



A Message from Mrs Hewitt

Welcome back after the holiday; I hope that you all managed to enjoy the half term break. We have a busy term ahead leading up to Christmas. This is the last half term before I retire, so I'm looking forward to the school's festivities ahead.

'Odd Socks Day' marks the start of Anti-Bullying Week. Odd Socks Day was set up to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality! We will spend the week celebrating what makes us all unique and the importance of spreading kindness! Odd Socks Day 2023 will take place on Monday 13th November, so children can come to school wearing odd socks.

We are supporting Children In Need on Friday 17th November. This year's theme is 'Be Spotacular', so children can come to school in non- uniform wearing something spotty for a donation to the charity. During the week, the children are taking on Joe Wicks' and Pudsey's Bearpees Challenge.

We have had several items broken in the nursery playground. Please can older children and siblings not use the resources as they pass through the Nursery Garden before and after school.

Our fantastic netball team came second in the Bromsgrove tournament: I am very proud of them.



As part of our Eco work, over the next two weeks we will be taking part in 'Switch It Off Fortnight'. Next Tuesday, our Eco councillors will lead a whole school assembly to mark the start of it. Over the next two weeks, we will be looking at how much energy we use as a school and ways to reduce our usage both at school and at home.

This year, there is also an exciting opportunity to design a campaign t-shirt, if you would like to get creative at home then please see the information above!



Introducing the ...

MEADOWS CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Friday 1st December 2023
3pm – 5pm

Join Friends of Meadows as we
celebrate Christmas with a wide
variety of stalls offering gifts,
treats and experiences.

Mulled wine, prosecco, beer and
Bailey's hot chocolates (plus drinks
for the children!) and food will be
available throughout the afternoon.

We can't wait to see you there!



A Message from Friends of Meadows

Hey everyone! We're looking for some raffle prizes for the Friends of Meadows Christmas raffle! If you have any connections with local businesses, or maybe you have your own business, please do ask if they'd be willing to donate a prize, from manicures to clothes, to experiences or products, we would be grateful for any donations, all funds from the raffle go directly back to the school. If you want to discuss this further or have any raffle ideas, please email friendsofmeadowsbromsgrove@gmail.com

Please drop any hamper donations to the school office, alongside any prize donations by the 17th of November. Thank you in advance for any support!



Meadows Mouse Awards

Cygnets	Naomi D – showing great enthusiasm learning her nativity songs. Hunter H – excellent shape Maths work.
Goslings	Orla-Blu – always being organised and focused in class. Kairo – being so helpful and kind to others.
Caterpillars	Elsie D – working hard with her reading skills. Jack T – being determined with his learning in all lessons.
Dragonflies	Lily-Mae – hard work in all lessons. Super English this week. Lucy – super focus and great work in lessons.
Owls	Robyn – always being determined & enthusiastic in all of her learning. Penny – working really hard to be more organised & showing off some super learning in all of her lessons.
Hedgehogs	Amelia H – positive attitude. Henry – always working his hardest.
Sharks	Ethan – always trying hard with a big smile. Elizabeth – taking such care with presentation.
Dolphins	Oliver D – fantastic subtraction work in Maths this week. Oliver M – settling to work quickly and staying so focused.
Jaguars	Leni – super enthusiasm and engagement on our Rivers trip. Summer – excellent focus in Maths.
Tigers	Freya B – writing an excellent recount of our visit to the Severn Valley Country Park. Georgie Griffiths – working hard and being focused in maths this week when finding out about the area.

Free Training for Parents/Carers

Herefordshire and Worcestershire SENDIASS offer FREE training to parents/ carers to increase knowledge of Special Educational Needs Disabilities (SEND). SENDIASS run FREE daytime and evening, face to face workshops and online information sessions for parents/carers in Worcestershire.

Workshops currently available:

- [What you need to know if your child has an additional need/ disability](#)
- [What does a good Education Health & Care Plan \(EHCP\) look like?](#)
- [Autism and Me \(developed by autistic young people\)](#)

Free parent's workshop - Supporting my Teen's Mental Health

All Worcestershire parents are able to access, free of cost, a parenting workshop delivered by the NHS Starting Well (Community & Parenting) Service. The online workshops are available for parents, carers and guardians with children aged 11-19 and includes:

- CBT (cognitive behavioural training) techniques to boost mood for the whole family.
- Tools and techniques to help manage anxiety and low mood with your teens.
- Live Q&A with a practitioner.

Workshops can be booked using the link <https://www.startingwellworcs.nhs.uk/actonit>