



The Oakleaf

Weekly Newsletter

WEEK COMMENCING: 14/09/2020 (Menu Week 3)

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for your continued support whilst we ensure that your children are dropped off and collected safely at the start and end of the school day. All of the staff have commented on how lovely it is to be able to greet everyone into school in the morning and this has led to a really relaxed start for the children as they come into school.

The weather has been kind to us so far, in order to allow us to meet you on the playground at the end of the day, but we know that these arrangements may need to be altered as the season changes. We will be certain to communicate with you when changes are due to be made.

The children wearing their sports kits on PE days has been successful and this will continue for the foreseeable future. I have had a couple of parents ask me about children wearing their own clothes on their birthday and this is something we absolutely want to continue. If your child's birthday falls on the day in which they would have PE, please feel free to choose a day either side of it, so that we can all wish them a **happy birthday!**

During the INSET days at the start of September, I talked to the staff team about what learning may look like at Meadow Vale as your children returned to us after a significant absence. We talked about the importance of ensuring that all children were emotionally able to fully engage in the curriculum before we launched into the more academic side of school life. We agreed that we would be led by the children and how they responded to returning to school. Your children are incredible - they have returned to school full of willing to learn and develop this school year. The staff team are working hard to ensure that they build on the work that the children have done at home, as well as ensuring that the children are emotionally and academically ready for the expectations for the year ahead.

We are currently looking at how we can share the teacher information sessions that we would normally run during September and how we will be able to communicate with you regarding your child's progress, which would normally take place face-to-face at parents' evening. Again, please look out for further information in due course.

Have a wonderful weekend!

With very best wishes

Catherine Forrester



Monday 14th September	◆ Year 6/5AB/5FB/4A - wear your PE kit to school on Mondays
Tuesday 15th September	◆ 4A/4D/4W/Year 1 - wear your PE kit to school on Tuesdays
Wednesday 16th September	◆ 6E/5T- wear your PE kit to school on Wednesdays
Thursday 17th September	◆ 5AB/5FB/4D/4W/Year 3/Year 2 - wear your PE kit to school on Thursdays
Children coming to school in PE kit DO NOT need to bring in a change of clothes - they will stay in their PE kit all day	

CLUBS: Information

*For this half term, the only Club currently running is **Energy Kidz** (before and after school).*

Clubs will be reviewed in due course, in line with the guidance we receive.

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PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING - IMPORTANT

Dear Parents

This week, you will have received an email from school regarding **Pupil Premium** funding. We would strongly encourage all families to read through this information carefully and apply if you meet the eligibility criteria. If you do apply and you are eligible, Meadow Vale Primary School will receive additional funding. This additional funding is extremely valuable and can be used to improve teaching, learning and resources which will benefit your child. We hope the information provided is easy to understand, but please do make contact with the school if you do have any questions around Pupil Premium funding and how to apply. Thank you.

ALL YEAR GROUPS

Please make sure you **CLEARLY LABEL ALL** of your child's belongings and clothing.

This is particularly important to ensure that individual property is not lost or accidentally taken home by someone else. Thank you.

Visit Mentally Healthy Schools for more resources

REDUCING SEPARATION ANXIETY tips for parents

The next school term or year may feel unusual or strange for lots of children, but by working together, schools and parents can help to reduce any anxieties children may have.

Here are our tips and guidance for parents, to help support children's transition back to school following Covid-19.

MENTALLY HEALTHY SCHOOLS Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2219/rebuild-and-recover-separation-anxiety-tips-and-guidance.pdf>



Bringing Schools and Local Community Closer

COMING SOON... Look out for details of the launch of our partnership with LetsLocalise which will provide opportunities for the local community to help our school.



WATCH THIS SPACE! The pond is being renovated with the support of the PTA this term. If there are any parents who would like to help support or provide advice regarding the pond renovation, please email rachel.sunderland@meadowvaleprimary.com More details next week, including **a pond competition** where the children at Meadow Vale will be given the opportunity to design different parts of the project.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN RECEPTION > YEAR 6

Flu immunisation sessions will take place in school on **Friday 16th October 2020** by the NHS School Immunisation Team