



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this end of term issue of Meadowside Matters we would like to give you a rundown of what's been happening here at Meadowside and Buttercups. It's been another busy term, and the children have settled in very well into their new classes. We have welcomed many prospective parents to school as part of our Reception intake tours, along with parent consultations and Harvest Festival. We are looking forward to all the exciting things planned for after half term! We hope you have an enjoyable and restful half term.

Best wishes, Mrs Garnham

## Road Safety



As the dark mornings and evenings approach we ask that you be mindful and consider everyone's Road Safety around the school, we have a number of pupils who cycle or walk to school and their safety is of the utmost importance. Whilst we appreciate that the school run can be a hectic time, we encourage you to 'Think!' take your time and consider the impact of driving a few miles too fast, parking on a blind bend or corner, small things like this can save a child's life. If your child does cycle to school please ensure that their bicycle is road worthy and they have all the necessary equipment; Hi-vis jacket, lights etc. We have also had some complaints from local residents regarding parking at the start and end of the day, please park courteously with consideration for our neighbours. Parking on corners, on yellow lines, over drive ways and in bus stops can create a number of hazards to everyone.

## 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 term our attendance was **96%**

**\*Reminder\***

**School reopens**

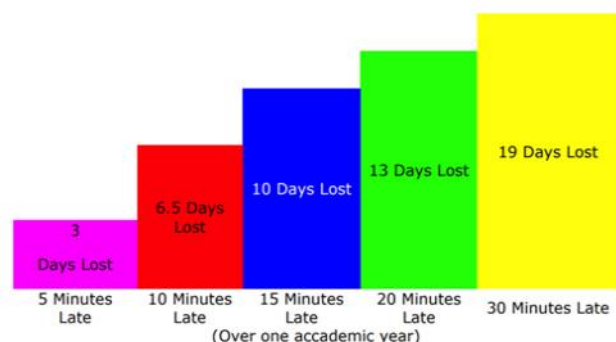
**Monday 30th October 2023**

## Lateness

AM registration takes place at the start of Lesson 1 at 8.55am. **Registers close at 9.00am.** Pupils are expected to be on site by 8.45am to avoid them being late for registration. Pupils who arrive after 8.55am must sign in at the school office and will be asked about their reason for their late arrival.

### Every Minute Counts

If you arrive late to school everyday your learning begins to suffer. Below is a graph showing how being late to school everyday over a school year adds up to lost learning time.





## Buttercups

This term the Buttercups have spent time learning about people who help us. For WOW day the children had the best time learning about a variety of different emergency services occupations. We had a fantastic talk from two local Police officers. During the talk the children learnt about the importance of the Police role in our community and were able to look at some of the equipment. The children were able to ask questions, and also had the opportunity to explore and look around the Police vehicle. It was a brilliant day and so much fun was had by all.



## Reception

We have enjoyed getting to know all our new friends in Reception this half term. The Robins and Owls have been showing how much they know already and have been wowing us with their resilience each day. We have enjoyed the sunny weather and have been in the garden a lot. We have learnt 25 sounds in phonics and comparing and sorting in maths. The children have a great knowledge of their body parts and now know what a skeleton is. We look forward to our next terms learning and preparing for our Christmas Nativity performance. Have a well-deserved half term break everyone and well done.



## Year 1

Wow! What a fantastic first half term we have had in Year 1. The children have really enjoyed learning about our space topic. Particular highlights include using our cookery skills to bake Earth cookies in Design and Technology. In Science, we have been investigating how we use each of our senses. Our favourite sense to investigate was taste and we particularly enjoyed eating Jelly Babies! We became artists, and created collages of the Earth, Sun and the moon which was lots of fun. We began learning about key historical figures such as Neil Armstrong and we are excited to find out more about him next term! We are really looking forward to our WonderDome Visit on the 31st October to enhance our topic for next term!

