

Autumn Term Edition

Friday 13th September 2019

Comets	Hurricanes	Meteors	Spitfires
162	195	145	195

Message from the Head

Welcome to the new-look Friday Fortnightly! We hope you enjoy reading about the first 2 weeks of school life. Please make a note of important dates coming up; in particular, we hope to see lots of you after school next Thursday for our Meet the Team drop-in. The Tom Robson event for parents in October is also highly recommended – a separate letter with booking details will follow soon.

Meadowside Class News.

Reception-Maple class are our new Reception class this year. They have made a fantastic start to their Meadowside journey. All the children look so smart in their school uniform, they are ready and eager to learn. We have been finding out about our classroom and the rest of the school and having lots of fun. There is always lots going on in Reception.

Year 1- Yew class have been brilliant at settling into the new routines of life in Year One! We have found out that life in Year One isn't too different to life in Reception and we are taking all challenges in our stride. We launched our pirate themed topic "Shiver Me Timbers!" on Friday and the children were very excited to accept the challenge of becoming powerful pirates in order to find treasure buried on an unknown island! We did some excellent code cracking and tricky riddle solving before we were able to accept the challenge. We are very excited to get stuck in and learn a little bit more!

Year 2- Last week, Years 1 and 2 heard about an exciting pirate challenge! Cap'n Moreton set us on the quest to become powerful pirates and seek the treasure that he had hidden! We are all very excited about learning how to become pirates and getting the treasure reward when we have succeeded! Keep your eyes peeled for an email that details some of our secret piratical plans to help celebrate the end of this topic Shiver Me Timbers!

Year 3-Year 3 have had a fantastic start to the new academic year! We are really enGROSSed in our new topic of 'Really Revolting'. In English we have been looking at Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhymes, specifically Cinderella. Today we have helped to celebrate his birthday and all the amazing stories that he has written. In maths we had to answer questions to help us create George's Marvellous Medicine. We have written character studies and a set of instructions. Mrs Bouvier even copied the Twits and ate worms for her breakfast - YUK! We look forward to more revolting fun in the next few weeks!

Year 4-It's been a fantastic start to year 4 and we have enjoyed our Really Revolting topic start. As a class team, we have created expectations of what children can expect from adults and what children will aspire to do. It will be great to see you at the upcoming parent drop in.

Class News Continued

Year 5- Welcome everyone to our new school year. We are very excited about our topic, "Watch this SPACE!" in which we shall be discovering all about the Earth, sun and moon. We have already been inspired in our art lessons to produce lunar landscapes in collage and tie-dyed suns and stars. This week, Simon Ould brought his "Space Odyssey" planetarium to our school hall and we were thrilled by his fact-packed, entertaining presentations about space. Elm class are certainly settling in well to their new life in Upper Key Stage 2 at Meadowside and we have appointed four new vice house captains from Year 5 – the first time this has ever happened. We have also been taking our CATs (cognitive assessment tests) – something we do at this time in year 5 to help us anticipate future learning goals and methods for the children. Elm class have been very mature and sensible in their attitude to these tests. Well done, everyone!

Year 6- Wow! What an incredible start year 6 have made to life at Meadowside. In topic work, we have made tie-dye suns, made moonscapes for the front covers of our books and have visited the planetarium (this was full of jaw-dropping moments!). In English we have explored vocabulary associated with our galaxy and also produced beautiful poetry about the Sun which are currently displayed in the classroom. We are beginning to learn more about the planets in our Solar System over the coming weeks. During computing we have been creating our own computer games – this has been a real hit – whilst in PE we are learning about how to use space effectively to attack an opposition half. As always, it is a busy time in year 6 and we are really looking forward to the rest of the term.

Dr Tom Robson's Parent Event - Thursday 24th October

Do you ever have problems encouraging your children to be independent and take more responsibility at home? Do you wish they could be more resilient, but don't know how to make this happen? Dr Tom Robson is a Neuroscientist and an Educationalist who has worked with Meadowside children and staff on their 'learning powers' with great results. We are hosting an end-of-term evening event for parents, full of tips and ideas ready for you to try out at half term and beyond! There will be refreshments and time to talk, reflect and unwind at the end of term one. Further details and how to book for this free event will be sent out next week. Save The Date!

Friends of Meadowside

Welcome back after the summer break, we hope you have all had a good first week back at school, and the children have settled into their new classes well. A huge warm welcome to all our new families starting in Maple class and to any new children throughout the school! Welcome to the Meadowside family.

Our first event of the year is a **Back 2 School Coffee & Conversation** event for parents/carers/grandparents...anyone who is a "Friend of Meadowside". Please come and join us for a tea/coffee on us and catch up with the other parents from the school. Chat with us about what we do and how you can help. Monday 16th September 14:00pm – 15:15pm and Friday 20th September 08:45am – 10:00am. We hope you can make it.

We will meet for the first Friends meeting of the year on Thursday 26th September at 7.30pm in the school hall to discuss the calendar of events for this academic year and to elect the committee members for the year. Drinks and nibbles provided! It would be great to have some of the new reception parents/carers join us if you can. It is great to have input from all years so that we get the right balance for everyone. There's no pressure and it's a great way to meet people and learn about the school. Look forward to seeing you then!

Other news

Sports update!

What an amazing afternoon of Cross Country! It was blustery but that didn't put off the efforts of our Meadowside runners. Everyone from years 2-6 put in so much effort to run, jog and walk their way around our school grounds. The support the children give one another is inspirational and we always love watching them compete.

The football season kicked off in style as Meadowside beat Kingsway and Hardwicke to make it through to the next round of the competition. A tight 1-0 loss to local rivals Beech Green resulted in a second position qualifying place. An excellent team performance by all. Go blue and green!

INSET dates (school shut for pupils)

Friday October 25th 2019

Monday 6th January 2020

**May Bank Holiday 2020 is
Friday 8th May**

Monday 1st June 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Dates for your diary

17th Sept 2 40 Y4 Wye Valley Information Event

19th Sept 3 15 Meet The Team for all year groups

w/b 23rd Sept Clubs begin

30th Sept 5 30 Y5 Secondary School Information session

9th October – Harvest Assembly (children only)

15th Oct 4-7pm and 16th October 3 30-5 30 Parents Evenings.

24th October (evening) – Dr Tom Robson Parent Event

Don't forget to check the website

www.meadowsideschool.co.uk/calendar for all key dates.

Date of next newsletter: Friday 27th September 2019



Meadowside School