



Meadowbrook Family Comms

Summer Term

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Head Teacher's Message

Half term has arrived!

Unsurprisingly, many of our children miss school over the holidays, so they did not cheer quite as loudly as the teachers in assembly this morning!

It seems as if there are lots of things happening in the coming week. Trips to Wales, play dates, trips to the beach, visits to log cabins, days out on a boat, lazy sleep-ins and fun days with family and friends are all causing great excitement. I cannot wait to hear about your news when you return to school. In the meantime, you could send me some pictures over the holidays if you wish to.

We have some exciting news of our own to share with you all. As you know, Rosemary Willis, our much-loved SENCO, will be moving to Scotland to start a new adventure with her husband in the summer. Serena has asked me to share this statement regarding the SENCO role:

We are pleased to say that, after a long search for the right candidate, we have found someone who we feel is the right 'fit' for Meadowbrook in Helen Bunn.

Helen started her career as an engineer and retrained as a primary school teacher in 2001, following a 5 year period working in the Middle East. After several years, her skills became known in the industry and she became an advisory teacher for the local authority and later a SENCO. Helen holds a BSc (Hons) in

Chemistry (Lancaster) an MSc in polymer teaching, (Loughborough), OCR level 5 in teaching and assessing children with specific learning difficulties (Helen Arkell) and the National Award for SEN coordination (University College London).

She has over 12 years experience of working with children with specific learning difficulties and on a 1:1, small group and advisory basis, as well as having been a SENCO for 6 years. Indeed, Rosemary first met Helen when she was SENCO at Holyport College and noted at the time that Helen was the only SENCO who was interested in meeting up to discuss plans for one of our graduates who had secured a place there.

Helen has an absolute passion for closing the gap in attainment for children with special educational needs in a creative and multi-sensory way. She is highly knowledgeable in the field and will no doubt be an asset to our school.

Over the rest of the term, Helen will be working closely with Rosemary to ensure she has a thorough understanding of each child, as well as our policies and procedures.

We look forward to welcoming Helen on board!

Before I sign off for the holiday, I would just like to say a special 'hello' to Nicholas' grandma, Pam, and his grandparents, Nana and Pop-Pop who live in the States. I hear they all read our newsletter each week and Pam paid me a lovely compliment about them.

Thank you Pam! It's good to know our newsletters reach out to lots of different people.

On that cheery note, I hope you all have a wonderful holiday, and wish our families and our very wonderful staff members a peaceful, restful and healthy half term break. See you on **Tuesday, 8th June.**

Sarah

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Lower Primary Summer Walk

Wendy and I will be taking the children in Lower Primary for a summer walk after lunch on **Wednesday 9th June.**

There will be a reminder on Inset Day, but please make sure they have sun hats available for the walk around our local environment.



Uniform

Summer uniform MUST be worn by all children when we return to school. Please remember this means white socks with sandals, Crocs or black shoes. Children MAY NOT wear trainers with their uniform, unless they are for outdoor activities or playtime.

Reception Forest School

Reception parents, please note that Forest School will take place on Wednesday 16th June, instead of Friday 18th June, as we are celebrating Father's Day on the Friday.

Chickens!

So far we have had three families volunteering to help over the holidays with the chickens, which is not enough to commit to obtaining more.

In case you are feeling that this is a big commitment, please note that John WILL be able to look after them on most occasions, but will need a bit of support over the weekends and holiday. It won't be as taxing as it seems! If you can help, please email me directly on my headteacher email.

Thank you

FoMM Coffee Morning

Thank you to Adrian for hosting our first FoMM coffee morning for a long time. We felt so privileged to be



basking in the sunshine in our glorious setting, watching Y1&2 in sport. We are planning to make coffee mornings a regular feature again and it would be lovely to have the chance to mingle with more of you.

Please do come along to the next one if you can make it, which is to be held at drop-off on **Thursday, 24th June** until about 10.30am.



World War II Day

Year 3&4 enjoyed a wonderful experience day hosted by Sarah Jane and Barbara on Wednesday as their classroom was turned into an evacuee drop-off site. Children had this to say about their day:

"When I came in, I saw Sarah Jane with bright red lipstick on and curly hair. I thought it looked a bit strange, then I saw Barbara with the same lipstick and I thought that looked strange too. But then I just thought they looked nice both ways".

Cassia, Year 3

"We made lots of nice food like potato, carrot and parsnip curry, which was interesting and strange. I wouldn't mind eating it every day as it was quite nice".

Nathan, Year 4

"I liked how we all dressed up and pretended to be evacuees from World War 2. I liked making the ration books. I didn't know that you only had three rations for sweets, three for spices, three for milk, three for veg and three for meat, so you had to be very careful with your food".

Freya, Year 4

"I liked the costumes because you wouldn't usually see them on the street and you don't usually see those fabrics about. Kenny's outfit was so unusual but I think everyone looked really nice. The bags, the teddies, the games were all different then, so it was good to know about different things".

Olli, Year 4

