













Week Ending: Friday 26th May 2023



Dear parents,

I can't believe it's half term already! It's flown by! And what an action packed half term it's been. Over the past seven weeks, we've watched some excellent class assemblies and seen some incredible achievements in a whole host of sports competitions. We've opened the country's first VR room and every child has had a go so that they can confidently start using this resource next half term in lessons to bring their topic learning to life. We've had trips, workshops, visitors, swimming lessons and guitar lessons. We've seen OPAL go from strength to strength and children get to play creatively and cooperatively in imaginative and fun ways every day of the week now that it is fully embedded. We couldn't have been prouder of our Year 2 and Year 6 children during their SATs weeks as they tackled them with confidence and determination. Now that we have heard from parents, staff and children, school council have worked with Mrs Cross to finalise our Green Meadow Offer, a pledge from us to every child full of the amazing opportunities they will have in every year group as they move through school. I would like to thank the whole staff team for all of their hard work in order for us to make all of this possible, to parents for all of their support and to the children who have been so engaged with their learning and demonstrated exemplary learning behaviours. What a team! This has been succeeding together at its best! After the break, we are looking forward to making the final steps towards becoming a Centre of Excellence for Oracy, taking part in the annual Speak Up Speak Out competition as well as hosting a PE day for other schools to come and see for themselves the great sport and outdoor provision we have on offer here at school. We can't wait!

We gathered together in assembly to say our fond farewells to Mrs Pritchett on her retirement day today. Mrs Pritchett has been a much loved member of our staff team for the past 25 years, working as a midday supervisor and a member of the office admin team and I know you will all want to join with me to wish her all the very best for a wonderful retirement and a well earned rest. Thank you, Mrs P, for all of your hard work and commitment to Green Meadow. We will all miss you and wish you every happiness in the future.

And on that note, I would like to wish you all a very Half Term Holiday. Fingers crossed the weather stays as lovely as it has been this week!

Take care, everyone. Best wishes Miss Arrowsmith



Year 4 Multiplication Check

Diary Dates

MONDAY 5th

SCHOOL RE-OPENS AT 8.30AM

Reception PE Kit Needed

After School Club: Reception Ball Skills

TUESDAY 6th

Years 4 & 3 PE Kit Needed

After School Club: Years 1 & 2 Athletics

WEDNESDAY 7th

NEW RECEPTION INTAKE PARENTS COFFEE MORNING @ 9.30am

Year 1 PE Kit Needed

Year 5 Outdoor Learning Kit Needed

THURSDAY 8th

Years 5 & 2 PE Kit Needed

After School Club: Years 3 & 4 Football

FRIDAY 9th

Year 6 PE Kit Needed

FOGM SCHOOL DISCO

After School Club: Years 5 & 6 Rounders



Please note changes to PE days for Years 2 and 3 this week





The children have loved creating magnificent mud pies this week. They look so delicate with the delightful daisy decorations on them!

Another popular addition this week has been the 'tinker table' (hammers and nails). This week the children have been creating fabulous cork people collections and really developing their fine motor skills.

The OPAL development afternoon this week went really well and we discussed how far we have come and made even more exciting plans for the future play offers we will be providing our imaginative pupils with. One plan is to transform the top left corner of the KS2 playground into a garden retreat. Of course, the wonderful Mrs and Mr D'Auncy have already got the ball rolling and sourced us 2 huge tyres. The plan is to get a few more of these tyres and use them as planters. It will transform the playground and provide a lovely new, green area for the children to play in! We are on the lookout for bamboo plants to grow in the planters, so if you have a bamboo plant in your garden and you could spare a little of this, we would be more than grateful for any donations. Watch this space!









Is there anyone out there who is handy at woodwork?

If the answer is yes and you have a couple of hours to spare, we would love your help. We are hoping to knock us up some signs to fictional places like the one in the picture below to inspire the children on their magical journeys as they play during OPAL lunch times.

Please get in touch if you can help or know someone who could.



Thank-you as always for your support, help and donations.



Well done to Shakespeare, who achieved 100% attendance this week- you are amazing!

Tickus our attendance teddy will be being looked after by Gazelles after half term as they were the best attenders in KS1

Markus our punctuality teddy is loving being in Lions class, they were here on time, everyday!

HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

WELL DONE TO THE 85 CHILDREN IN SCHOOL WHO RECEIVED HOT CHOCOLATE NOMINATIONS THIS WEEK FOR GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND! THAT'S AMAZING! WE ARE ALL SO PROUD OF YOU. WE HOPE YOU HAVE YOUR CERTIFICATES DISPLAYED SOMEWHERE AT HOME TO CELEBRATE.

