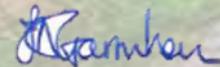


HALF TERM
IS HERE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here at Meadowside Primary School we have reached the end of a very busy term. Trips are now back up and running, having been curtailed due to COVID-19 restrictions, Reception have visited Sywell Country Park, Year 1 have been to Sacrewell Farm and Year 6 have been to Duxford with more year groups booked for next term. Year 6 parents enjoyed an afternoon of sampling WW2 cooking and Reception/KS1 have held their own movie nights. The highlight of this term was the experience of having a whole school photo taken. This involved all pupils and staff and was quite a mean feat to get nearly 500 people all smiling at the same time!

We wish you all an enjoyable, relaxing break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Wednesday 7th June



Mrs Garnham, Executive Head Teacher

Term Time Absence (TTA)

This is a reminder to all parents that the school prides itself on having good attendance. Please see our expectations below. We strongly discourage absences during term time. We do understand that emergency situations might occur, which may mean that your child may require to be off school. In the event of these situations you must fill in a TTA form, which you can get from the school office. Please can we ask that you provide as much detail as possible on the nature of the request. Just recently we have been receiving very limited information on these forms which makes it difficult to assess the absence. Forms will be returned to you if there is a lack of information provided.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Attendance

Meadowside Primary School aims to encourage every pupil to achieve the highest possible levels of attendance in order to take full advantage of the learning experiences available to them.

The School adopts the Government definition of good attendance as being 97% or above.

This half term our attendance was **95.97%**

Reminder

School reopens to pupils on Wednesday 7th June

Health & Fitness Goals at Meadowside

Skipping Into June

Mrs Flavell and Miss Neal will be participating in this worthwhile fundraising campaign during lunch time on the KS2 playground, throughout the month of June. If children wish to join us, we would love some support. If you wish to make a donation, please visit the Just Giving Page:



<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/claires-giving-page-4094>

Just Giving Page

Thanks for visiting my fundraising page. I'm going to be completing 100 skips a day in June to help raise money for Cancer Research UK. Please show your support and help fund life-saving research by donating to my page.

fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org



100 skips
a day
in June



Fitness Tracker Update

Thank You

Thank you so much to all the children in Key Stage 2 who have been busy recording their extra minutes of fitness outside school.

I'm really pleased to announce we have been donated a fantastic prize! All completed trackers will be entered into a prize draw to win a free family pass for The Wave in Coventry. This is the UK's newest water park featuring 6 slides, a lazy river, a wave pool and much more!

Just remember to log on your tracker every time you're out for a walk, bike ride or sports activity to be in for a chance of this amazing day out. The prize draw will be announced on Monday 17th July. Good Luck!



WALK WITH US!

Meadowside Primary Walk to School week Monday 19th June to Friday 23rd June.

This fun and engaging week-long activity for primary schools has been built to make **pupils experience first-hand the importance of walking to school.**

Pupils will be encouraged to walk, wheel, cycle and scoot to school every day of the week, earning stickers as they go along, with a special reward up for grabs at the end of the week!

On your marks get set go!!



Change Of Lunch Provider

From September our lunches will be provided by a company called **Love Food**. They already provide lunches to several local schools. The menu covering the first half term can be seen below. More information will be sent out before the end of the school year. We strongly advise you to use up any credit you currently have on your Dolce accounts and/or clear any outstanding debts.

