

Dear Parents,

Please find below this week's comms:

Head teacher's Contact Point for Children: As Primary parents will have noticed, we have had to 'de-commission' the staircase making children's access to my office impossible! As it is very important for the children to have access to my office, I asked for their help to come up with a solution (see final sheet of comms in case you missed it.) Today, we will have our unveiling of the winning solution/s. Long range walkie-talkies have been chosen as the best solution but please note that these are only for children to use if they can't find me around the classrooms.

ALL

Parent Education Evenings: Both departments will be re-launching termly education evenings with immediate notice. Education Evenings are talks demonstrations and discussions delivered by staff for parents relating to an area of the curriculum, child development or Meadowbrook practice. They were phased out due to increasingly low turnouts and although one parent commented that low numbers was a 'good thing' (meaning that everyone was happy and well informed) we pride ourselves on ensuring the very best outcomes for children and we know from experience that does mean working together with you to share best practice. This week, we will be issuing a list of proposed topics. I would ask you all to please indicate which topics interest you the most and add any that you would like to see covered in our annual schedule. Last term, the secondary evening at Primary was very well attended as was the sex-ed forum and at the pre-primary, the language curriculum. Please give us your feedback and we can begin to plan for some highly informative and I hope- well attended evenings to come!

ALL

Class Rep and Class Teacher Meetings: A very useful meeting was held last week between your class reps and class teachers. One of the things that we requested from our hard working and very much appreciated reps, was to communicate to parents how welcome you all are to share in the many activities that take place across the school. Please remember that if you would like to spend time observing in class or in an assembly, you only need to ask.

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School Open Days: Please note that we have 2 open days this week and you may see additional people and their children around the school.

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After School Clubs: As you will know, a number of after school clubs are offered at primary each term. This term, for example, the children enjoy a choice of non-touch rugby, football, Brickies Lego club, In-sync music club, cross country

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running, art and homework. If you would like to offer a club from 3.40-4.40 or have an idea and know someone who would be able to run a club (usual checks apply) please get in touch with me directly as soon as possible.

2017 Residential Senior Trip: Next deposit of £150 due please 10th February. Please make sure this is paid directly into the school account using your child name and 'senior trip' as a reference.

Payment of School Fees: Since the change of Bursar, we are formalising our invoicing process for those of you who pay monthly. If you still require this facility it is important that you contact us as soon as possible using the address below.
matthew.clark@meadowbrookmontessori.org.uk

Swimming: Reminders....TOWELS, M'BK SWIMMING HATS, UNDERWEAR!

END OF COMMS

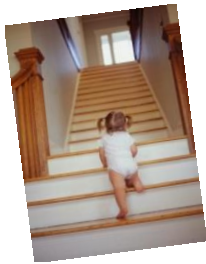


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Design and Technology Challenge Set to Primary Students Last Week...

Dear Meadowbrook Student,



Before the gate was fitted at the bottom of the stairs, if you wanted to speak to me or *needed* to speak to me you just had to tell your teachers and come upstairs. Everything was great!

Now that we have the gate (which we have to keep) and you are not allowed to come upstairs, we need to think of another way that will let me know if you would like to see me or need to see me.



It is **VERY** important to me that you are able to visit me whenever you want and I need your help to invent or design something clever!

If I am working in my office and you need to speak to me....how can you let me know without shouting all the way up to my window? You should not need to ask another adult to help you get my attention.



Can you think of an idea?

Remember:

- Pas will need to make or build it so it must work
- It must be safe (no loose ropes that children could get caught up in)
- You will need to draw a plan and list what is needed



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- You must be able to use the design without asking another adult for help

Please let us have your plans by Monday and I will choose one that I think will work the best.

The person that designs the chosen idea will be able to wear home clothes for **1 whole week**, decide on a **special treat** for their class, receive a **thank you gift** for helping to solve this problem **and** teach the other children how to use it.



Happy thinking (and yes....you can if you like ask your parents to help you!)

Serena



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