



Meadowside Community Primary & Nursery School



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Friday 17th July 2020

A message from Mr Wright



Good afternoon everyone,

This will be the last newsletter of the school year – and what a year it has been! Never in our lifetimes have we faced challenges like those over the last few months. I am so proud of how the school community have worked together to support each other and adapt to the circumstances. We really have been **#InItTogether**. **I cannot find the words strong enough to express my appreciation to all the children, staff and parents for your support and understanding throughout this period – from the bottom of my heart, thank you.**

As the summer holidays approach, we have our eyes firmly fixed on September to ensure school is safe and ready for all of our children to return. We can't wait to welcome everyone back! Hopefully you will have kept up to date on **ClassDojo** with the transition opportunities we have put in place for the last 2 weeks, so your child has some contact with their new teacher. Most children are not able to be in school at the moment but we have never forgotten how important it is to stay in regular contact in some form or other, such as **ClassDojo**, Zoom lessons, phone calls or even a transition picnic (socially distanced!). We will be sharing with you our risk assessment for September in the coming week but here is some key information you need to know:

- Our one-way system around school will remain in place. Parents will need to enter the school site via Clough Avenue and exit through the Fisher Avenue gates when dropping off or collecting children.
- The start and end of the school day will be staggered to avoid crowding on the playground. See the table on the next page and please arrive each day on time to help keep this working.
- Children will remain in their whole class bubbles and will not be mixing with children from other classes.
- Classrooms and shared spaces such as toilets and the dining room will be thoroughly cleaned throughout each day – multiple times in some places.
- There will not be a breakfast club but we will be providing children with breakfast bagels when they start school.
- After school clubs will be offered but these will be specifically for children in the same class bubble each night.
- Children will be expected to wear school uniform every day.

Staggered Start & Finish Times

Classes	Start Times	Finish Times
*Daisies - 2 Year Old Nursery: morning group afternoon group	8.30am 12.30pm	11.30am 3.30pm
Reception & Year 1	8.50am	2.50pm
Sunflowers 3 & 4 Year Old Nursery, Buttercups, Giant Redwoods & Year 2	9.00am	3.00pm
Year 3 & 5	9.10am	3.10pm
Year 4 & 6	9.20am	3.20pm

***Daisies** morning group leaves via **school office area** at 11.30am. Afternoon group will arrive here too.

In other news, we have a busy summer of building works ahead! We are having **a new school roof** installed – something which has been much needed for many years. We are also having a brand **new kitchen** fitted in the school dining room. **A huge thank you to TCAT for funding these projects.** Furthermore, an incredible project to **redevelop our nurseries** and also to build **a new sensory room** begins at the end of July and this project will continue until October – so don't be surprised to see contractors still onsite in September. The Meadowside children will benefit from a stunning new environment when these projects are complete, which is just what they deserve.

Finally, I would just like to wish our **Year 6 children** all the best for the future at high school. We are so sad that you have not been able to have the usual Year 6 experience but I want you to know how proud we are of you and that you will be greatly missed.

★ **Good Luck Class of 2020!** ★

The last day of school is Thursday 23rd July – school will close at 1.30pm.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a happy and relaxing summer.

Stay safe and we will see you on **Thursday 3rd September.**



Mr. S Wright

News from the Welfare Team

We now have an Education Mental Health Practitioner (EHMP) who will support our children in school. Our EMHP is **Louise Britton** and she has been working with the Welfare Team for some time and has met some of our children already!

Louise can offer support to pupils and parents/carers in many ways:

- Support those with conditions like anxiety, low mood or behavioural difficulties
- Provide mental health training and advice to staff in school
- Provide guidance around friendship issues and stress
- Champion mental wellbeing and resilience across the whole school
- Signpost to outside agencies



If your child is experiencing any of these issues, please get in touch with the Welfare Team for help to access this support.

Year 6 Transition Support - We understand that the transition for Year 6's to high school is always difficult, but especially this year. Children's mental health charity Place2Be provides advice and reassurance for families and children and has an excellent support video for children who are starting a new secondary school in 2020. Use the links below for further information.

<https://youtu.be/A--lqF18DSs>

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/>

The Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families have a wealth of resources to support your child's mental health which can be accessed with the link below.
<https://www.annafreud.org/>

If you are in need of help to feed your family over the summer, **The Friends of Meadowside** are based at the rear of Jubilee Hub from 10am until 11am Monday to Friday. **Helping Hands** can also be reached through their Facebook page.

Bereavement advice can be found on our own school website. Here you will learn about the **Raindrops Bereavement Team** and all the help and support we can offer to families that have suffered a bereavement, not only during the Covid-19 crisis but at any time.

<http://www.meadowside.warrington.sch.uk/page/bereavement/69327>



Our school Welfare Team are always available for advice and support so please contact us on 01925 632705 and we will deal with any concerns in a kind and understanding way.

School Transition News

Unfortunately we are not able to offer in school transition sessions for all year groups, only for the ones who have been back since July. However we do hope that your child can join their planned Zoom sessions with their current teacher and their new class teacher...



	Transition Events
Daisies Sunflowers Reception Elm	Monday 20 th July at 1.30-2.30pm In school picnic
Y1 Beech	Thursday 23 rd July at 10.30-12.00pm In school picnic
Y2 Fir	Wednesday 22 nd July at 2-2.30pm Zoom session
Buttercups	Wednesday 22 nd July at 1.30pm-3pm In school picnic
Y3 Poplar	Wednesday 22 nd at 3.30-4pm Zoom session
Y4 Cedar	Thursday 23 rd July at 10-10.30am Zoom session
Y5 Willow	Monday 20 th July at 1.30-2.00 Zoom session
Y6 Elder	Wednesday 22 nd July at 12.15-2.15pm In school picnic
Giant Redwoods	Thursday 23 rd July at 12.30-1.30pm In school picnic



**Overall School Learner
of 2019-20**



**Overall Home Learner of
Lockdown**



Daisies	Ernie Burgess	Lenny Sunderland
Sunflowers	Karin Ali	Reece Albinson
Reception Elm	Kristyna Kvasnickova	Mason Critchley
Y1 Beech	Gracie Gaghan	Zayan Rahman
Y2 Fir	Rory Ridpath	Dylan Haslam
Buttercups	Lara Mogyrosi	James McIlwaine Brett Packwood
Y3 Poplar	Alfie Pardoe	Riley James Ridpath
Y4 Cedar	Caleb Richardson	Demi Flowers
Y5 Willow	Layla Edwards	Freya Pollard
Y6 Elder	Rooham Azeem	Evan Woolfall
Giant Redwoods	Callum Browne	Amrita Sachdev Lea Ferriere

Thank you to all our wonderful families for your support this year.
All of your children are amazing and we have thoroughly enjoyed teaching them this year.
Continue to encourage them to do their best and keep reaching for the stars.