

## Head Teacher's Message

Being in school with children at this time of year is magical! There is a certain energy that comes with the cold mornings and the first sight of frost that cannot be replicated at any other time of year. Some people are celebrating Diwali, others are going to bonfire nights and firework festivals and, particularly in school, the anticipation of Christmas is beginning to hang in the air. Our own plans for the Christmas festivities are well underway. The Cactus Band are booked for our carol concert on the 1<sup>st</sup> December, Lower Primary children have chosen their roles in our nativity play this year and Lower Primary parents are about to receive a letter asking them to prepare costumes and props ready for the big day. It really is all go!



### Happy Diwali

to friends and families in our school that are celebrating. A special thank you to Kani Kandasamy, Y4 and to Mya Chohan, Y6 for sharing some sweet Diwali treats with their friends. We hope you had a lovely day and enjoy your weekend festivities!

It was a pleasure to welcome you to the parent, child and teacher meetings this week. You should have a better idea of the targets that have been set for your child, the assessments that have driven these targets and how you can best support your child at home. As a general rule, children should

be encouraged to practise their reading and spellings daily, as well as complete homework and times table tasks that are set by the teacher but then they should rest!

Home must be protected as a safe, peaceful place for children where they can relax, play with their siblings or pets and generally have some down time after a busy day at school. There will of course be times when they feel particularly excited about certain topics or projects, and we would always encourage them to go the 'extra mile' when it comes to making the effort and instigating their own research, but this drive must come from them and not enforced upon them by parents or carers. Children who do not rest well enough at home may come to school tired and disengaged, which doesn't help anyone, least of all the child.

Should your child need extra support or catch-up work of any form at home, your class teacher will recommend this to you. Please speak to the teacher directly if you have any queries or concerns in this area. Your teacher will be happy to book another meeting with you if this is needed.

Poppy Day, or Remembrance Day, is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November. We will be holding a minutes silence at 11am to pay our respects to the many people who have given up, and continue to give up, their life or way of life to protect our freedom and liberty. Poppies are



available in the main atrium for people who wish to purchase one. Please donate generously to the honour box if you can.

## Diary Dates

**Remembrance Day**  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November

**Anti-Bullying Week**  
Beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November

**Children in Need**  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November

**Year 3&4 Trip to Slough Water Works**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
A letter to follow from Sarah Jane next week.

**Year 5&6 Britain Day**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
Julie will be in touch with more details soon.

**Lower Primary Twilight Delight**  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
**5-7pm**

Wendy and Sarah will send out a Parent Mail on Friday next week.

**Christmas Holiday Club**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
Contact Barbara for more info:  
[bsholidayclub@gmail.com](mailto:bsholidayclub@gmail.com)  
07870279403

Should anyone wish to have a chat with me, I am available on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. My door will always be open and the kettle won't be far away!

**Sarah**

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This year we are pleased to be able to support the BBC's Children in Need campaign

again. The theme

this year is 'sparkle and shine, glitz and glamour' and is linked to 'Strictly Come Dancing'. Sarah-Jane is hosting this event and will be sending out a letter next week with more detail. As always, children can come to school dressed up if they wish, with a minimum suggested donation of £1.

Please direct any questions to Sarah:  
sarah.hogg@meadowbrook.uk

Before half term, FoMM held a spectacular Halloween party. Thank you so much to all the families that continue to support our efforts to come together and raise funds for the benefit of the children. FoMM have attached this message:

A big "Thank You" to all those who baked, helped and attended the Halloween Disco Party on Friday 22nd.

It was great to reconnect with so many parents, past and present, meet our new Meadowbrook families and see the children enjoy their spooktacular evening!

As a result of your support we managed to raise a staggering **£497.00** after costs, quite something for such a small

community. We hope to put this to very good use soon, more of which we will be sharing over the coming weeks.

Thank you once again for making Meadowbrook the special place that it is.

Adrian, Jen and Zoe

