



Mead Road Infant School

Newsletter 14, 3rd May 2019



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Mead Road Infant School creates confident, independent learners within a happy, inspiring, challenging environment where children can reach their full potential.

Dear Parents,

A big welcome back to the Summer Term, which is always a busy one as we near the end of the school year.

It seems an awfully long time ago now, but thanks to all parents for your contributions to a wonderful last day before the Easter holidays. All the children looked superb in their bonnets – I never cease to be amazed at the creations! – and the hall was full for our special Easter Assembly. Well done to all the children for singing, speaking and performing so well on the day.

In the afternoon the Easter Event was a great success, with children eagerly scouring the grounds for bunnies and enjoying the crafts and refreshments. Thank you for supporting the Friends of Mead Road School by attending the event, and helping to raise over £400! More about this can be found on the Friends' of Mead Road newsletter.



The core value for April and May is **Integrity**. We have begun to unpick this complex word by looking at the story of *Tiddler* by Julia Donaldson. If you are not familiar with the story, Tiddler is a small, plain fish who tells what the author calls “tall tales.” Once we understood that “tall tales” are stories which are not true, or not completely true, we could see how Tiddler’s friends learnt not to believe a word he said! They lost trust in him and then, when something did actually happen, he found that no one believed him. Integrity will be a difficult concept to explain to our little ones, but we will continue to explore this value over the coming weeks, as well as looking out for children who will earn a green core value wristband!

Well done to all the following children who were nominated:

	Robins	Owls	Toucans
Stars of the Week	Coralie, Ella & Theo	Hendrix, Thomas, Amelia & Sophia	Hope, Logan, Stella & Nevaan
Core Values Award	Luis & Chloe	Joshua & Theo O	Alexander & Heidi-Morgan

Attendance:

Week Beginning 23rd April 2019	% Attendance (target 96%)	Number of children achieving target 96+% attendance
Robins	89.8%	18
Owls	98.6%	27
Toucans	98%	23
Whole School	95.8%	68



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Clubs

We are actually very lucky at Mead Road to now be able to offer after school clubs 5 days a week, however I am aware that there are several pockets of dissatisfaction in this regard among parents.

One issue (which I do take on board) is the range of clubs we are currently able to offer, due in part to the provision being outsourced to Bird College and FitnessIn. I want our taught curriculum, as well as our enrichment opportunities to reach and be appealing to as many children as possible. I have talked to Luke at FitnessIn about this, to some of you as parents, and will share parent feedback at our forthcoming Governors' Meeting. I have a number of proposals for improvements next year, including taking a fresh look at the options for wrap around care which we can possibly now consider as part of a larger Trust. I will invite parent feedback on this in due course.

Another frustration raised has been that after school clubs currently do not accept childcare vouchers in lieu of cash. I have spoken to Fitness In about this at length, and despite their intention to be able to offer this from this term, unfortunately the process of registering with Ofsted and associated checks etc which need to be carried out has taken longer than expected. Childcare vouchers will be accepted from September, Luke assures me.

Summer Term at Mead Road

As the weather warms up, please do remember to send a water bottle in to school with your child, and a sun hat. Unfortunately we are not able to apply sun tan lotion in school, so please ensure this is done at home in the morning.

While school shorts and summer dresses are welcome, please continue to ensure footwear in in line with the uniform list. Sandals and trainers are not permitted.

Film Night

A huge thank you to all the parents who arranged and ran the Film Night last week. The children enjoyed it immensely and it also raised money for the various projects the FMRS are currently working on. Again, more information on this will come from the Friends' next newsletter.

Feedback Forms

If any parents have not yet completed the recent Parent Survey forms, please could I encourage you to do so. New forms can be obtained from the office if needed. Many thanks to all who have already returned your responses. I am collating the feedback, positive and constructive, to help me make decisions about the School Development Plan for next year. How parents see the school is important to me, and there have been some valuable suggestions for improvements which we will start to work on.

Enjoy your weekend and see you all on Tuesday, 7th May.

Miss H Charman
Head of School

Reminders

Please make sure your child's school uniform is all labelled with your child's name. Your child will also need a water bottle and PE Kit in school every day. The PE Kit should include the following items; navy or white shorts, Mead Road t-shirt, slip on plimsolls, a pair of socks and navy-blue jogging bottoms.

If you have any new contact telephone numbers, addresses or new childminders please email the school office to keep us updated. Email: admin@meadroad.info

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Events – Summer 2019

MAY

06.05.19	May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)
07.05.19	Tennis – Year 1 & 2 (1 st ACE TENNIS)
08.05.19	Forest School – Owls Class
08.05.19	Cricket – Year 1 & Year 2
08.05.19	Yoga – All Year Groups (DEVA YOGA)
13.05.19	KS2 SATs Week
13.05.19	Tennis – Year 1 & 2 (1 st ACE TENNIS)
14.05.19	Height, Weight & Vision Checks – ROBINS CLASS
15.05.19	Forest School – Robins Class
15.05.19	Cricket – Year 1 & Year 2
19.05.19	Chislehurst Half Marathon
20.05.19	Tennis – Year 1 & 2 (1 st ACE TENNIS)
20.05.19	Walk to School Week
22.05.19	Cricket – Year 1 & Year 2
24.05.19	Last Day Half Term – Normal finish time 3pm

HALF TERM WEEK

JUNE

03.06.19	INSET DAY (school closed to children)
04.06.19	Return to School
05.06.19	Cricket – Year 1 & 2
06.06.19	Rising 5's Session 1 9:30 – 10:30
07.06.19	'FMRS' Coffee Morning
10.06.19	Phonics Screening Week – Year 1
11.06.19	Flashlight Photography – Class Group Photograph
12.06.19	Cricket – Year 1 & 2
19.06.19	Cricket – Year 1 & 2
20.06.19	Rising 5's Session 2 9:30 – 10:30
21.06.19	Mead Road Marathon (Details to follow)
25.06.19	Sports Day
26.06.19	Cricket – Year 1 & 2
27.06.19	Reserve Sports Day
28.06.19	TASC Day

JULY

03.07.19	Cricket – Year 1 & 2
03.07.19	Yoga – All year groups (DEVA YOGA)
04.07.19	Rising 5's Session 3 9:30 – 10:30
05.07.19	'FMRS' Coffee Morning 9am
08.07.19	Clubs – Last Week (French, Music, Tennis, Multi-Skills, Football & Athletics)
09.07.19	Rising 5's Session 4 9:30 – 10:30am
15.07.19	Open Afternoon and Art Exhibition
17.07.19	RockSteady Music School – CONCERT 9:15am
19.07.19	Toucans Class Leavers Assembly
19.07.19	Toucans Class Picnic 1:15 – 3:00
19.07.19	End of Term – Finish at 1:15pm

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