

6th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

AUTUMN TERM 2019



A warm welcome to you all at the start of the year at Meadowside Primary School. I hope you all had a lovely summer and found lots of sunshine somewhere. I must commend the pupils on how smart they look in their school uniforms. The pupils are enthusiastic and ready to learn in this new year.

SCHOOL BUILDING



The staff have worked extremely hard making our school neat and exciting. The displays are smart and stimulating. We have introduced more reading areas in all year groups to cultivate our love of reading. Our next project is updating the libraries.

STAFFING



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new members of staff. Miss Fitton as the new Year 5 teacher, Mrs Clapham and Mrs Faram as Teaching Assistants and Miss Chard as a trainee teacher.

LUNCHTIMES

The children are enjoying the new 'zone' lunchtime arrangements. We are still looking at additional items such as Lego, dressing up clothes and pallets to support the childrens' play. If you have any questions or donations please contact the school office.

HEADTEACHER'S COFFEE MORNING

I hope to meet as many parents as possible at my next Coffee morning on 11th October at 9.00am, and will be accompanied by members of the MPTA.

CLUBS



In the next few weeks, information regarding clubs will be sent out.

OPEN WEEK

There will be an Open Week between 11th - 15th November. It is organised for parents of children who will begin school next year and parents who are considering sending their children to this school in the future. If you wish to visit, or if you know anybody, who have children who will be starting next year, please contact the office.

This will include any parents who are interested in enrolling their children to the Buttercup nursery.

There will be a Welcome Evening on 7th November at 7pm. Poster of the Evening and Open Week will be displayed soon.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



Please ensure that all clothing/belongings are clearly named with your child's name particularly clothing that is removed for PE.

We have introduced a Lost Property Tub in each year group. It will be placed in the playground every Friday, before and after school. At the end of the term, any left lost property will be recycled. You won't miss the tub, as it is bright yellow.

PARENT HELPERS



Our parent helpers and volunteers are invaluable to the school. Please see the volunteers' letter attached to this Newsletter. We welcome anyone who would like to support us in school. This may be parents, grandparents or community friends. Please complete and return the form to your child's class teacher if you are able to help. Please note that if you are already a regular volunteer we still need you to complete and return the form so that we can gather the relevant information and organise the timetable.

WELCOME BACK FROM THE MPTA



Welcome Back from the MPTA - All Here at the MPTA are excited about the new school year and planning lots of events for children and also the grown-ups! Dates for your diary will come to you soon. Our first meeting is on 9th September at 6.00pm.

We will also be holding a coffee morning on Friday 11th October at school. All are welcome to come along to our meetings which are very relaxed and informal, a chance for you to get involved in plans and everyone helps out as much as they are able. A great way to meet more parents!

This term we are likely to have Discos, a Race Night for the grown-ups, cake and second hand book sale, and at the end of term the Christmas Fayre - watch this space for more info!

Please join us on Facebook for up to date information, conversation and to keep up to date with events.

Thank you again for all the support you give us. We look forward this year to meeting and working with you again.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Garnham

Head teacher

STARTING SCHOOL IN 2020

If your child is due to start school in September 2020 now is the time to register them with NCC. Applications can be made from 10th September and the closing date is 15th January 2020 at 5pm. You should make your application online at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/admissions.

SAFETY ISSUES

Parking at the beginning and end of the day can be an issue. Cars should not be parked directly outside the school on the zig-zags, or obstruct residents' driveways.

The safety of our pupils is paramount. Therefore at the beginning of a new academic year, we need to have written permission about which pupils are allowed to walk home without an adult.

If you wish your child to be collected by anyone other than yourself, please return the consent form sent home this week, or alternatively for children in Year 5 or 6 only consent to walk home alone. Please inform your child's class teacher or the school office in writing of any changes.

Mobile phones may be brought into school by children walking home on their own. All phones must be turned off and handed in to the school office each day. All mobile phones are brought into school at your own risk.

DIARY DATES



Details of yearly events will follow shortly.