



# NEWSLETTER

## NEWSLETTER SEVENTEEN – 23rd July 2024

### **A message from Chair of Governors, David Allan.....**

How time flies - it just feels like a few weeks ago that we started the new academic year. We all know however, that it's been a tough but rewarding year for Meadow Farm School and in reality everyone is ready for a break and a reset.

On behalf of the Governing Body - I wish to thank everyone for their fantastic efforts this year. Highlights include gaining a Good OFSTED report, which was no mean feat; retaining the Sports Gold Award, fingers crossed for a Platinum award soon, and full adoption of Little Wandle, which puts us in the vanguard of improved reading.

None of these highlights come without great effort from everyone working as a big team - pupils bringing their enthusiasm and hard work; teaching staff with their organisational, coordination and teaching skills, support staff keeping the school running and of course parental support and encouragement.

A special mention must go to parents; everyone has been so supportive of the school by ensuring children get to school on time - it might sound simple but for some it's hard work. Children thrive at our school. More than ever we have seen fabulous involvement in school activities; clubs are thriving and parents cheering and applauding at plays and sports days is so encouraging.

It's always a sad time of year as our Year 6 pupils move on to their secondary schools - I hope you take with you fond memories of Meadow Farm and work hard at your new schools. It's a big milestone moving on, but I am sure you will do well. Feedback received from the transition days highlighted your good behaviour and that you are a credit to Meadow Farm. Of course that means we get a new intake of young, excited children who begin their Meadow Farm journey.

We have some staffing changes. To our leavers, many thanks for your efforts and dedication during your time at Meadow Farm and good luck for the future; it's safe to say you will be missed. To our new staff welcome and thanks for choosing Meadow Farm and to help us with our fine educational journey.

To the Lead Team, including Governors, well done on a very well executed plan under tough conditions - I know it can take a personal toll so please use the break to relax and unwind.

To all, have a great summer and do what you can to enjoy a good break, ready to return with a refreshed body and mind.

Keep an eye on the Facebook page where our excellent admin team have been posting details of summer activities that are free or very low cost.

The weather hasn't been great recently but the sun is finally shining so let's hope we get a nice stretch of decent weather to let everyone get out and about.

Stay safe and thoroughly enjoy the break - you have deserved it.



David Allan  
Chair of the Governing Body

### Reminders.....

We have three inset days on the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> September. The first day back for pupils will be the 9<sup>th</sup> September at 8.40am. Staff will be taking part in de-escalation training and completing an 'Autism Awareness' course.

### Parent pay.....

Current year 2's will be able to pay for the Cresswell Craggs trip over the summer holidays. Please do so via parent pay. Thank you.

### Safeguarding.....

If you have any safeguarding concerns for a child over the summer holidays please email our school safeguarding email address: [safeguarding@meadowfarm.derby.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@meadowfarm.derby.sch.uk)

For urgent cases where a young person is in immediate danger please call 999 .For any other concerns please contact Derby City Council social care on 01332 641172. The out of hours number is 01332 786968.

DATES	EVENT
04.09.24	Inset day – De-escalation techniques
05.09.24	Inset day – Autism Awareness
06.09.24	Inset day – Welcome back. Training for all staff.
09.09.24	Pupils back to school
16.09.24-18.09.24	Year 5/Year 6 Dukes Barn
24.09.24	Rammie's Healthy Hero lunch club begins
26.09.24	Year 3/Year 4/Year 5/Year 6 Mixed Golf
27.09.24	Macmillian coffee morning
09.10.24	Harvest festival at St Mary's Church
16.10.24	Flu vaccinations
25.10.24	Year 3 Cresswell Craggs visit
28.10.24 – 1.11.24	Half term
06.11.24	Jane Stapleton photographers in school – Individuals and siblings
13.11.24	Reception – Height, weight, vision and hearing check Year 6 – Height and weight check
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
17.12.24	KS2 Carol Service
20.12.24	Last day of term
6.01.25	Pupils back to school