WELL DONE TO THE LUCKY CHILDREN WHO WON THE HOT CHOCOLATE RAFFLE. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR CHOCOLATELY TREAT!













Warmer weather

Now that the weather is warming up, please remember to check our Uniform Policy on the school website <u>Uniform - Green Meadow</u>

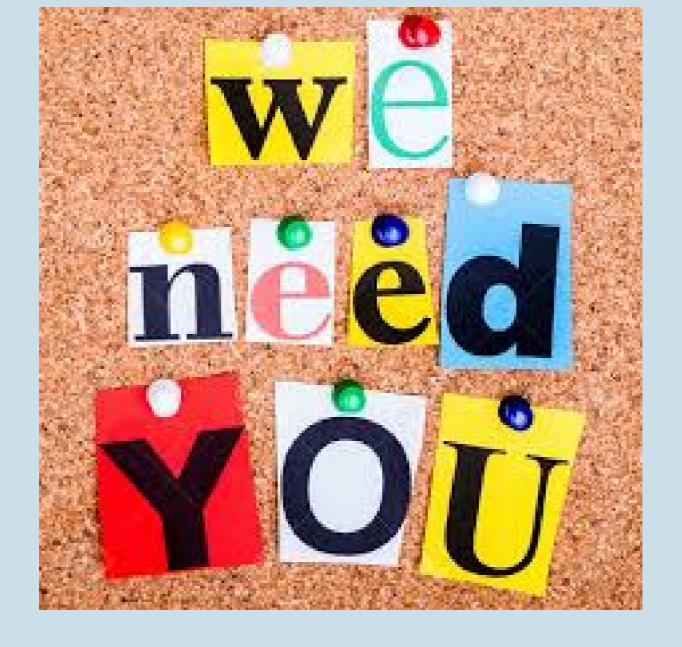
(excelsiormat.org) Either grey or black shorts or red and white or green and white checked dresses can be worn with flat' black shoes (no trainers) or sandals with proper straps (no flip flop style) which are appropriate to school.

A reminder to remember to bring a sun hat or cap and your school water bottle to school each day and apply plenty of sun cream before coming to school each day.

School Opening Times

A polite reminder that gates on to the school site open each morning at 8.30am and close at 8.50am to ensure that everyone has time to get to classrooms and start learning promptly at 8.55am. Gates reopen at 3.20pm for the collection of children and close at 3.30pm.





We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisor to work with our fabulous children at lunchtimes.

If you would like to become part of the staff team at Green Meadow please apply through the following link:

https://excelsiormat.org/vacancies/



UPCOMING DATES.....

HALF TERM 29.05.23- 02.06.23

Week beginning 05.06.23

Year 4 multiplication check all week

05.06.23 CAT PAC session 3 art studio am

07.06.23 Parent coffee morning for new Reception intake

September 2023 starts at 9.30am annexe classroom

09.06.23 FOGM discos

Week beginning 12.06.23

Y1 phonics screen

12.06.23 CAT PAC session 4 art studio am

15.06.23 Cadbury class assembly

16.06.23 Bournville class assembly

Week beginning 19.06.23

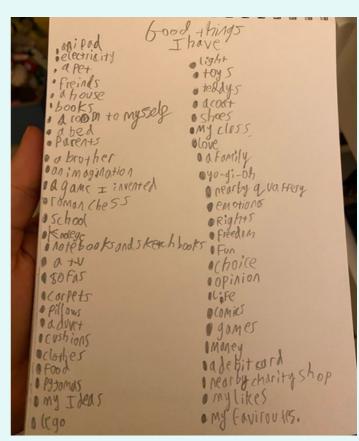
21.06.23 Year 2 Trip to Weston-Super-Mare







ASK YOUR CHILD
TO TELL YOU
ABOUT THE
STORY BEHIND
THIS PICTURE AND
HOW IT LINKS TO
BRITISH VALUES.







FOGM Disco 9th June 2023



Disco tickets will also be on sale on the 26th May 2023 and for those parents who cannot attend school to purchase tickets you can email FOGM on:

fogm@greenmeadow.excelsiormat.org and ask that we put them aside or nominate another parent to pay and collect them on your behalf.



WEEK COMMENCING 5TH JUNE 2023



School meals are £2.35 per day, payable via Arbor, for years 3, 4, $5 \le 6$, unless you are entitled to free school meals.

Please note that for Reception, Year I and Year 2 <u>ALL</u> children are entitled to universal free school meals.