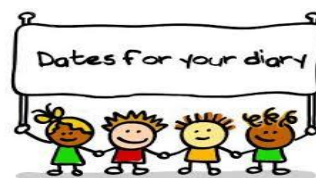


KING'S MEADOW MESSAGES

Where does the time go?

Already this half term, we have celebrated so many wonderful achievements across school. We are incredibly proud of our Year 1 and Year 4 children, who have performed exceptionally well in their Phonics Screening Check and Multiplication Check over the past few weeks. The children celebrated afterwards with cake and popcorn. Their success is a testament to their determination, resilience and positive attitudes to learning—well done to them all!

In assemblies, we have encouraged children to take time at the end of each day to reflect on something they have achieved whether it is showing kindness, working hard, helping a friend, or overcoming a challenge. We have been asking questions such as “*What made you smile today?*” and “*What challenge did you overcome?*”. By recognising their successes, however big or small, children can develop a more positive sense of self and a greater appreciation of the qualities that make them who they are. We would love for families to continue these conversations at home by asking children to share something they feel proud of each day.



As always, we are looking ahead as well as celebrating the present. Now that Mrs Penny and I have completed our first year at King's Meadow, we have reflected carefully on events for the year ahead, including those supported by our PTA such as discos and cake sales. My sincere thanks go to the PTA, who have raised a fantastic amount this year £1204.95 to support additional school resources and reading materials. Should you be interested in joining the PTA, please come and collect a volunteer pack at the school office.

We have already started organising the start of the next academic year to ensure that parents have key dates and events as early as possible. We are currently finalising our events calendar for the 2026–2027 academic year and as promised back in the Autumn, we will share this with you before the end of term with our last newsletter so that you can plan ahead over the summer holidays—diaries and calendars at the ready! Of course, this information will be shared again in September, but we pride ourselves on being as organised and helpful as possible for our families.



Lastly, I would like to say a huge well done to all the children this year who have represented the school at sports events, pupil parliament, In Harmony concerts, year 6 production and community events. The children have shown all of our school values and many compliments have been received in relation to their kindness and positive behaviour and attitude. Well done superstars!

Mrs Williams-Kendall - Head of School

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

Staff News

At the time of the last newsletter being written, we had not heard of the latest arrival. I am pleased to say that during half term, Mrs Beresford welcomed a little girl who arrived safe and sound. Congratulations to Mrs Beresford and her family and we wish her all the happiness as she spends her maternity leave making gorgeous first memories.



Well done to Year 6

Last week, Mrs Penny and I alongside the parents had the pleasure of watching the year 6 production. We were so proud of just how many lines, lyrics and actions the children had remembered and the team work they showed on stage. Well done to every single child and to the year 6 teaching team who have supported in organising the production, making props and helping the children with their lines. Thank you to parents who showed so much encouragement and support.



Class Transitions

On Friday, the children met their new class teachers for 26-27 and shared what their interests are, a little about them and their favourite things to do in school. Their teachers have also shared information about them in order to support the children feeling comfortable and ready for September.

Attendance & Punctuality

School Attendance September to now – 94%

We have two golden tickets available this half term. Please continue to send your child to school so they do not miss out on the many events we have planned in the last few weeks.

We will also be continuing to have the golden ticket attendance approach next academic year too – your child must be here everyday each week to gain a golden ticket on a Friday.

A huge thank you to parents who have positively engaged in attendance conversations this year and improved their child's attendance. We have had some incredible % differences this year with many children gaining improved attendance book awards. Well done to those children and families.

Heat Wave – Thank you!

Thank you to parents who supported your child's class attendance during the heat wave. We know this was a tough week for many, however, the children were amazing in school and staff worked so hard in putting the measures in place to support them including every child on Friday receiving an ice pop! My thanks go to you and staff for your continued commitment to supporting the children with their learning.

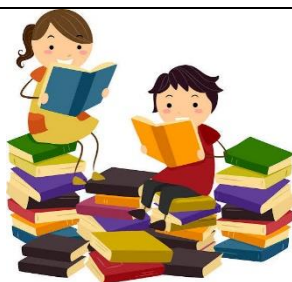
A message from Mrs Sawyer – School SENDCo



Mrs Sawyer, our SENDCo is here to support parents in meeting their child's individual SEND needs. This includes helping to address any concerns at school and guiding families through processes where additional support may be required.

Mrs Sawyer regularly hosts SEND drop-in sessions and SEND coffee mornings, providing valuable opportunities for parents to talk openly about their child, ask questions and seek support in a welcoming environment.

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Reading over the Summer holidays

Having recently been on a training course linked to reading, I wanted to share with parents the research behind the positive impact reading with your child can have linked with vocabulary acquisition.

At five years old:

- If children are never read to – children only know 4,622 words at this age.
- If they are read to 1-2 times a week – children will know 63,570 words
- If children are read to 3-5 times a week – children will know 169,520 words
- However, if children are read to daily – children will know 296,600 words

Science Daily (2019)

As the summer holidays are just around the corner, why not encourage your child to keep reading for pleasure? Join Hemsworth Library and take part in their summer reading activities and challenges. You could also visit local car boot sales or charity shops to pick up family favourites at a bargain price and build your own home library.

Reading together is one of the best ways to develop a love of books. Older siblings can read to younger brothers and sisters, grandparents can share the stories they enjoyed as children, and families can spend time enjoying books together. Every book, story and conversation helps to build fluency, vocabulary and a lifelong love of reading.

To ensure that all families can access this support, we kindly ask that parents: Sign up for drop-in appointments when they are advertised. Attend their booked appointments or inform us as soon as possible if they are unable to attend

This helps us make the best use of available time and ensures that other parents are able to access support when needed. Thank you for your understanding and for working in partnership with us to support your child. All dates for next year have already been set and will be sent out shortly.

Lost Property

We have noticed a large rise in lost property from jumpers to water bottles. Where children have name labels within them, we will return them to the children. If not, we will have a table at the Summer Fayre for parents to look through.

Going forward, please could you ensure anything that your child bring into school is appropriate named. Toys of any nature should not be brought into school at any time.

Safeguarding
is a priority here

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)

As the Summer holidays draw closer, there are some super resources to help parents keep children safe online through the NSPCC website.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>