

WEEK COMMENCING: 01/03/2021 (Menu Week 2)

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Dear Parents/Carers

You will have heard the announcement of the wider opening of schools from 8 March and, as a staff team, we simply cannot wait to see your children back with us! However, I do appreciate that you may be feeling anxious about your child being with their peer group in classrooms but hope that the draft protocols and procedures and risk assessment sent out to you last night have alleviated some of your concerns.

If you have any questions about your child's return to school, I encourage you to email them through to secretary@meadowvaleprimary.com where a member of the team will respond.

I do hope you have a relaxing weekend.

With best wishes

Catherine Forrester
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Year 1 children in school: We will be taking part in some Forest Schools learning so please remember to bring in your wellies and a waterproof coat **on Friday 5th March (last one)**



Monday 1st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 4D/Ms Ahmed's Bubble/Year 5/Year 6 - wear your PE kit to school on Mondays ◆ VIRTUAL PARTY via ZOOM: 4pm-Nursery/5pm-Yr1/6pm-Yr3/7pm-Yr5 🎉
Tuesday 2nd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Year 1/Year 5 - wear your PE kit to school on Tuesdays ◆ VIRTUAL PARTY via ZOOM: 4pm-Reception/5pm-Yr2/6pm-Yr 4/7pm-Yr6 🎉
Wednesday 3rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Reception/Year 6 - wear your PE kit to school on Wednesdays
Thursday 4th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Year 2/Year 3/Ms Ahmed's Bubble - wear your PE kit to school on Thursdays
Friday 5th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Year 3/4D - wear your PE kit to school on Fridays ◆ Year 1 children in school - remember your wellies and a waterproof coat

COMING UP.... Friday 26th March is **CRAZY HAIR DAY!** (See over for full details)

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HALF TERM '100 CHALLENGE'

We are celebrating the life and achievements of the wonderful
Sir Captain Tom Moore
and invited you to take part in the '100 Challenge'
in his memory...



Cohen who is just 4yrs old and in our Badgers Reception Class wanted to do some fundraising in memory of Sir Captain Tom and decided that he would like to ride his bike 100 miles! His proud mum set up an online JustGiving fundraising page for the Captain Tom Foundation - by Monday of half term week Cohen had already cycled 30 miles and the online donations kept coming in. He continued to cycle throughout the half term week, at times undeterred by heavy rain, sometimes falling off his bike and picking himself up and carrying on. He has coped with a number of injuries throughout the week but has never wavered in his enthusiasm to just keep on going. On Sunday he reached his

incredible 100 mile goal and has raised over £700 so far - What a fantastic effort, Cohen - we are all so proud of you - **MANY CONGRATULATIONS!** The JustGiving page is still open for donations which are very welcome and all money raised is going directly to the Captain Tom Foundation:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/samira-butt?
utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=samira-butt&utm_campaign=pfp-
email&utm_term=7107264a29d84fce9276b842bcf6f934](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/samira-butt?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=samira-butt&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=7107264a29d84fce9276b842bcf6f934)

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to The Captain Tom Foundation, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

IT'S PARTY TIME!

Our PTA is providing funding for online 'Zoom' parties for all year groups, run by Party Peeps. Parents will receive an email with full joining instructions for their child's party... make sure you check for the email and... have a great time!

Monday 1st March

4pm: Nursery
5pm: Year 1
6pm: Year 3
7pm: Year 5

Tuesday 2nd March

4pm: Reception
5pm: Year 2
6pm: Year 4
7pm: Year 6

Party Peeps

The party will last for 45 minutes





**Bracknell Forest Libraries
will be launching a virtual Chatterbooks Reading Group
starting on Thursday 25th Feb.**

Chatterbooks

Action & Adventure
Thursday 25th February
4pm



Chatterbooks is a Reading Agency scheme that encourages children to have a lot of fun with their reading. Children have an opportunity to talk about the books they have been reading, get new reading ideas and take part in fun activities inspired by the books, including crafts, quizzes and games. Sessions will run weekly with a different theme every week. Chatterbooks is suitable for children aged 7–11 years.

Programme of events:

- Thursday 25th Feb, 4pm- Action & Adventure
- Thursday 4th March, 4pm- Pirates and Perils of the Deep
- Thursday 11th March, 4pm- Time travels
- Thursday 18th March, 4pm- Shakespeare
- Thursday 25th March, 4pm- Trills, Adventure and Spies
- Thursday 1st April, 4pm- Chocolates, Sweets and other treats

Sessions can be booked via Eventbrite:

[Chatterbooks - Reading Group Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

On Friday 26th March we are holding a



to support and raise awareness for the **Brain Tumour Support** charity.

We want everyone to wear their hair in a crazy way
(but **NO HAIR DYE** or **COLOUR** please).

There are lots of fantastic ideas online so get creative with your
hair gel, hair wax and accessories....

If you would like to make a donation to support this fantastic charity,
that would be amazing and **any amount will be greatly appreciated.**

We can't wait to see your crazy hairstyles!



For more information about the charity please [CLICK HERE](#)



Dear Parents/Carers,

As you may have seen in our recent newsletter and meeting minutes, the PTA were hoping to organise a gift buying opportunity for Mother's Day as we cannot hold our usual gift room in school. However, after much consideration we have concluded that this will not be a feasible option, not least because such an event takes quite a lot of advance planning and a number of volunteers and at the moment we are still in lockdown with numerous restrictions in place.

Therefore we are now looking towards our next event which will be an **Easter Prize Draw**. Due to credit card costs involved and the need to order tickets online, there will be a minimum purchase price of £5.

We are currently gathering prizes for this event. If your business or the company you work at, would like to donate one of your products for the raffle, an Easter egg or sponsor a hamper please email us at: pta@meadowvaleprimary.com

More details will follow soon.

Best regards,

Meadow Vale PTA



Online Safety - Kiddle search engine

In our continued efforts to help parents ensure that their children remain safe online, why not encourage your child to try the child-friendly visual search engine, Kiddle: <https://m.kiddle.co/>

The internet is a great educational and recreational resource that can help children learn and satisfy their curiosity about life. The websites included in Kiddle search are recommended by educators, librarians and parents from across the globe. Most Kiddle search results are illustrated with big thumbnails offering visual clues for younger readers and making it easier to choose the most appropriate results. Websites that appear in Kiddle search results satisfy family-friendly requirements as they are filtered to block explicit or deceptive content.



Enter our Photography Competition: Signs of Spring

There are still a couple of weeks left for you to enter our photography competition on the theme 'Signs of Spring'. Entries (maximum of 3 per child) should be emailed to spring@meadowvaleprimary.com giving the title of your photo/s and your name and class. There will be prizes in each year group phase for the best photographs! Closing date for entries is 26th March 2021.

Good Luck Everybody!