



NEWSLETTER

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Value of the week.....

This week our focus has been on how to accomplish our goals by contributing and working collaboratively. During lessons, we have encouraged pupils to work together to solve problems and have discussions with each other while being respectful of each other's ideas. It has been lovely to see pupils engaging positively with each other. These discussions have also helped build confidence in expressing their ideas to not only their peers but also teachers.

During lunchtimes, we have introduced a new system, we are encouraging pupils to follow the lunchtime etiquette and are excited to award the 'Best Table' each week. This will involve a table cloth for a different table each week and a trophy. Pupils will need to work together to win the award. Good luck, everyone.

Thankyou.....

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone for the warm welcome I have received since joining as Headteacher. It has been a pleasure getting to know pupils, staff, and families, and I am truly inspired by the enthusiasm, kindness, and sense of community that make this school so special. I am excited to work together until a permanent replacement is in place. Please do come and speak to me if you have any concerns or queries.

Staffing update.....

Miss Iram is currently not at school due to having an operation, surgery went well and Miss Iram is recovering at home. Following her recovery period, Miss Iram will be returning to school.

As you are aware, Mrs Davis and Mrs Way have now begun their maternity leave. This is being covered by Mrs Davis who has settled well into school. We will let everyone know once the new Meadow Farm babies arrive.

Miss Friel has joined Meadow Farm to cover Miss Keith's absence - thank you for being patient with us while we have been trialling teachers to find the right fit for the class. This arrangement is being reviewed regularly and we will keep you all updated once we know more.

Celebration of Dance.....

Meadow Farm were very proud to showcase all their practice and hard work at Derby Theatre this week during the Celebration of Dance Festival. Led by Mrs Lambert, the girls put on an exceptional show. It was a bit daunting at times as there were lots of other schools and parents watching but they all did a fantastic dance. Well done, you should be very proud of yourselves.

National offer day.....

We are very excited for our nursery children to continue their Meadow Farm journey into Reception in September. If you know of any parents who are unhappy with their school allocation, please encourage them to have a look around Meadow Farm – we have limited spaces for September Reception starters.

Nursery places.....

We have nursery places available in both our 2 year old and 3 year old nursery. We also run a waiting list for both nurseries if you would like to put your child's name on the list. Please contact Mrs Hamblin in the school office to arrange this. We can also take children from out of our catchment area. Please help us

spread the word!

Year 5 West Park taster day.....

Year 5 began their taster day with a tour of West Park. Pupils were surprised at how much bigger it is than Meadow Farm, with lots of floors and rooms. Following the tour, pupils took part in different lessons to get a taste of life at West Park. Pupils had lots of opportunities to ask any questions they had and there was lots of information shared on the day.

At the end of the day pupils had the chance to meet Mr McGregor the Headteacher. Mr McGregor reported that the class had received great feedback from all staff and that they were a pleasure to have at West Park. Year 5 all agreed it was a fantastic day which was very informative. Hopefully this taster day has given the children an insight into secondary school and alleviated any worries about starting Year 7.

Attendance.....

A big shout out to Year 1 for achieving 100% attendance last week, closely followed by Reception, Year 2 and Year 5.

Year 1- 100%

Year 5 - 99.05

Year 2 - 97.78

Reception - 97.4%

Coming up.....

DATES	EVENT
01.05.26	Year 4 Dreamfest
04.05.26	Bank Holiday – School closed
11.05.26 – 14.05.26	Year 6 SATs
25.05.26 – 29.05.26	Half Term
18.06.26	Year 2 Eyam trip
19.06.26	Jane Stapleton photographers in school – class photos and leavers
26.06.26	Year 4 Cromford trip
29.06.26	Inset day
01.07.26	Book Bus in school (PM only)
07.07.26 - 09.07.26	Transition taster days
13.07.26	Rocksteady concert
14.07.26	Year 6 Dovedale trip
15.07.26	Year 3 Egyptian class assembly
23.07.26	Last day of term



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