

## Message from the Senior Management Team

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are already into our fourth week of the Autumn Term. The school has returned to its busy self at a fast pace, and all the class teachers feel they have made a flying start to the curriculum. Autumn and weather studies, projects on the human body, Habitats, The Tudors, Mountains, and 'Cultures Living at Altitude' all form part of the diverse curriculum being studied this term and various trips and visitors are planned to enhance each topic. Year 5 & 6 are meeting Sandra Pullman on Monday, who is giving a talk about mountains, while Year 1&2 are scheduled to go to the 'Lookout' in Bracknell on the 18<sup>th</sup> October, for a science experience about the Human Body.

*Don't forget to check our Facebook posts for pictorial diaries of your child's week.*



Some of you have been asking how to encourage your children to read at home. For those of you present at Amita's Key Stage 1 talk at the Welcome Back Evening (Amita is our reading teacher), you will already have received some advice about how to encourage good reading habits and routines, as well as techniques and strategies to encourage full language development when reading. Should any of you wish to receive a copy of her handout, please email her at [amita.white@meadowbrook.uk](mailto:amita.white@meadowbrook.uk) Amita will be happy to help you!

For those of you with children in Key Stage 2, please speak to your class teacher if you have any questions regarding reading or if you feel you would like to improve reading practise at home. They will be able to advise you. In the meantime, try to ensure reading is a positive, comforting experience for you and your child at home. Any reading is good reading, and your child will benefit just as much from listening to you read to them. While this must be carefully balanced with guided reading (with a teacher through a progressive scheme), children are provided with a richer language experience if they listen to stories *alongside* practising to decode and comprehend text for themselves. Making bedtime reading an important part of the day can improve your child's ability to read and create a love of reading that can last a lifetime.

*"I will defend the importance of bedtime stories to my last gasp".*

J. K. Rowling

### FoMM News.

-We are still in need of more committee members. If you are interested please contact Zoe Steed on 07787 117700

Or [zoesteed@gmail.com](mailto:zoesteed@gmail.com)

-FoMM are collecting good-as-new shoes for a pre-loved shoe sale on MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

See poster on main door for more info



Today, Serena spoke to each Upper Primary Year Group as part of their Preparation for Secondary School Training, to set the scene for how the

school prepares them for this transition. Each child has a letter outlining what was discussed that you should read and ask them to discuss with you. Unfortunately, last week's Secondary School Preparation Evening for parents was cancelled as only a small number signed up to attend. As this talk is essential however in making sure you and your children are fully prepared for secondary school, we have rescheduled the evening for Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October. If you have already attended last year's and are confident that you are aware of any changes to transition procedures (including 11+ changes announced across Bucks recently) then you need not attend.

If cancelled again, we will of course make the time to speak individually to the three parents who signed up!

### Coming Up:

#### Harvest Festival

This Wednesday 10am at St. Michael's Church, Warfield. Children must wear **full, smart summer uniform**. For future events, children will require their smart winter kit (cords and kilts).

Food donations will go to the foodbank in Woodley this year.

You are welcome to stay for refreshments after the service.

#### School Calendar Photos

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October



As always, if you have any comments or questions, please contact us at:

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