 Spring summer 2023			
	Week One Weeks beginning 11 th Sept, 2 nd Oct	Week Two Weeks beginning 28 th Aug, 18 th Sept, 9 th Oct	Week Three Weeks beginning 4 th Sept, 25 th Sept, 16 th Oct
Monday 	Meat: Burger in a bun Veg: Meat free burger in a bun With: Potato wedges and sweetcorn Dessert: Biscuits	Meat: Meatball slider Veg: Meat free meatball slider With: Potato wedges and sweetcorn Dessert: Biscuits	Meat: Pepperoni pizza Veg: Cheese pizza With: Potato wedges and sweetcorn Dessert: Biscuits
Tuesday 	Meat: Love food breakfast, Bacon, and sausage Veg: Vegetarian breakfast With: Hash browns and baked beans Dessert: Ice cream dessert	Meat: Mild Thai chicken creamy red curry Veg: Meat free Thai red curry With: Rice, prawn crackers and carrot batons Dessert: Ice cream dessert	Meat: Chicken enchilada Veg: Mixed roasted veg enchilada With: Rice and carrot batons Dessert: Ice cream dessert
Wednesday 	Meat: Roast chicken Veg: Cauliflower cheese With: Roast potatoes, mixed veg, Yorkshire pud Dessert: Fruit jelly and cream	Meat: Roast pork Veg: Vegetable bites With: Roast potatoes, mixed veg, Yorkshire pud Dessert: Fruit jelly and cream	Meat: Roast Chicken Veg: Spinach bites With: Roast potatoes, mixed veg, Yorkshire pud Dessert: Fruit jelly and cream
Thursday 	Meat: Spaghetti bolognese Veg: Tomato and sweet potato pasta With: Garlic bread and mixed salad Dessert: Fruit filled meringue	Meat: Bow tie pasta lasagne Veg: bow tie vegetable lasagne With: Garlic bread and mixed salad Dessert: Fruit filled meringue	Meat: Ham mac and cheese Veg: Mac and cheese With: Garlic bread and mixed salad Dessert: Fruit filled meringue
Friday 	Meat: Fish cake Veg: Vegan nuggets With: oven chips and peas Dessert: Pancake and sauce	Meat: Fish bites Veg: Meat free unicorn With: oven chips and peas Dessert: Pancake and sauce	Meat: Fish fingers Veg: Fishless fingers With: oven chips and peas Dessert: Pancake and sauce
Soup	Warm Heinz soup served in an insulated cup with a bread roll, choose from chicken, tomato, or vegetable.		
Lunch box	Sandwich, Roll, or a Wrap. Fillings: Strawberry jam, Cheese, Ham, Chicken, or Tuna mayo, Fruit, snack bag, yoghurt, and dessert or Cream cheese bagel with fruit, snack bag, yoghurt, and dessert.		
Jacket	All Jacket potatoes come with a choice of either one or two of the following Fillings: cheese, Beans, Tuna mayo, served with a side salad		
Salad	Lettuce, cucumber, tomatoes, coleslaw, new potatoes with your choice of Tuna mayo, Ham, cheese or falafels		
Everyday	Milk, water, fruit, yoghurts, and bread (unless a bread product is on the menu for that day)		

Packed Lunch

If you wish your child to stay at school and eat a packed lunch, we ask that it should provide a balanced, healthy midday meal for an active child. In support of our Healthy Schools Policy, we do not allow children to bring fizzy/energy hydration drinks, sweets or chocolate. For safety reasons, glass bottles and cans are not allowed. Water is available at school, or children may bring their own water in a watertight container.





Buttercups



As part of this term's theme the 'Dinosaurs are coming.' The children took part in an amazing Wow day, in which they explored all things Dinosaurs. The children conducted a Dinosaur hunt, made fossils, discussed the Dinosaur timeline and learnt all about, Herbivores, Carnivores and Omnivores. This was all led by our fantastic guest explorer Dr H!



Reception



The Robins and Owls enjoyed their first proper school trip on a bus to Sywell Country Park. We had a wonderful day hunting for bugs, making potions with natural resources, going on a colour walk and used a range of our senses to complete these activities. In English we have learnt the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and we can retell this using Makaton signs. We have been working hard on sentence structure, remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. For Understanding of the World Owls and Robins have been exploring and investigating maps with a focus on the local area, ready for our field work walk next term. During Maths we have practised our number bonds and are beginning to recreate number stories using first, then and now $4+2=6$.



Year 1



This term Year One have been busy exploring the world of animals, as part of our Science Curriculum. We have researched mammals, fish, reptiles, birds and amphibians. We also really enjoyed researching blue whales for our English task and found out some amazing facts. All the children have been working really hard during our phonics lessons and we are so pleased with all the extra effort everyone has gone to, in order to prepare for the Phonics Screen Check in June. We are really looking forward to our WOW day next term when we will be visited by One Day Creative to find out about the Victorian Seaside.

Year 2

We've had a busy half term in Year 2 learning all about plants and how they grow. We carried out our own experiment to find out if a bean plant would grow in different conditions. In Design and Technology we have created a range of moving pictures using slider mechanisms. In Maths we have been learning about fractions and telling the time.

We are extremely proud of the children and their efforts in the end of Key Stage 1 SATs. To celebrate, we spent the afternoon playing games at the park in the lovely sunshine.





