

KING'S MEADOW MESSAGES

Making Memories This Summer Term!

We hope all of our families had a wonderful rest over half term and were able to enjoy some much-awaited sunshine and vitamin D. Let's hope the good weather continues as we head into the last half term, as we have lots of exciting events planned including; Sports Days, productions, the Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and our Summer Fayre.

Due to Outwood Hemsworth sending through their year 6 transition dates late, we have had to change the year 5 & 6 sports day this term to ensure everyone can take part. We do not like having to change dates however, as you can appreciate this is not down to us and we will request to Outward that the transition dates be sent to schools earlier next year to avoid any clashes in the diary. **The new date for the 5 & 6 sports day is Monday 29th June 9.15am**

Key Dates for This ½ Term – Please see all parent events on the Diary Dates sent out with this newsletter

NEW Reception September 2026 parent meeting

4th June 2.45pm or later meeting at 5pm – parents contacted by letter from Mrs Moore

Sports Days

Reception	26 th June 2 - 3pm	Children to go home afterwards
Year 1 and 2	26 th June 9.15 – 10.15am	Children to go into lessons afterwards
Year 3 and 4	25 th June 2 - 3pm	Children to go home afterwards
Year 5 and 6	29 th June 9.15 – 10.15am	Children to go into lessons afterwards

Parent Workshops (preparing for next year)

Current RECEPTION parents – year 1 phonics workshop – 6th July 9-10am

Current YEAR 3 parents – year 4 multiplication check workshop – 7th July 2.30pm

Current YEAR 5 parents - Supporting your child with a smooth transition to year 6 and SATs – 9th July 2.30pm

Class Assemblies – 9.05am

2nd June Year 3 Assembly

16th June Year 4/5 BP Assembly

18th June Year 4/5 CG Assembly

Pastoral Drop in

9th July 1.45pm with Miss Radford – appointments via the office please

Summer Fayre

14th July 2.30pm (Children to be picked up early to attend the Summer Fayre)

SEND Parent Coffee Mornings

11th June 9am

We are always looking for parent volunteers to support both our PTA events and activities within school, such as reading with children. As we begin to look ahead to the new academic year, this is a great time to consider getting involved from September. If you are interested, we have a

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volunteer pack and forms to complete, and a DBS check will be required. Please do come and speak to me if you would like to find out more about how you can help.

This half term is always one of the busiest in school. Alongside ensuring that the children continue to enjoy engaging learning experiences, trips and workshops right up until July, we are also already planning ahead. As I like to keep things organised, I am hoping to share some key Autumn term dates with you before the end of this term from parent year group transition meetings, workshops and Christmas nativity productions to the Christmas Fayre – yes I did just say Christmas, 207 days to go!



We also share reminders, messages and celebrations on our school Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/kingsmeadowacademy/> Please follow us to keep up to date.

Mrs Kerry Williams-Kendall
Head of School

Staffing Update

This term, we say goodbye to Miss Thomas and Miss Martyn who will be leaving King's Meadow, I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the best for the future. We would like to send a big thank you for their time and commitment to supporting the children at school during their years here.

In September, we will be welcoming the following new staff teachers, Mr Regan, Ms Manuel and Ms Brunskill. All three teachers will be completing transition days at King's Meadow to support our children getting to know them and vice versa. We will also be planning other transition activities this half term to support the children in getting to know expectations for the new school year and location of their classrooms etc.

Therefore, we are currently arranging the classes for next year and teachers. As you can appreciate this takes a lot of planning in advance and weeks of preparation to ensure readiness for September. When we have class allocations finalised, we will inform parents.

Sports Day

Arrangements for sports day as promised previously, children will be allocated to a team and will start practising for Sports day during their PE lessons this half term. The children will take part in different races such as those below. Parents and relatives will be able to spectate in a specific area

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

School Attendance September to now – 94.1%

We have two golden tickets available this half term. There is always lots of excitement in these assemblies so we can not wait to find out who will win two bikes at the end of this term.

Appointments

Please can we ask parents to keep working with us on attendance and to try to arrange dentist, medical appointments outside of school hours where possible as there will be many curriculum days, workshops and events this half term that we will not want the children to miss out on.



