the years, especially those parents who we will also lose to pastures new, we will miss you!! We are sure you'll be amazing out there and we hope you'll join us for the family events in the future.

As we approach the end of term there still seems to be so much to do! The amphitheatre build is still progressing, although we have experienced an unplanned delay with getting the path access installed. We are hopeful that work will recommence shortly and the children will finally be able to explore the new equipment. You may have also noticed that a new shed has been installed next to the KS2 bike store. This is the new Friends of Meadowside storage shed and we are delighted that we have a dedicated space for our things. A massive thank you to the Year 1 & 2 Bake Sale earlier this year which gave us the funds to buy this.

The sponsored walk is taking place today and we wish all the children good luck as they complete as many laps as possible. In order to make donations easier we have set up a Just Giving page. Please feel free to share the following link with friends and family if they are willing to sponsor the children. The money raised from the walk will go towards the e-library access again next year as it's been very popular with the school.

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/friendsofmeadowside?utm_id=2&utm_term=Z9g6N3RZa

The end of term school picnic takes place on Tuesday 16th July. Friends will be having a Bottle Tombola so maybe you can win a bottle of something to enjoy with your picnic. As this contains alcohol it is a parent only stall. £1 per go.

We will hold our Annual General Meeting on Thursday 18th July. It will start at the slightly earlier time of 19:00pm (previously advertised as 19:30pm) and will be located in the School Hall. We will be summarising the year and discussing plans for next year as well as voting in the next years committee. An end of year report from me will be circulated after the meeting so you can all see what we've been up to this year and what all the funds have been put towards. Everyone is welcome!

Have an amazing summer and we will see you next year with lots more exciting events. Rumour has it the Circus will be making a return visit!!

Advanced Warning: As we have a double cohort leaving us next Friday, there will be 2 buses outside school from about 1 15pm. Please do not drive down to school or park inconsiderately. Please also be very careful of traffic, when you leave school with your children on that day.

Date of next newsletter: Friday 13th September 2019