

WEEK COMMENCING: 04/01/2021 (Menu Week 1)

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Dear Parents/ Carers

I have written this piece for the newsletter three times now and have struggled to get the message right. I wrote one version that kept apologising for decisions I have made about events that have been outside of my control and another about the frustrations we have all felt with the situation we all find ourselves in. In the end, I settled on this:

At times, throughout the autumn term, we have all come across a number of hurdles. Some we have jumped over with energy and enthusiasm, others we have needed to carefully plan how we may get over and some, quite simply, have appeared too tricky to try. Throughout this whole experience, it has been difficult to find the positives but, like everything- if you look hard enough- they are there.

Your children are just incredible (I know that I have said this before!). They have approached school with more positivity and resilience than we had even hoped for. They are a credit to you and have made some amazing progress across the curriculum during the autumn term.

The messages of support via email, in the playground and on social media from you have been such a help to us all. It is at times like these that we truly see the importance of working in partnership with parents and we are so pleased to have you all on our team!

I am so proud to lead such a dedicated staff team, as everyone has worked so hard to ensure that there is limited interruption to your child's education. I am certain that you are just as thankful as I am for their loyal service.

I have been asked about the school's plans moving into the next term and this has been very difficult to answer, particularly as I wait for further guidance from the government. All I know at the moment is that with every decision we make, your child's well-being and education will be the driving force.

I wish you a peaceful time at home with your families this Christmas and let's hope for a better new year.

With best wishes

Catherine Forrester
Headteacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Last chance to enjoy the PTA Christmas Trail

Monday 4th January	◆ INSET DAY - school closed
Tuesday 5th January	◆ Pupils return to school - Spring Term begins ◆ 4A/4D/4W- wear your PE kit to school on Tuesdays
Wednesday 6th January	◆ All Reception children and 6M - wear your PE kit to school
Thursday 7th January	◆ 5AB/5FB/4W/All Year 3/All Year 2 - wear your PE kit to school on Thursdays
Friday 8th January	◆ 3P/3F/4D - wear your PE kit to school on Fridays

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A message for Year 3 parents...

We have an exciting art project planned for early next term... over the next couple of weeks could we ask you to collect packets/wrappers/wrapping paper (cleaned) to bring into school after the Christmas break. **Thank you!**



Keeping Up With The Children! - *English*



Thank you to all parents who completed these **online sessions** this term, run by the Family Learning team. Please keep an eye out for the next series of sessions that will focus on *maths*.

JOIN IN THE FUN! MEADOW VALE PTA CHRISTMAS TRAIL - [download the trail map and answer sheet from the school website](#). Find the houses on the trail by following the numbered stars on the map. Each house will be displaying a letter for you to find. Put that letter in the corresponding box on the answer sheet. Once an area is complete, rearrange the letters to make a Christmas themed word or phrase. **GOOD LUCK & HAPPY HUNTING!**

MEADOW VALE PTA WINTER TRAIL

1ST - 24TH DECEMBER 2020

COME ALONG AND ENJOY OUR CHRISTMAS TRAIL,
WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF SCHOOL!

Children will have a Christmas picture / display in their window or garden along with a letter for you to find. Find the letters to make the Christmas words.

- Maps of the route will be emailed home by school and will also be available on Facebook.

Free festive fun for all the family, Merry Christmas!



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MEADOW VALE PTA VIRTUAL Christmas MARKET



EVERY SUNDAY!

Come and visit the Meadow Vale PTA virtual Christmas Market where you'll find unique Christmas gifts and ideas.

The virtual Market is open each Sunday for traders to advertise, and all week for browsing and buying!

Let's do our bit and support local & independent businesses this Christmas.

Visit our Facebook events page for more information:
Meadow Vale Primary School: Public Events
and share with family and friends.

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