

Message from the Senior Management Team

Dear Parents,

For the first few weeks of a new school year, teaching children how to stay safe in school is an essential element of any school's Safeguarding policy. Your child will have learnt about Meadowbrook's 'Keep Safe Code' with their teacher, as well as hearing the adults talk about 'KCSIE' (Keeping Children Safe in Education), an amended version of which was published on the 19th September. As well as a growing focus on 'peer-on-peer abuse', online safety remains a key element of Safeguarding, at home and at school. The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP) currently offers a free online educational package to teach younger children about the dangers of using the internet and suggests ways to help them recognise and manage unsafe online contexts. We request that you take the time to watch at least some of the videos offered with your child and discuss the ways they themselves can stay safe when browsing or gaming. You can find this package at www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

Reception and KS1 children will also have learnt about PANTS, (the underwear rule) to help protect them from abuse, an NSPCC initiative to teach younger children about their right to say 'no' to situations they feel invade their 'body privacy'. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, we request that you also watch this video with your child. Please take the opportunity to discuss the overall message with them, emphasising that help can be found when talking to a trusted adult. Talk to them about who these people might be at home, at school, or when out-and-

about, and what they should do if they feel they are not being listened to.

To watch the PANTS video, please visit www.nspcc.org.uk and search 'Pantasaurus', or find it on YouTube. Younger children might feel they are doing something 'wrong' if they speak out against a mentor, so please reassure your child that they have the right to speak out and to be heard and protected by us all.

On a final Safeguarding note, please ask your child what they know about how the adults around them keep them safe, not just in relation to online safety, but also with regard to:
-bullying
-physical, mental & emotional health
-everyday dangers, such as working in a kitchen and undertaking a fire-evacuation drill.

You can find a copy of Meadowbrook's Keep Safe Code attached to your email or on the school website:
www.meadowbrook.uk

-FoMM are collecting good-as-new shoes for a pre-loved shoe sale to be hosted on

MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

See poster on main door for more info.



For more information about the sale, or to learn more about ways to support FoMM, contact Zoe at zoesteed@gmail.com

School Calendar Photos



Tuesday 2nd
October

Smart summer uniform please

COMING UP:

Upper Primary Litter Pick

Westmorland Park
10am-12pm
Thursday 11th October

Lower Primary Parent, Child, & Teacher Meetings

Week commencing Monday
15th October.
Please speak to Sarah or Barbara to schedule an appointment.

Secondary School preparation Evening

Years 3-5 only
Thursday, 4th October, 7-9pm

Positive Discipline Workshops

Workshop 6th Oct – cancelled.
Positive discipline in the home 10th
Nov 9.30-3pm £55 pp or £100 per couple.

Polite Notice

Some of the children are becoming over-confident when handling the chickens at the end of the day and are starting to treat them as playthings. Should you allow your child to enter the hen house after school please ensure they are handling them appropriately. Please also check they have shut the gate properly if your child is the last to leave.

Many Thanks

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