



Meadowhead Community Infant School & Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe another half term has come and gone!

Despite the recent short 4 day weeks, school has been as busy as ever with Maple Class' assembly, our sponsored bounce, children canoeing and going swimming and more recently, our fantastically attended SEND afternoon with the Juniors.

Staff Updates

Earlier this term Mrs Aspinall gave birth to a healthy baby girl. Both mum and daughter are doing very well and enjoying the gorgeous weather together.



New Baby

Shortly after half term Miss Allen will return to work after her knee operation. This will mean that Miss Gough will move across and teach in Oak class. Unfortunately, this means that sadly, Miss Philpott will leave our school. She has only been with us for a short while but, she has been amazing and taken all the children in Oak class under her wing. We wish her the very best for the future.

Nursery Places

If your child (or you know of a child) who is currently 3 years old or has their 3rd birthday before the end of August, then please point them in the direction of our amazing Nursery as we currently have places available for a September start.

We are also able to offer places to children as soon as they turn 3 years old if they are in receipt of 2–3 year old funding. In this case, the nursery place can start immediately and the child does not have to wait until the term after their birthday. We have an excellent qualified teacher, Miss Worcester planning some amazing experiences for our nursery children, giving the children the very best start in life. Please see our Facebook Page for a snapshot into life in Nursery!

We also find that children who have been to our Nursery are more likely to be 'school ready' than those who do not. If you are thinking of taking up a nursery place please contact school for a tour.

We continue to offer 30-hours free childcare if you meet the criteria set by the government. If you are not eligible for 30 hours, your child can still join our nursery on a paid, full time basis. Cost are £15 for an afternoon session with lunch provided or £13.50 if you would prefer to provide your child with a packed lunch. You are also able to 'pay as you go' and choose the days of the week that you would like your child to attend. Please speak to the office or call 01254 202600 for more information.



Behaviour Hub

After significantly improving the quality of teaching by joining both the English Hub and Maths Hub over recent years, earlier this year we applied to join the Behaviour Hub alongside the Junior School. We have both been successful and joined the Hub earlier this term.

Behaviour in school is consistently good (as OFSTED confirmed earlier this academic year), however I strongly believe it can be improved further. By working alongside the experts within the Behaviour Hub it will allow us to access high quality training and support to improve standards further to ensure we are doing everything we can at school to improve the life chances of all our children.

Further details of our involvement will be shared in the new academic year.



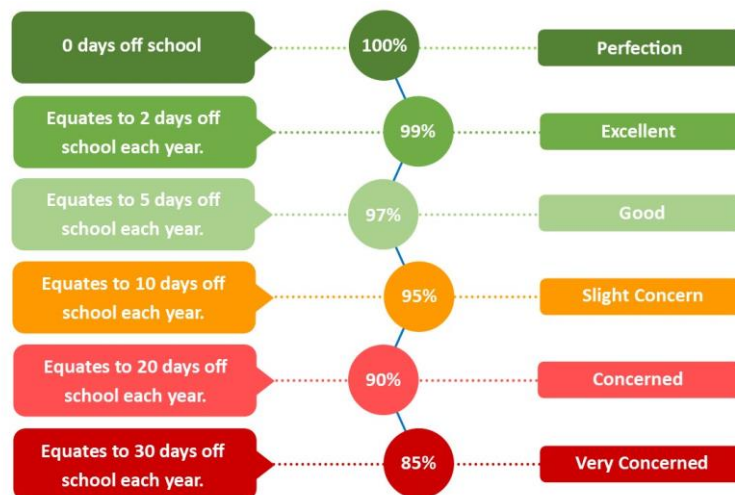
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Attendance

As a school we aim for all children to achieve 96% attendance. Every lesson really does count for your child as children can quickly fall behind even if one day is missed. Catching up even a little lost time from school can be really difficult for young children. Good attendance is linked to achievement, better relationships with other children and better overall behaviour in school. It is often the case that children with poor attendance are often academically behind their peers.

Poor attendance seriously hampers the life chances of your children.



Our attendance for this half term is 94.6% which is above the national average of 93.9% for the academic year. Well done everyone!!!

Class	Attendance
Beech	93.5%
Maple	85.7%
Hazel	93.8%
Oak	96.7%
Sycamore	93.4%

Sponsored Bounce

Thank you to all the children for bringing money into school for our sponsored bounce. We have raised an incredible £1077. The money raised will go into School Fund and help us provide even more moments of joy... which continued this week when every child enjoyed an ice lolly in this glorious weather.

Breakfast Club



A reminder to all parents and carers that our fantastic breakfast club is open every day from 7:45am. It costs only a £1 and is open to all children. No pre-booking is required; you can just turn up!

School will re-open to all children on Tuesday 6th June at 8.45am or 7.45am for breakfast club.

I wish all our families a happy and safe half-term – Let's hope we see lots of sunshine!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Waddington'.

James Waddington
Headteacher