

Autumn Term Edition

Friday 13th December 2019

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Message from the Head

The children and staff have been working incredibly hard in preparation for their Christmas performances next week. We always look forward to welcoming friends and family to these events and hope you will enjoy the shows.

Thank you to everyone in the school community for your hard work, enthusiasm and generosity this term. We have achieved so much already and all deserve a well-earned rest before the new year begins.

Merry Christmas and a Peaceful holiday season to you all, from the Meadowside Team.

Meadowside Class News.

Reception-

We asked the question who helps us? this term and Maple class have found out about lots of people who help. They particularly enjoyed the visitors who came to class. A big thank you to Ms Dam who was brave enough to be our first visitor. Leo's Daddy came in with his police uniform and a police car and we also met 2 horses and their riders from the mounted polices. A big thank you to you all. For the last two weeks we are getting involved with Christmas. We are helping Santa by taking care of one of his reindeer. It has been a busy but fun term in the Reception classroom.

Year 1-

Year One had a brilliant time celebrating the end of our topic last week with our Pirate Day! We were all very excited to meet Captain Rockycliff, play some games and even take part in a treasure hunt! Our attentions now turn to finding out more about the meaning of Christmas and the Christmas story, as well as, of course, the Christmas play! All of the children have worked very hard this term and deserve a well-earned break! Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!

Year 2-

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed being buccaneers and swashbucklers on Friday last week! Captain Rocky Cliff came to see us and told us all about famous pirates and treasure hunting. Well done to all our pirates- we managed to solve the clues, find the treasure and even learnt how to cook our food on a camp fire so that we can survive on the desert island! What an amazing day we had! Now we have turned our attention to Christmas. We can't wait to show you our play The Magical Christmas Box!

Class News Continued

Year 3-

This week saw the launch of our new mini topic 'Light it up' the children had to solve a variety of challenges to win items to change Year 3 classroom, Mrs Parker, Mrs Smith and Mr Mayne from 'drab' to 'fab'. The children completed each challenge with great enthusiasm and won 6 rounds out of 7. We have begun to think about what we know about electricity and making circuits so we can hopefully light up a circuit successfully. Thank you for all the preparation for our felt decoration project the children were very excited and wanted to get sewing straight away. We look forward to seeing each idea come to life! We hope you all enjoy the break from school and get a chance to rest and recharge.

If you would like an idea for a small Christmas present for your child our next class reading book will be 'The Explorers' by Katherine Rundell

Year 4-

Our 'Really Revolting' ended with Year 3 and 4 enjoying our topic shine and sharing videos they had created to explain their Really Revolting Top Ten choices. We have now launched our 'Light It Up' mini topic that will continue to the end of term.

Thank you for helping our children learn the lyrics to our class song that we will be sharing next week in the Key Stage Two Christmas performance. We have tried to keep any costume requirements simple to avoid any extra stress at this busy time of year! The children sharing poems have also been busy practising their delivery and we look forward to sharing our pieces next week.

In English we have moved onto 'The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey' and in maths, we are solving word problems using 4-digit numbers with column addition and subtraction.

Year 5-

Our topic, "Our World" comes to an end this week with the children studying climate change and then making speeches about its impact. Last week, Years 5 and 6 hosted a STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) ambassador who is a drainage engineer. She spoke about climate change and her role in mitigating its effects by designing sustainable drainage systems. The children had many questions to ask her about her work. In maths, we have revising short multiplication and learning how to do long multiplication. The Year 5 team would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Year 6-

Year 6 have finished their class text, Floodland, and have enjoyed every moment. We have just finished writing our book reviews and have come to the end of our topic 'Our World' by composing environmental speeches. Watch our Greta Thunberg! These should be up on YouTube shortly. In maths, we have begun the tricky work of calculating with fractions but have preserved and seen very positive results. In PE we are half way through our house rugby competition and in computing we have been learning about online relationships as part of our digital future. It wouldn't be a December edition without mentioning Christmas! We have been busily rehearsing for the Christmas Performance and cannot wait to share our talents with you next week.

Friends of Meadowside

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to support the Christmas Fair and Car Park Carols. In particular, thank you to all the Teachers and Parents who helped us with set up and running stalls during the event. We could not put on these events with you. We had a very busy few hours, but it was great to see everyone having a good time. We raised an incredible £1,038 which is just amazing. This money will be going towards new books for KS1. We hope the children enjoyed Story Time with Santa this year and any feedback would be greatly appreciated. If you have any comments, please get in touch via our email friends@meadowsideprimary.co.uk

Christmas Performances take place next week and FOM will be organising a Tea & Coffee station before the morning performances and after the afternoon performances. So please bring along some pennies to get yourself a hot drink whilst you wait in the cold! 50p per drink. We may even have some minced pies!

The first event after Christmas will be the infamous Meadowside Quiz night for adults only. We will be in touch in January with more details about this event.

We hope you all have a fantastic Christmas & New Year break!

Governor News

'What exactly do governors do?' is a common question asked by many parents, including some of us as governors of Meadowside, before we joined the board. As well as attending full governing body meetings and sub-committee meetings, we believe that in order to best support and challenge school effectively governors should visit during the school day.

It's been a very busy first two terms at Meadowside, with lots of events and initiatives in action. Some of the ways that governors have been involved in school life this academic year have been:

- Two training sessions around preparing for an OFSTED visit (we are due an inspection any time soon).
- The Chair of our governing body attends weekly meetings with the school's Senior Leadership Team.
- Attending meetings with staff to monitor pupil progress.
- Governors are involved in the Headteacher's appraisal.
- One of our governors joined a learning walk around school classrooms to look at the different ways that staff help all children to feel included in their learning.
- Different governors have met separately with teachers to monitor and evaluate the use of the Sports Premium (which we wrote about in the last Governors Corner), Safeguarding procedures at school, the teaching and learning within Maths and how children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities are (SEND) are supported and monitored.
- One of our governors attended the recent Problem solving day to observe the styles of teaching and learning.
- A governor regularly liaises with Friends Of Meadowside to see how we can best support one another.
- Governors have enjoyed coming along to Carols in the car park and the Christmas Fair, the Tom Robson parent event and even school discos!

On that note, we hope you would join us in saying a big THANK YOU to Friends of Meadowside, who work tirelessly to provide lots of 'extra' events and shared fun experiences for Meadowside children and families **to enjoy**. We're already looking forward to the adult quiz next term! We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we look forward to doing it all again in 2020.

Other news

- £90.27 was raised for Lyme disease research for the Caudwell LymeCo charity through the sale of wristbands and donations at Meadowside.

The final Celebration Assembly of 2019 will be on Thursday 19th December at 9 45 am.

Christmas Jumper Day is on Friday 20th December. We will be collecting donations for Sue Ryder in Leckhampton.

INSET dates

(school shut for pupils)

Monday 6th January 2020

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

Monday 1st June 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 17th Dec – 7 30 pm Holy Trinity Choir performance

Tuesday 17th December – 9:30am- KS1 Performance
1:45pm- KS2 performance

Wednesday 18th December – 9:30am- KS2 Performance
1:45pm- KS1 performance

Thursday 19th December- School Christmas lunch

Friday 20th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 20th December - 2pm School finishes for Christmas

Children return to school on **Tuesday 7th January 2020**

Don't forget to check the website

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

Date of next newsletter: Friday 10th January 2020



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