

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! Where did Summer go? Have I really been here for a full year? Thank you to everyone for helping to make my first year at our lovely school so special. Please always remember just how proud, privileged and fortunate I feel to be in this position. I love it here!

I hope our #WonderfulCommunity has enjoyed time away from West Meadows – our amazing caretaker Mr. Armstrong has been in school lots and has decorated three classrooms with his friend Bob. Many thanks to them – they look terrific. Also, I hope you've seen our House Point Collector on Twitter, the website or in the Hall. Mr. Armstrong made this himself – his talents are amazing. Many members of staff were also in school preparing our classrooms for the new year; they look exciting and ready for our wonderful children to flourish during the year.

MANY congratulations to Mrs. Parkes (nee Miss Steele) following her wedding day. She looked absolutely stunning. One little boy was sad that he wasn't going to be in Miss Steele's class – he hadn't realised the two names were one and the same person! A warm welcome to Miss Bennett who has joined us for her teacher training year. She is working in Year 1 where Mrs. Fitzsimmons will be a fabulous role model. Please remember to **follow us on Twitter**; the best place to keep right up to date with all that is West Meadows! Have a wonderful weekend and thank you yet again for everything you do for school and more importantly our wonderful children.

#AimHighSucceedBeHappy.

Daniel Wood (Headteacher)

This Week's Attendance

| Class | % |
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| EYFS 1 AM | Unavailable due to staggered start for new children |
| EYFS 1 PM | Unavailable due to staggered start for new children |
| EYFS 2 | 98.3 |
| Year 1 | 96.7 |
| Year 2 | 95 |
| Year 3 | 100 – WOW!!! |
| Year 4 | 93.1 |
| Year 5 | 96.6 |
| Year 6 | 93.7 |

This week's winners



Year 3

School Attendance Target for the Year: **97%**

School Attendance this week: 96.8%

(n/a % from last week)

School Attendance this year so far: 96.8%

(n/a % last week)

School Shoes

Huge thanks to our #WonderfulCommunity for your support in our request for School Shoes and all black footwear. This makes the children look incredibly smart and I have been truly amazed at the positive reaction from both children and adults around school. It also benefits the children's feet! I understand Kirk Balk use a more formal footwear policy this year, children from West Meadows won't have any problem in subscribing to this!

House System

Enormous thanks to our amazing PTA. They have provided PE t-shirts for each pupil who are now grouped in to their new House.

Donaldson = Lime Green

Kerr = Yellow

Dahl = Purple

Walliams = Electric Blue

The children have been working hard to receive house points for a range of good behaviours and hard work. Congratulations to the new House Captains from Year 6!

EYFS

We are excited to welcome our new children to EYFS next week. If the children settle in to school like our EYFS 2 superstars, then we shall be delighted – we know they will! Over the next few weeks we will start our new theme, 'We love Nursery Rhymes' – feel free to teach your child(ren) some of your own favourites!

Week 2 Menu – W/B 11-09-2017

| | Traditional Meal | Other Hot Option |
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| Monday | Pizza & Jacket wedges | Jacket potato |
| Tuesday | Meat Pie & Roast Potatoes | Vegetarian sausage |
| Wednesday | Sunday Dinner (Gammon) Yorkshire puddings and Mash | Jacket potato |
| Thursday | Sausage & Mash | Jacket potato |
| Friday | Fish cake & Chips | Jacket potato |

Coming Soon.....

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| Class Assemblies | Timetables to be agreed next week |
| Key Stage 1 Cross Country | Fri 22 nd September |
| MacMillan Coffee | Fri 29 th September – School Hall |
| Freddy Fit | Mon 25 th September |
| Olympian Visiting | Tues 26 th September |
| Y5/6 Netball | Fri 6 th October |
| Sponsored Event | Mon 9 th October |

DIARY DATES – September 2017

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| Mon 11 th | New EYFS 1 Children start (staggered start) Year 5 Brass |
| Tue 12 th | Y3/4 Hockey after school Year 4 Local Area Walk |
| Wed 13 th | Y1 & Y2 Athletics after school Roald Dahl After School Choir |
| Thurs 14 th | Y5/6 Netball after school |
| Fri 15 th | Y3/4/5/6 After School Athletics COFFEE MORNING – All Welcome KS2 Cross Country – Hoyland Common Bruce Dyer Sports Club |