



Dear Parents,

Please see below for this week's memos and reminders:

Promoting British Values

Since 2014, all schools have been required to promote 'British Values' as part of their provision. At Meadowbrook, we have always promoted many elements of what now constitute British Values and indeed many of them are embedded into school life across all our departments: The Department of Education's five-part definition of British Values is:

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- **Democracy**
- **The rule of law**
- **Individual liberty**
- **Mutual respect**
- **Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs**

Last week, primary children took part in an assembly entitled Personal Values & British Values. Click below to see the PowerPoint presentation we used in assembly along with a quiz. Perhaps you could view it with your child to see what they can remember!

Click [HERE](#) for British Values Assembly and Quiz

Positive Discipline Workshops

Please remember to email Serena Directly for last minute reservations. Introductory PD workshop this Saturday 1st Oct 10-3pm / Advanced Course next Saturday 8th Oct. The advanced course registration form **MUST** be returned **NO LATER THAN** this Wednesday 28th Sept.

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Year 1 & 2 Trip to the Lookout

We have changed the date for this trip to next Monday. Please look out for slips in your child's pockets. Children will need to wear full smart summer uniform.

Year 1& 2

Cheques payable to the School

Please ensure that cheques made payable to the School use the correct name: **Meadowbrook Montessori Ltd.**

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Flu Vaccinations

Years 1, 2 & 3

Parents of children in Years 1, 2 and 3 will once again be able to take advantage of the Nasal Flu Vaccination being offered by the NHS. Please see the letter attached to this week's Comms.

NSPCC Speak Up & Stay Safe Workshops

ALL PRIMARY (INFO ONLY FOR PRE/RECEPTION)

These annual Safeguarding Assemblies and Workshops are scheduled to take place this week at Primary. See the letter attached.

Secondary School Options & Interview Technique

Years 3-6

Interview technique will begin this week for those students who will be undergoing secondary school interviews shortly. Parents of children in Year 3-6 will already have received a memo following Serena's meeting with the children. Please lookout for feedback in your child's pocket.

Year 5/6 Slips for Trip to Portsmouth

Year 5/6

Please can we have these back by THIS WEDNESDAY.

Important Changes to Primary Assessment Protocol

REC (INFO ONLY) - PRIMARY

Following our audit and analysis of new assessment procedures (which were trialled last academic year) we have made the decision to reduce the number of assessments sat by our Primary children at the end of each term. As you may recall, following the introduction of Rising Stars work schemes, we introduced Rising Stars Progress Tests (designed to help teachers identify gaps in children's learning) and inform target setting and tracking systems. The data generated from these assessments is very useful but as many of the tests are end of topic, the number of assessment being sat, was in our view, too many. As we still want the data Progress Tests generate, we have decided to present them in a less high stakes manner and instead ask children to complete these assessments informally as class follow up work or as occasional scheduled homework assignments. IT IS ESSENTIAL therefore, that if being sent home you DO NOT provide children with the answers or rescue them when they appear to be searching for the answer! The assessments are **not** designed to measure attainment as such but rather to identify areas where further consolidation is required. If children do not complete the tasks independently, the data generated will provide us with inaccurate data and planning will not be tailored to meet the true needs of your children. In order to give children practice at test taking, the last 2 progress tests of each term will



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continue to be reserved for formal sitting at school as will the end of year assessments. Now that the 'experimental stage' of the National Tests (previously known as SATs) has been concluded, children in year 2 and 6 will sit these instead of the aforementioned end of Year Assessments. We are confident that this system will provide us with the kind of data we value and maintain our relaxed yet highly effective approach to summative and formative assessment.

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End of Message

To email us directly about anything in this week's comms please use:

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