

Dear Parents,

I am sure by now that we are all aware of the impending national lockdown due to begin in England on Thursday, 6th November. While the current plan is for all schools to remain open, we must all face the reality that this could change at any time. At Meadowbrook, we are committed to delivering a full and varied curriculum, taking into account each child's needs, as usual, while we do so. However, we must clearly follow government guidance, so our plans are subject to change over the half term as we respond to changes in national policy. Please be aware that keeping open lines of communication is more important than ever, and it is essential that families are checking their emails from school regularly, if not daily, to keep up with any changes or updates.

We must also ask you to respect our rule of only bringing essential items to school on a daily basis. Spare clothes and shoes **MUST** be kept at school and not taken home daily and please avoid bringing big bags to school. A water bottle, a lunch box and homework and reading folders are the only items that need to go home daily, with an exception for children who need to bring musical instruments to school.

As much as possible, the staff at Meadowbrook have planned an exciting half term for your children! There are, unfortunately, some events, such as Christingle, that we are unlikely to be able to hold in the traditional fashion this year. Most of our plans, however, can go ahead. Please check the information below for the parts that are relevant to your child.

Spare Clothes and Shoes

Children will need to have their second pair of shoes at school now please and a change of clothes on their peg at all times. These must stay at school each day, to avoid transmission between home and school please.

Clubs:

For those of you that have registered your child for an after-school club this half term, there are a few points you may need to note. In order to stick to our current risk assessment, we are requesting that children wear the same clothes to their after school club, although children attending football club will need to bring shin pads, boots and extra layers. Children in football club must also ensure they have a water bottle with them as well please. Strict distancing guidelines will be maintained in all clubs and hand sanitising, cleaning of shared materials and quarantining materials where necessary will all be implemented as required. Dismissal from football club will take place from the Atrium, homework club will dismiss from Year 5&6, while ukulele club and street dance will dismiss from Year 3&4.

Please ensure collection of your child is prompt; any child that is still in school after clubs finish will be asked to attend After School Care, and parents will be invoiced accordingly.

Recipe Book:

We are now ready to collect your family recipes for our Meadowbrook cook book. The design from our cover competition has been chosen and will be revealed when the book is ready! Please send me your contributions at headteacher@meadowbrook.uk. Contributions must include ingredients list and method, and look even better if they are decorated with colourful images and pictures. Sign your contribution with the name of your family, or your child, so we know who it is from! Please ensure you have them to me by Friday, 6th November.

Flu Vaccine

Our flu vaccines are taking place on Thursday, 12th November. Please ensure you have completed your online form, remembering that you must do this even if your child IS NOT having the vaccine. These will take place in the library, which will be ventilated. Should you have any further questions, or need assistance with your form, please contact Joy directly.

Children in Need:

Children are invited to support Children in Need by coming to school dressed in their PJs and donating £1 on Friday, 13th November. Unlike other years, we are sadly not permitting children to bring teddies or comfy blankets as well.....PJs only please!

IEPs

If your child requires an IEP at school, you should have received an email inviting you to attend a meeting with Julie and Rosemary or Sarah-Jane and Rosemary. Please ensure you have signed up for one of these slots if you wish to discuss this.

Parent Child Meetings

These are scheduled for week beginning Monday November 23rd. More about this in the Comms!

We look forward to sharing an exciting half term with you!

Kind regards

Sarah