



Dear Parents,

World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March World Book Day enjoyed by all! Well done children and parents for getting into the spirit.

Charity Cake Sale: Please remember to support this week's Charity Bake Sale organised by Katy and Kate in Year 6. After school this Wednesday 8th March. Pre-primary welcome.

Uniform: Thank you to all those who took the time to share your feedback following last week's comms. As you may recall, I was proposing that we handle uniform in-house. Several of you volunteered to be on the uniform committee and this week, we will be scheduling a meeting to be held in the next couple of weeks to move the project on. In the meantime, the feedback was clear in helping me to confirm the required items of uniform which again, I will confirm at a later stage.

With regards to tracksuits, I asked parents to hand back any tracksuit bottoms purchased (along with receipt) so that we may obtain a refund. I have only received 2 pairs so I am assuming that some parents have decided to keep them. Please note that the bottoms will no longer be a compulsory item and anyone wanting a refund must hand them back to the office (worn or unworn) with proof of purchase **BY TOMORROW** please. Refunds on this item will not be possible after this time. We will continue using the tracksuit jacket and therefore request that **ALL** students from Year 1 to Year 5 have a M'bk tracksuit top/jacket). The item is not compulsory for Year 6 children given the time frame. Parents are to order the jackets from Stevenson's ASAP without mentioning our proposed separation please!

Time to Re-Launch Meadowbrook Secondary: As some of you may recall from a couple of years ago, I have been looking for several years to set up an extension of Meadowbrook's provision through a proposed secondary school. Much of the skeleton planning has already been done for this but one of the reasons it has never got off the ground is because I really don't have the time to focus on it without support. Furthermore, two or three years ago when I initially launched the idea, whilst many parents were interested, my time was taken up focussing on the transition of ownership and relocation of the pre-primary. This is now well and truly underway and the next round of Free School Applications has just been opened by the DfE. Although there are no guarantees, I also wish to apply at this stage before we lose the opportunity of potentially using the existing



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pre-primary land. The proposal is already registered with the **The New School's Network** and the **DFE** but the level of work involved in the application process should not be underestimated by anyone who volunteers. I am proposing initially an evening meeting to discuss this project with those interested but would ask that you really take the time to consider whether this type of secondary school would be suitable for your child initially.

Further information will be circulated via parentmail this week but please email me directly to register your interest and for further information regarding the process please also visit the links below:

[The New Schools Network](#)

[The Department of Education](#)

Year 5 & 6 Trip to Lepe Country Park, Southampton: Children left enthusiastically for their outing today and are due back by 4pm.

Yr 5/6

Thames Valley Police to Visit Meadowbrook Primary: Watch out everyone, a visit from the police to talk to the children about law and order and keeping safe may see some of our children handcuffed and allowed to explore a police car! Wednesday 8th March

PRIMARY

Administration & SG Offsite Thursday 9th March: Please note that both Claudia and I will be offsite this Thursday as we have an ISA course to attend. In case of emergency please use the following numbers: Pre-Primary 07972 286 361 Primary: 07747 163 947

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Swimming Observations Monday 13th March: As promised, parents of children from Reception to Year 6 may book in to observe a swimming lesson next week. Slots will be booked on a first come first served basis. Please note that parents will be required to meet at the Heathfield pool during for the time of their child's lesson stated below. Parents will need to watch poolside and this involves removing shoes and socks. Regretfully, no siblings will be allowed to attend and parents are asked not to enter the changing rooms or assist with procedures.

REC-Yr 6

Call for Parent Testimonials: Our new website is close to launch and we are asking all parents to please put finger to keyboard and write a testimonial for us. We can then use these throughout the website and also on our social media pages. They can of course be anonymous! Please email me directly serenagunn@meadowbrookmontessori.org.uk

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