



A Message from Mr Satchwell

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been given the most amazing welcome by the children and staff this week as I begin my time here at Meadows First School. At my first whole school assembly on Monday, the School Council presented me with a handmade card which was signed by all the children and a welcome banner for my new office which was a lovely surprise. It has been a real pleasure to begin to get to know everyone after what has been a long handover period. Whilst it may take me a while to remember everyone's names, I feel that I have made a strong start! I am extremely pleased to be leading such a talented and dedicated group of staff and I am really looking forward to the coming months as I get to know school much better.

The children have returned to school with great enthusiasm and it is already clear to me that they have a strong desire to learn. Visiting lessons this week I have been very impressed by their learning behaviours and on the playground it is clear that the children have enjoyed seeing their classmates after the holiday. Staff are well rested and have many exciting opportunities planned for the children this term. Please keep an eye on the school newsletter and the website for what is happening in school.



Meadows Mouse Awards

Cygnets	Sargun K – working hard on her letters. Finley W – settling into his new class and working hard.
Goslings	Nathan P – trying really hard to make the right choices. Leo B – trying really hard with reading.
Caterpillars	Harrison C – great reading and understanding. Penny D – working hard to understand tens and ones
Dragonflies	Lucas – super PE skills and enthusiasm. Good Maths work. Jack R – excellent focus and hard work in all lessons.
Owls	Indigo – always working hard & building her confidence to give everything a go with such a positive attitude. Metin – working so hard to improve his handwriting and presentation.
Hedgehogs	Teddy – focus and great listening in his English lessons. Jake – determination with his handwriting.
Sharks	Maia M – excellent focus, organisation and enthusiasm in all lessons. Josh D – working hard in English with focus.
Dolphins	Zachary L & Lucy A – working so hard in Maths.
Jaguars	Amelia – learning all of her times tables off by heart. Louie – always being focussed and hardworking.
Tigers	Tillie H – writing a wonderful letter to the Environment minister telling him about the threats to rainforests. Meg F – working hard in all lessons and always being focused and determined.



Emergency Closure

With the onset of colder weather, I felt it was also important to remind everyone of the school's procedure in the event of extreme weather, particularly snow and ice. Closing the school due to bad weather is never an easy decision as there are always a very wide range of factors to consider.

Please be aware that I will keep the school open whenever it is reasonable to do so, but in the event of a closure being the safest option, the following procedure will take place.

1. A decision will be made by 7.00am at the very latest as to whether the school will open.
2. You will receive a text message informing you that the school is closed and a message will appear on the school's website.
3. The school will be officially closed through the County Council System which will lead to the announcement on local radio stations (Hereford & Worcester 104 FM/Free Radio 102.8FM) and Worcestershire.gov.uk.
4. A notification will be sent by text message and put on the website later as to the arrangements for the following day as soon as they are known.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 25 th January	-	Year 4 Young Voices
Tuesday 6 th February	-	Parents evening
Wednesday 7 th February	-	Reception hearing tests
Thursday 8 th February	-	Parents evening
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	-	Half term holiday
Wednesday 21 st February	-	Year 3 Birmingham Mosque (details to follow)
Wednesday 28 th February	-	Year 2 Warwick Castle (details to follow)
Tuesday 5 th March	-	Year 4 Harvington Hall (details to follow)
Thursday 14 th – Friday 15 th March	-	Year 4 Residential trip to Blackwell