

Message from the Director of Education



Dear Parents,

Welcome to this week's comms and

first off congratulations must go to our wonderful parent committee FoMM (Friends of Meadowbrook Montessori) led by Zoe Steed and supported as always, by her



committed band of volunteers. Too many names to mention here and no doubt I would miss out a few in error but you know who you are! Thanks to you, the children now have...

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to play with...LITERALLY! Children at both departments will be able to look again at the playground options (remember the primary department has already ordered the main jungle gym) and these additional items will further enhance the wonderful grounds that will be on offer to all children.



Due to the relocation of PP to Malt Hill, any fixed items will of course be installed at this site. We will let you know what your children have chosen in next week's comms.

Tomorrow's induction day will see all Meadowbrook children 'moving up' to next term's class and teacher. This annual event is an opportunity for the children to experience the next phase of their Meadowbrook journey and is always a popular event. Traditionally, I take Year 6 graduates away for the day and choose an activity which differs according to each cohort. This year, as you may have read, we are heading to the Ritz in Piccadilly for afternoon tea to put our grace and courtesy skills to the test!



Having done their research (and read

the dress code thoroughly) the children can't wait to experience this level of refinement and the best bit.....the Ritz has even offered to valet park Meadowbrook's minibus right outside!

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P.S. Please can parents collect their cake tins and Tupperware's (used at the fayre) from the Primary kitchen today!

Other news now....

NEW Meadowbrook website... If you haven't already, please visit our new website at www.meadowbrook.uk

Check out the calendar and various pages and let us know what you think!

Also the Meadowbrook SHOP will soon be live making the ordering of uniform far easier....

Reception parents, please remember to drop your children off at Primary tomorrow! We have a strict arrival time in that all Primary students must be IN school by the first bell which is 8.55am. Pick up will also be the Primary time of 3.30pm and NOT 3.15pm. Children must bring a change of clothes and swimwear / towel in case it is hot at lunchtime play.

SPORTS DAY.....

Sports Days this week and all are welcome to come and cheer on the children! Please remember that children should be in full sports kit (this includes the NEW sports shirt and NOT the old version please) and navy shorts not joggers (which is winter uniform).

Pre-Primary sports day takes place after drop off this Thursday.

Reception & Primary sports day is on Friday at 9.15. Children must arrive to school already dressed for the event.

Reception children will be brought across from PP in the minibus and therefore they must be in school NO LATER THAN 9am.

SPORTS DAY Cont... Reception races will take place first, leaving them free to watch some Primary races before returning to school. We would be grateful if Reception parents attending would return their children to the PP school - please liaise with Barbara on the day.

PLANS FOR SEPTEMBER....

As always, last minute applications for places, mean that we have not until now been able to confirm classes, numbers (and therefore staff deployment.) As we are now in a position to do so, I can confirm the following:

Year 1 & 2: 14 children. Sarah & Wendy as TA / LSA. Donna will replace Wendy each Wednesday (Appx 2 places available)

Year 3 & 4: 18 children. Pia & Barbara. B (Qualified Teacher) as LSA. Donna will replace Barbara each Thursday (This class is now FULL)

Year 5 & 6: 20 children. Julie & Aimee (Qualified Teacher) as HLTA (Higher Learning Teaching Assistant) (This class is now FULL)

Pre-Primary: 16 children. Barbara (Rec) & Izumi working with Paula. (Places available)

Parent & Toddler: Wendy (Limited places available)

Sadly due to ill health, much loved and highly valued Pre-Primary

teacher Sam Khoo will not be returning to M'bk. We wish her all the best for the future and I'm sure you will agree that during her time with us she has made a valuable and much appreciated contribution to our school.

Debbie Godfrey, will also be leaving us...hopefully to return one day as TA and lunch time assistant...we will miss you Debbie! Parent Timi Szabo will be joining us as a lunch time play supervisor at Pre.

Facebook round up...

On Friday, the weather was perfect for Pre-primary's annual trip to Bucklebury Farm! The children were so excited about travelling on a coach; picnicking in a field and playing in the farm's extensive playground. We fed the animals; we saw some lamas and huge bulls close up, and petted the biggest rabbit we had ever seen!

The piece de resistance is always the tractor ride! Kevin the tractor driver gave a thorough explanation of the stag's antlers and the different types of deer on the farm. One child, holding some antlers said "I wouldn't like to carry something this heavy on my head all day, it would give me a headache!"

The day ended with an ice lolly treat. Once back at school many a parent had to board the coach to retrieve sleeping loved ones!



PAPERLESS INVOICES

As usual, during the holidays you will all receive your end of term packs which amongst other goodies (!) include next term's invoices. There are strict rules concerning the timely payment of fees but as we still find ourselves chasing unnecessarily (and wasting hours of precious admin time / implementing late payment fees) we will also be emailing out invoices before the end of term. It is hoped that you will be able easy online payment as soon as possible so that much of our reconciliation can occur during the holidays. We would be grateful if this were the case.

Should you wish to take advantage of our annual payment discount by paying for the academic year upfront, please contact Matthew Clark directly at matthew.clark@meadowbrook.uk



Photobombed by Fred in the Shed ladies...!