Most Improved Attendance – Book Vending Machine

This term, we will be celebrating children who have shown the most improvement in their attendance compared to last year. As a reward, these children will be able to choose and take home a book from our book vending machine.

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and are welcome to bring camping chairs etc should you wish. Drink refreshments will be available from our admin staff and PTA. Should a sports day need to be cancelled due to rain or the temperatures being too hot – we aim to let you know as early as possible on the day (due to rain) or the day before (due to temperatures forecast). There are back up days on the school diary and so we will let parents know if this is the case.

Thank you to the parents, who have commented on positively on how we have arranged the Sports days differently this year – we hope this supports parents to see their child in more races, more visibly and their super team work.

Reception and year 1,2

Flat race
Relay
Obstacle Race
Egg and spoon
Bean bag balance

Years 3,4,5,6

Flat race
Relay
Obstacle Race
Egg and spoon
Skipping
Hurdles

Please feel free to practise some of these races at home; skipping on the way to and from school safely.

Safeguarding is a priority here

We are starting to hear an increase on children being on their own phones, devices for an long period of time. Therefore, we would like to provide some useful Online Safety advice to families.

Safeguarding Advice for Parents: Online Safety

Children today spend significant time online for learning, gaming and socialising. While this brings many benefits, it can also expose them to risks such as: Cyberbullying, inappropriate content, online grooming or exploitation, pressure to share personal information or images and misinformation.

Top Tips for Keeping Your Child Safe Online

✓ 1. Keep communication open
Talk regularly about what your child does online

Thank you to all families who continue to ensure their child attends school every day – it really does make a difference. We are excited to see the vending machine emptied as more and more children earn this reward!



Reception Superhero Day!

At the end of last term, our Reception class took part in a Super Hero day where they thought about the jobs they would like to be when they are older. As super heroes they also completed lots of super hero maths problems in a variety of school environments.



They also completed an obstacle course to save Teddy and united as superheroes to solve some maths problems!

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Ask them to show you their favourite apps, games or websites
Encourage them to tell you if something worries them.

✔ 2. Set clear expectations and boundaries
Agree family rules for screen time and device use
Keep devices in shared spaces where possible
Set tech-free times (e.g. before bed, at mealtimes)

✔ 3. Use parental controls and privacy settings
Set age-appropriate controls on devices, apps and Wi-Fi
Check privacy settings regularly
Limit who your child can communicate with

✔ 4. Teach children what is safe to share
Never share personal information (name, address, school)
Be cautious about photos and videos
Explain that once something is shared online, it can be difficult to remove

✔ 5. Help them recognise risks
Talk to your child about:
Cyberbullying and how to respond
Strangers online and grooming risks
Fake news and online scams

✔ 6. Know the apps and games they use
Familiarise yourself with age ratings and features
Check messaging, live chat and sharing functions
Play or explore apps together where possible

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about a child in the community please use the below number at weekends or in the holidays or if the child or yourself is in immediate harm, please call **999**.
Wakefield Safeguarding Integrated Front Door (also known as Social Care Direct or MASH) is **0345 8503 503**.

Our school Safeguarding Leads are:
Mrs Penny (Executive Head)
Mrs Williams-Kendall (Head of School)
Mrs Moore (EYFS Leader)
Miss Radford (Learning Mentor)
Mrs Sawyer (SENDco)

Safeguarding – School Gates

Due to the increase in after-school clubs this half term, along with a number of outdoor events, the school field gates will remain closed at the end of the school day on days when the field is in use. This is to ensure the safety and safeguarding of all children on the premises.

We understand that this may mean leaving a few minutes earlier and walking a slightly longer distance; however, it is essential that we keep the school site fully secure on these days.

On these occasions, we kindly ask parents and carers to use the main school gates at the front of the building.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep every child safe.



Our Summer Fayre, will follow the similar arrangements for the Christmas Fayre. Each class will run a stall for the fayre with many traditional games and activities.

Our PTA and admin staff will be running a refreshments stall too and we welcome any cake donations from parents to support us. Stalls will also include face painting, glitter stencils and a balloon stall.