Year 3

Year 3 have had a great start to the Summer Term. We have been learning about how the first humans on Earth lived during the Stone Age. In English, we wrote diary entries based on a boy who mysteriously entered a Stone Age village and imagined what a Stone Age person would think about modern life. We have been finding out about different rocks and fossils in Science. We've enjoyed making pulleys this week, using drills and saws. Have a great break and we look forward to seeing you all when we return.

Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed another busy term. They have been working hard to write suspense stories and their imaginative descriptions almost certainly resulted in a few nightmares for the teachers who marked their work! In art, they have studied the work of Georgia O'Keeffe and practised using techniques with watercolours before producing some stunning flower paintings. With the weather improving, opportunities have been taken to move learning outside: completing bug hunts; simulating Roman battles and working out why Roman roads were built in straight lines. A busy and productive half term - well done Year 4!



Year 5

The Year 5 pupils have been very busy over the last term. They have learnt all about 3D shapes, rotation and grid references in Maths. In English, whilst looking at the work of William Shakespeare, we have studied the story of Macbeth, which the children loved, as it involved a lot of drama. In History, we have studied the life of the Tudors and of how they came to rule and we know that the children are really looking forward to going on our Tudor trip in July. We have begun our science topic of Forces this term and this will be continued next term. Art lessons have consisted of making Tudor roses out of different papers and clay. As you can see, the children have worked extremely hard over the course of the term.



Year 6

What a busy term Year 6 have had, from 'Fruity Friday' fundraising to WW2 style cooking, to yummy breakfast and absolutely smashing their SATs! We are all so proud of how hard they have worked in the lead up and they handled each test with resilience and maturity. We are looking forward to their last half term at Meadowside and all the fun to come.



Meadowside's Superstars



Well Done Hollie

On Saturday 13th May Hollie, alongside her brother and Mum, took part in a team event to raise money for Cancer Research. Hollie managed to swim an impressive 20 lengths of Kettering Swimming Pool. We are all so very proud of you Hollie.

Congratulations

Charlie

We would like to extend a huge congratulations to Charlie who has been offered a place with Northampton Town Football Club. We wish him all the luck in the world as he embarks on his football journey and look forward to hearing about his future achievements.



School Notices

School Lunches

We are back to school on **Wednesday 7th June**. Please ensure you order your child's meal no later than 8.55am on the day.



Safeguarding Information

If you have a concern about a child, you can refer to the following agencies

NSPCC Tel: 0808 800 5000

help@nspcc.org.uk

MASH: 0300 126 7000

Information is also available on our school

website <https://>

www.meadowsideprimary.org/keepsafe/safeguarding

Morning Drop off / Childrens Safety

We have had a number of reports regarding parents/carers and children who are waiting to enter school in the morning, causing congestion on the paths, forcing some children to have to walk in the road.

We all want to keep our children safe, please can we ask you to be mindful and to queue in an orderly line keeping the path free for children to walk by safely.

Thank you for your co-operation

Wishing you a wonderful Half Term

Check out <https://letsgowiththechildren.co.uk/events/northamptonshire/1/> For places to take your children in the local area this half term, Have fun :)



Half Term Heritage Trail at Stanwick Lakes



Sheep Shearing & Vikings at West Lodge Farm Park



Save the Date

In order to help you plan and be aware of upcoming events in the School Calendar here is a handy rundown of this half term's events and activities. Subject to change

Half term: 29 th May – 2 nd June	
5 th June	Training Day – School Closed
6 th June	Training day – School Closed
12 th – 16 th June	Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Check
16 th June	Year 4 Assembly
w/c 19 th June	Creative Mission 3 British Values
19 th – 22 nd June	Year 5 Bikeability
21 st June pm	KS1 Sports Day
22 nd June	Year 2 – Woburn Safari Park Trip
22 nd June	Year 1 – Victorian Workshop
23 rd June pm	KS2 Sports Day
30 th June am	Year 3 assembly
4 th July	Year 3 – Flag Fen trip
7 th July	Reports to parents
7 th July am	FS assembly
10 th July	Year 5 - Tudor Trip
13 th July	Parents consultation / Open Classroom
13 th July	Year 4 – Bosworth Trip
14 th July	Year 2 assembly
14 th July	House Afternoon
15 th July	PTA Summer Fair
17 th July pm	Family Reading time
18 th July	Year 6 – Hunstanton Trip
21 st July pm	Year 6 Leavers assembly
21st July End of Summer term	

