

KING'S MEADOW MESSAGES

What a year!

A personal thank you....

With the end of my first year at King's Meadow fast approaching, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to every parent and carer who has supported our school throughout the year. I would also like to thank every parent and carer for giving me the time, patience and support to get to know the school, its systems and processes. Your understanding, trust and willingness to work in partnership with us have been invaluable.

From attending events, cheering on our children at Sports Day, volunteering at PTA activities, supporting fundraising events and working in partnership with us to help your children thrive, your encouragement and commitment have made a real difference. As a new Head of School at King's Meadow, I have been overwhelmed by the warmth, kindness and support I have received from our school community, and I am incredibly grateful.



I would also like to say a special thank you to our wonderful PTA. The time, energy, enthusiasm and dedication that our PTA volunteers give so generously never go unnoticed. From organising fundraising events to bringing new ideas to life, their commitment to our school is truly remarkable and helps create so many memorable opportunities for our children.

We are also incredibly proud of our children and the wonderful way they continue to represent King's Meadow Academy. Time and time again, we receive compliments about their excellent manners, positive attitudes and respectful behaviour. They are a credit to their families and to our school.

As we approach the end of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank a very special staff team whose positive commitment to each and every child shine through daily. The team always go the extra mile and together, we have achieved so much this year.

I wish all of our families a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break.

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Mrs Williams-Kendall - Head of School



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.

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Wishing year 6 lots of luck at secondary school

I would like to say just how incredibly proud we are of our Year 6 children. Throughout the year, they have been outstanding role models for the younger pupils, consistently demonstrating resilience, determination and a real commitment to their learning. Their curiosity, thoughtful questions and ability to reflect on and improve their work have been a joy to see.



They have shown an exceptional work ethic in everything they have done, from their learning in the classroom to the creativity, confidence and enthusiasm they brought to their end-of-year production. During their residential visit, they showed fantastic teamwork, courage and support for one another, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Year 6 have made a lasting contribution to our school community and have embodied the values we strive to instil in all of our pupils. They are a credit to themselves, their families and our school.

Staff News

As we look ahead to September, we are delighted to welcome several new members of staff to the King's Meadow family, including Mr Regan, Miss Brunskill and Mrs Manuel. We look forward to them joining our team and know they will make a valuable contribution to our school community.

At the same time, we must also say goodbye to some much-valued members of staff as they move on to new opportunities. Whilst we are naturally sad to see them leave, we are incredibly grateful for everything they have contributed to King's Meadow Academy. Their dedication and commitment have made a lasting difference to the lives of our children, families and colleagues.

Attendance & Punctuality

School Attendance Current Roll from September to now – 94%

A personal thank you from me for your support in improving school attendance this year. By ensuring children are in school every day and on time, you are giving them the very best opportunity to flourish academically, socially and emotionally. Excellent attendance not only supports children's learning and progress but also ensures they do not miss out on the many enrichment opportunities, experiences and memorable events that help make school life so special.

Class with highest attendance this year: 95.7%

Reception: 94.7%

1JM: 92%

1CT: 92.1%

2BA: 95.7%

3LC: 95.1%

4/5BP: 93.7%

4/5CB: 94.7%

4/5CG: 94%

6TC: 95.6%

This year, we are looking forward to congratulating children and families with high attendance 98-100% at our ice cream party on Wednesday after school.

Next year, we will continue to have golden tickets, surprise quad time and improved attendance

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**.

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I would like to offer my sincere thanks and best wishes to several members of staff who will be leaving King's Meadow at the end of this academic year.

My thanks go to Miss Hamill and Mrs Gale, who have worked tirelessly in Year 1 since Easter; Mrs Jennings, who has provided invaluable support in Year 4/5 while Mrs Beresford has been on maternity leave; and Mrs Parkin-Smith, who has led year 3 since the end of September. Each of them has made a significant contribution to our school community, supporting our children with professionalism, kindness and enthusiasm. We are incredibly grateful for everything they have done and wish them every success as they move on to new roles in other schools.

I would also like to thank Mrs Carthy, who has supported our Year 6 pupils throughout the year and played an important role in preparing them for the transition to secondary school. Through her guidance, encouragement and expertise, she has helped our children develop the confidence, skills and knowledge they need for the next stage of their education. Whilst Mrs Carthy will be leaving King's Meadow, we are delighted that she will remain within the Waterton Academy Trust, continuing to support Upper Key Stage 2 pupils at another Trust school.

Finally, Miss Radford, our Learning Mentor, will also be saying goodbye to King's Meadow after an incredible 13 years of dedicated service. During her time here, she has supported countless children and families, making a lasting difference through her care, compassion and unwavering commitment to our pupils. Whilst Miss Radford is leaving King's Meadow, she will remain within the Trust as she takes on a new pastoral role supporting our specialist schools.

On behalf of all the children, families, governors and staff at King's Meadow Academy, I would like to thank each of these valued colleagues for their dedication and service. They leave with our heartfelt gratitude, many happy memories and our very best wishes for the future.

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)

ONLINE CONTENT
10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.

- 1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS**
Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.
- 2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT**
Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.
- 3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS**
Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.
- 4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS**
Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.
- 5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP**
Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.
- 6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE**
Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.
- 7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING**
Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.
- 8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK**
Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.
- 9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE**
If a child sees distressing material online, listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.
- 10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT**
If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

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Keeping Kids Safe Online:
TIPS FOR PARENTS

- AGE**
Set Age-Appropriate Guidelines
- CHECK**
Have Regular Check-Ins
- CONTROLS**
Use Parental Controls
- TEACH**
Teach Digital Stranger Danger
- CONVERSATIONS**
Encourage Open Conversations
- TECH USE**
Model Healthy Tech Use
- ACTIVITY**
Monitor Online Activity
- THINKING**
Empower Critical Thinking

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