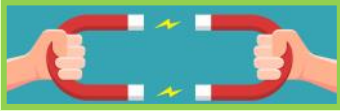


## Year 2



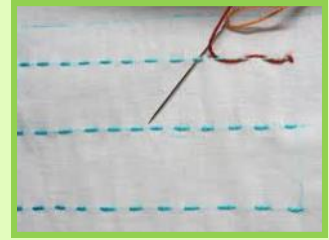
Year 2 have had a very exciting start to the term. We have been making porridge, gingerbread men and hot chocolate! After we made them we had to write some instructions using sequencing words and bossy verbs. We have just begun to learn about The Great Fire of London and used saws to cut wood to make wooden houses, we also used a computer programme to design what our houses might look like. Next term we will be reenacting the fire and seeing how quickly the wooden houses burn and how the wind helped to spread the fire too.





### Year 3

Year 3 have had an exciting half-term settling into life in Key Stage 2. Pupils have shown resilience using the running stitch to create felt coasters in DT and have explored forces and magnets within science. In maths pupils have looked at using a range of strategies to add and subtract while in English they have used their creative writing skills to write a re-count and a repetitive story. Well done to all the Year 3's for working on being more independent!



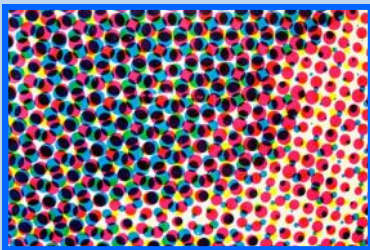
### Year 4

Year 4 have been working hard in English lessons to write a twisted version of a fairy tale, telling the tale from a different character's point of view. They then moved on to write a newspaper report based on one of the events in the story. We have been impressed with their creativity and imagination. In maths, Year 4 have been adding and subtracting 4 digit numbers, using counters to help understand what actually happens when we exchange. Their resilience and presentation has been a pleasure to see. Our Egyptian theme has seen Year 4 beginning to transform a milk carton into Tutankhamun's mask (a work in progress so watch this space!), mummify a tomato as well as learning about artefacts which help us understand what happened in the past.



### Year 5

This half term Year 5 pupils were busy learning a lot of new things. In art lessons they have worked hard on self-portraits using Ben Day dots.



In geography, they deepened their understanding about longitudes and latitudes; they also used chrome books



and digital maps locating various places in Burton Latimer. And let's celebrate their hard work in maths in Number and Place Value and Addition and Subtraction. Well done, everyone!

### Year 6

What a great start to the year we have made this term! We had a brilliant time away on residential. Since then, we have been enjoying learning about the Victorians in history, classification in science, and creating fantastic clay animals in art, based on the artist Ola Gamygina.



# School Notices

## Harvest Festival Donations

Thank you to everyone for the wonderful donations received for our Harvest Festival celebration. Dennis from the Kettering Foodbank came and spoke with the children in assembly about the support they offer to the community.



## Individual School Photos

Thursday 2nd November

Individual school photos are being taken on 2nd November, for children who do PE that day please ensure your child has school uniform on their top half.



## 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 next terms events and activities



### Autumn Term

WB 9.10.23 to 1.12.2023	New Intake Open weeks
30 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Vaccinations
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Oct Half term</b>	
1.11.2023	New Intake Open Evening Presentation 6.30pm
2.11.2023	Individual School Photos
WB 20.11.23	Creative Mission Whole School Rules
1-14.12.23	Christmas Post
8.12.23	FS Nativity 10am KS1 Hall
8.12.23	House Afternoon PM
11.12.23	Y4 Christmas Production 10am KS2 Hall
12.12.23	Y5 Christmas Production (carols) 10am KS2 Hall
12.12.23	EHT Afternoon tea
13.12.23	Buttercup Boogie 10am KS1 Hall
14.12.23	Year 3 Christmas Production 10am KS2 Hall
18.12.23	Year 1 Christmas Production 10am KS1 Hall
18.12.23	Year 2 Christmas Production 2pm KS1 Hall
TBC	Christmas Dinner

20.12.23

End of Autumn term

**HAVE A GREAT  
HALF TERM!**