



The Oakleaf

Weekly Newsletter

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WEEK COMMENCING: 28/09/2020 (Menu Week 2)

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Dear Parents/Carers

This week, I met with the Governing Board of the school as part of our regular schedule of meetings and one of the main items of discussion during the evening was to consider the school's current strengths and challenges, now that we have been back to school for a few weeks. I talked to the governors about issues we have needed to overcome as a school and how this has been made so much easier by the way the parent community has fully supported the measures we have put in place and I wanted to thank you again for this support; we really couldn't do this without you!

There have been many meetings I have attended in recent weeks with the other heads in Bracknell Forest, the Local Authority and Public Health England regarding the necessary procedures, should there be a positive case of COVID-19 within our school. I want you to be reassured that we are up to date with the latest guidance and have recently reviewed our risk assessment that was sent to you at the start of the new school year.

The school team are currently working on developing a different approach to online learning, should there be a need to implement this with you and further details will be shared with families in due course. For children who are having to stay at home due to the need to self-isolate, the staff team are currently updating parts of the school's website to give you an overview of the lessons taught in school each week and providing some links to some internet-based resources. We will send a message to you when this is completed.

Next week, you will receive a link from each of our Phase Leaders to share an online presentation regarding the information that would usually be shared at the parents' information evenings, so please do look out for this.

Have a super weekend.

Catherine Forrester



Monday 28th September	◆ 6M/6JK/6E/5T/5FB/5AB/4A - wear your PE kit to school on Mondays
Tuesday 29th September	◆ 4A/4D/4W/All Year 1 - wear your PE kit to school on Tuesdays
Wednesday 30th September	◆ 6E/5T- wear your PE kit to school on Wednesdays
Thursday 1st October	◆ 5AB/5FB/4D/4W/All Year 3/All 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	



FLU VACCINES - IMPORTANT! Please complete the electronic consent form (one per child) via the following link: <https://www.berkshireimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> and insert Meadow Vale Primary's unique code: BK109942 **before** 14th October 2020 to ensure your child receives their vaccination. THANK YOU



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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STAR OF THE WEEK: Week ending 25/09/2020

 RECEPTION:	<u>Badgers</u> Indyana	<u>Rabbits</u> Rosie-May	<u>Squirrels</u> Millie	
YEAR 1	<u>1C</u> John-Bezaleel	<u>1J</u> Karina	<u>1H</u> Jayden	
YEAR 2	<u>2H</u> Jack	<u>2R</u> RJ	<u>2Q</u> Jacob	
YEAR 3	<u>3C</u> James	<u>3F</u> Harlen	<u>3P</u> Daisy	
YEAR 4	<u>4D</u> Lacey	<u>4A</u> Charlie	<u>4W</u> Riley	
YEAR 5	<u>5AB</u> Campbell	<u>5FB</u> Keith	<u>5T</u> James	
YEAR 6	<u>6E</u> James	<u>6JK</u> Lucy	<u>6M</u> Chayley	

A MESSAGE TO EVERYONE FROM TONY BYRNE, OUR SITE CONTROLLER

Dear all,

After 25 years, the time has finally come for me to leave this brilliant school, on Wednesday 30th September. I have worked under four Headteachers and will be saying goodbye to a great team of colleagues, dear friends and, of course, all of the children past and present. There have been many changes over the years, some good and some not so good, but the one thing that has never changed is the total commitment and passion that teachers, support staff, office staff, lunchtime controllers and the facilities team have given to ensure the wellbeing of the children and giving them the start in life they need. Some require more of your time than others and you go that extra mile, without question. The results of that shine through time and time again.

A big shout to all the parents who have always been good to me, and for that I say 'thank you.' A massive thank you for all the great times over the years; I have some fantastic memories to take with me and hold forever. My children, Lewis and Katie, came through Meadow Vale and hold their time here with so much fondness. They used to love putting on their outfits and seeing the staff and me dressing up to celebrate World Book Day, as well as the summer fayres, discos and the many great productions and performances that have been put on over the years.

There is so much more that I would like to say but I will keep it short and bid a fond farewell to probably the best years of my life - if only I realised that whilst working!

Meadow Vale, just keep doing what you have been doing for all these years because you really are making a difference to so many lives.

Thank you all, God bless and stay safe. We will miss you.

Tony, Angela, Lewis and Katie. (Big shout for Chelsea! couldn't stop myself!!)





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MEADOW VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

Notice of AGM

We would like to give notice of the AGM of the Meadow Vale PTA to be held on:

Monday 28th September 2020 at 8.30pm

This will be a short meeting to be held **virtually via Zoom Video** which all parents/carers of children at the school are invited to attend.

Meeting ID: 856 7176 2088

Passcode: 5wLB3f

The PTA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, as members of the PTA, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been used for the benefit of the children/students at our school.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTA Committee, who represent the association throughout the forthcoming year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as a Committee Member.

If you would like any further information about being a Committee Member, please speak to any existing member of the committee (as below). As our PTA is a registered charity, all committee members automatically become Trustees of the Charity. Before submitting your nomination form, please read the Charity Commission publication 'The Essential Trustee – What you need to know (CC3)'. A copy of the booklet can be found on the Charity Commission website.

Current Committee Members for the Academic Year 2019/2020

Chair – Katie Lawson

Vice Chair – Sarah O'Keeffe

Treasurer – Lisa Dansey

Secretary – Emily Bartle

We have a vacancy for the position of Secretary for 2020-2021

(nominations can be emailed to us)

We look forward to seeing you on 28th September

Contact: pta@meadowvaleprimary.com

NEW PLAYERS WANTED! *Bracknell Cavaliers FC U11 Colts team*

- ⇒ *Our U11s football team are looking to increase their playing squad for the 20/21 season, starting next week!*
- ⇒ *Training on Friday evenings at Easthampstead Park School, and matches on Sat mornings (East Berks Football Alliance)*
- ⇒ *Players should be in school year 6 in Sept 2020*
- ⇒ *Contact Nicola Bowyer for details: 07767 822827*



OUR POND AREA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Don't forget our **COMPETITION** for all children to help design 4 key things to improve our pond area! We need you to design any of these....

A mud kitchen

A bird box

A bug hotel

A paint make-over design for an existing bench

Designs can be hand-drawn or produced on a computer.

All entries to be emailed to pta@meadowvaleprimary.com (Hand-drawn designs can be photographed and emailed).

Closing date for entries is: **Friday 2nd October. GOOD LUCK!**