



Newsletter

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Headline!

News!

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year!

I hope you all had a lovely break, despite the mostly gloomy weather! The children have come back looking smart and have already taken to their new classes and are producing some great work already. I have had some great conversations too learning about your children's holidays and what they have already been learning!

I have also had the pleasure of welcoming our new children to school including our new reception children who are all eager to start their journey with us over the coming week.

Over the summer, staff and external agencies have worked hard to upgrade the school, classrooms and planning. Most classrooms have been freshly decorated. Lighting around the school has been upgraded and is now in line with current regulations. Our external library mural is almost complete and the new signage is continuing to be installed throughout the school. This will include 2 new noticeboards for both school and PACT.

Over the holidays, I met with our new CEO for InMAT, Helen Williams. She is keen to learn about Hall Meadow and support us on our journey to provide a broad, balanced and engaging curriculum to enable all our children to achieve. She will be visiting again in the coming weeks to work alongside the SLT. Please see the letter attached from her to you all.

Once again, I will endeavour to keep you informed with updates and progress throughout the year. I am also hoping to see more of you all and welcome you through the school doors while it is safe to do so.

Here's to a great school year ahead,

Best Wishes,

Mrs Bodman-Knight

Star of the Week and Celebrations!



These wonderful assemblies will be starting on Friday 10th September at 9am. All parents are welcome to attend (there may be limited seating). Please enter through the main reception from 8:50am.

If your child is awarded Star of the Week you will be notified by parentmail by 12pm the day before.

At Hall Meadow we like to celebrate all of the children's achievements both in and out of school so please send in any outside awards eg: football trophies,

Brownie/Cub badges etc.... prior to the assembly (children will place these in the star box in the hall) and these will be presented and shared with all during our celebration assembly.



Welcome to Miss Letts (Year 6). She is already settling into Hall Meadow and working well to ensure the children are ready for the challenges of the year ahead.

Also, huge congratulations to Mrs Drew (formally Miss Jones). As you can imagine, she looked absolutely beautiful and had a wonderful day celebrating!



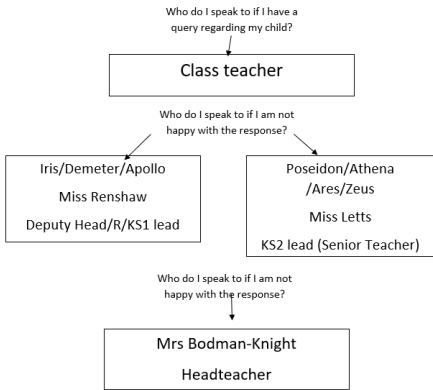
Once again, we are in the OFSTED window. It has been 13 years since Hall Meadow was last assessed by OFSTED. Since 2008, not only has OFSTED updated their expectations numerous time (and increased these too) but there have also been changes in how we assess children and the how and what we teach children. More changes were also made in July 2021. In that time, Hall Meadow has been through various changes and faced many challenges. We are on an upward journey and are looking forward to showing off our excellent progress when the call comes.



Over the coming week we will be sending a calendar home with various planned dates for the year including parents evenings, class assemblies, sports days and PACT events.

The first date is the 1st October – Harvest Festival. This will be a non-religious festival celebrating Harvest all over the world! More details and timings to follow next week.

Flowchart for Parental Concerns



It is essential that we have an excellent relationship between the school and our parents. All staff are approachable and good listeners. Parents are positively encouraged to come into school to discuss any aspect of their child’s education. Initial contact is usually made through the child’s class teacher, and in the vast majority of cases, concerns or anxieties are usually resolved at this stage. However, if a parent wishes to discuss the matter further please speak to Miss Renshaw or Miss Letts for advice.

The school places enormous value upon its supportive relationships with parents and we earnestly ask all our parents not to hesitate in letting us know about any matters of concern.

The school will always respond positively to constructive advice that is offered in a sensitive and understanding manner.

2021-22

Term 1

Wednesday Sept 1st – Training Day

Thursday 2nd Sept – School open to all pupils

Thursday 21st Oct – Last day of term

Friday 22nd Oct – Training Day

Term 2

Monday 1st November

Friday 17th December

Term 3

Tuesday 4th January – Training Day

Wednesday 5th January – School open to all pupils

Friday 11th February – End of term

Term 4

Monday 21st February – Training day

Tuesday 22nd February – School open to all pupils

Friday 1st April – End of term

Term 5

Tuesday 19th April – School open to all pupils

Friday 27th May – End of term

Term 6

Monday 6th June – Training Day

Tuesday 7th June – School open to all pupils

Friday 22nd July – End of term