



West Meadows Weekly

This week we held our first meeting of our newly elected School Council. Mr Smith was very impressed with their ideas and enthusiasm and we are looking forward to seeing how they represent the views of the children who elected them in order to make a difference to our school and community. We were also excited to take a delivery of new home reading books this week for our Foundation and Key Stage 1 children. Look out for these in your child's book bag soon so that they can keep practising their reading skills at home. Please make sure that books are returned each week so that they can be used and enjoyed by all our children.

Spook-tacular Friday:

On Friday 22nd October, our children can come to school in fancy dress and enjoy a bag of sweets and a disco for £1.50 organised by our West Meadows Community Group. All profits from the event will go towards the replacement of the playground trim trail for the children.

Art Week:

Next week we will be holding our first art week of the new school year. Our children will be developing a variety of skills and we look forward to sharing our masterpieces with you via twitter and our upcoming 'Class Assemblies'.

Harvest Festival:

On Wednesday 20th October, our Foundation and Key Stage 1 children will be going to St. Peter's Church to celebrate Harvest Festival. Unfortunately, parents will not be able to attend on this occasion, but can watch a live stream via our school Twitter account. The video will also be available to watch on Twitter (including on our school website) at any time afterwards. We are still gratefully receiving any donations of tins or packets of food which will go towards Hoyland Salvation Army and Father Richard's church food bank. Please could all donations be in by Wednesday 20th October.

Contact Details:

Could we ask all families to please return the contact details and permissions slips pack to the school office or via your child's class teacher by Friday 22nd October. Please also remember to update your contact details on your child's Parent Pay account.

Phonics Workshop:

Our postponed Phonics and Early Reading workshop will take place on Wednesday 3rd November at 9am for Foundation Stage 2, Year 1 and Year 2 parents.

Changes to the School Day:

Just a reminder that after half term, we will return to our normal start to the school day, 8:45am – 8:55am. Children will also need to come to school in their uniform each day and bring their PE kits for the week. Breakfast club will run from 8:00am – 8:45am each day and is open to children from Foundation 1 to Year 6, bookable through Parent Pay.

Headlice:

We have had some cases of headlice in school. Please be vigilant and check your child's hair and scalp regularly.

Covid-19 Update:

We continue to have a small number of Covid-19 cases in school. We have put additional measures in place across school outlined in the separate letter you will have received last week. We encourage families to do regular lateral flow tests and look out for the main symptoms. If your child does show any symptoms, they will need to go for a PCR test and isolate until they have the result.

Attendance Matters!

Every Monday we will celebrate our children's achievements, both in school and at home, including their attendance in school. Good attendance is vital for your child's education and means they can make the most of all aspects of school life.

F1	81.3%
F2	92.1%
Year 1	97.4%
Year 2	91.6%
Year 3	99.5%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	92.5%
Year 6	99.17%



**And this week's winner
is... Year 3**

Unfortunately this week we have lost 616 minutes learning due to lateness.

Upcoming Events:

- Monday 18th October: Barnsley Chronicle in school to take 'First Class' photo of Foundation Stage 2 children
Year 6 parents information meeting for Conover Residential at 3pm
- Tuesday 19th October: Flu spray for children from Reception to Year 6
- Wednesday 20th October: Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival (Live Streamed)
Reds in the Community in school
- Thursday 21st October: School Photographs Day for children
(Could children please come in school uniform and bring their PE kit to change into)
- Friday 22nd October: Fancy dress and Halloween disco
Break up for half term
- Monday 1st November: School re-opens at 8:45am
Year 6 Conover Residential
Divali Workshop for all classes
- Wednesday 3rd November: Phonics workshop for F2, Y1 and Y2 parents
- Thursday 4th November: Year 5 Class Sharing Assembly