



# NEWSLETTER

NEWSLETTER FOUR – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

## Value of the week.....

This week we have been discussing the preparations needed for our Autumn season. We have spoken about the different aspects of staying safe during the darker mornings and evenings, such as wearing reflective clothing and walking in groups to and from school. We have reminded each other to wear coats at lunch time when it is cold and to bring hats and scarves on particularly cold days.

Pupils also enjoyed an assembly about hedgehogs and how these are on the brink of extinction. Pupils learnt about 'hedgehog highways' and how to make gardens more hedgehog friendly. Some of our younger pupils enjoyed talking about their spikes and what these would feel like.

## Goodbye.....

As our term comes to an end so does Miss Coburn's time at Meadow Farm. Following the birth of her twins, Miss Coburn will be leaving us at the end of the half term holiday. Miss Coburn has worked at our school for 7 years starting with us as a classteacher, moving into the role of SENDCo role and becoming an Assistant Headteacher. She has been a strong support to the staff team and our parents over the years and a trusted member of our team. We send you our best wishes, Miss Coburn. Good luck – please come back and visit us.

We also say goodbye to Mrs Lambert who is starting her maternity leave at the end of this half term. We cannot wait to see pictures of your new baby once they arrive. Good luck and enjoy your maternity leave, Mrs Lambert.

## Flu vaccines.....

Due to unforeseen circumstances IntraHealth have had to postpone flu vaccinations in school. These have now been rearranged for Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024. If you have previously consented this will be carried forward to the new date. If you would like to withdraw your consent please call Intrahealth on 03333583397 option 5.

## Parents evening.....

As always, it was lovely for all the teachers to meet with you on Tuesday and Thursday for our open evening. We hope you found our feedback of your child's achievements. Pupils have settled in well to their new routines and are working hard in lessons.

If you could not attend or feel that you need a more in depth meeting with your child's teacher, please contact them directly to arrange a meeting. We have an open door policy at Meadow Farm and all members of staff are happy to help with enquiries. Teachers are expecting to meet every parent of each child in their class so please join us on the evenings planned.

## PTAFA.....

We have held our first Parent, Teacher and Friends Association meeting. Thank you to everyone who attended and kick-started our fundraising. If you would like to attend any further meetings or have any fundraising suggestions, please speak to Mrs Way or Mrs Gregory. Our Christmas Fayre will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> December after school. We welcome donations for our raffle and tombola stalls – please drop these into the office or give to your class teacher.

### Cresswell Crag.....

Year 3 enjoyed spending the day at Cresswell Crag where they took part in lots of activities; they were able to handle Stone Age relics and visit a cave. The class were able to identify which animals would have sheltered in the caves and they examined the different types of rock which made up the cave walls. Pupils used their class based studies to support them in identifying the different rock types such as chalk and limestone. Year 3 were a great representation of Meadow Farm. Well done!

## NOTICES

### Attendance.....

Year 3 are at the top of the attendance charts once again. This week they have achieved 100% - well done Year 3! Reception are following closely behind at 99.08% and Year 4 at 98.08%.

Please do not send your child to school with non-prescription medications in their bags. All medication must be brought to the office and the correct paperwork filled out. We cannot administer Calpol or Neurofen at school but you are able to come and administer these to your child yourself, if required.

### Swimming.....

Swimming lessons will continue for Year 4 and Year 6 after half term, with the first lesson on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Please remember to send your child to school wearing their swimming costume and with a change of underwear and towel in a small bag.

DATES	EVENT
28.10.24 – 1.11.24	Half term
04.11.24	Pupils back to school
04.11.24	Year 2/Year 6 fire safety assembly
06.11.24	Jane Stapleton photographers in school – Individuals and siblings
06.11.24	Year 4 Memorial service at Chaddesden Park
11.11.24 – 15.11.24	Anti-Bullying week
13.11.24	Reception – Height, weight, vision and hearing check Year 6 – Height and weight check
13.11.24	Reception 2025 open evening 3.30pm – 4.30pm
13.11.24	PCSO anti-bullying workshops
20.11.24	Flu vaccinations in school – Reception to Year 6
20.11.24	KS1 Fundamentals at Derbyshire Tennis Club
27.11.24	Healthy lunchbox parent workshop
04.12.24	Christmas Fayre
09.12.24	St Mary's church assembly in school
11.12.24	KS1 Christmas Performance
11.12.24	KS1 Christmas Megafest
11.12.24	Reception 2025 open evening 3.30pm – 4.30pm
12.12.24	EYFS Christmas Performance
17.12.24	KS2 Carol Service
20.12.24	Last day of term
06.01.25	Pupils back to school
07.01.25	KS2 Cricket coaching begins
08.01.25	Year 3 Resilient Rammie begins
09.01.25	Year 5 Joy of Moving begins
13.01.25	DCCT look after your smile – Oral health workshops
16.01.25	Rammie's Little movers begins
06.02.24	Year 6 Lancaster model questionnaires
17.02.25 – 21.02.25	Half term