

# MEADFURLONG SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO 249

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## AUTUMN TERM 2010

Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new school year, I hope that you all had a great summer break and you are looking forward to the Autumn Term.

A really warm welcome to our new children and their parents in Year 3, we sincerely hope that you will have a really enjoyable learning experience at Meadfurlong school. If you have any concerns or wish to clarify anything please do not hesitate to contact us so that there are no misunderstandings.

This newsletter is intended to contain information that we hope will help you to know what is happening in school and some of the procedures that we need to have to make the school run smoothly.

### Water Bottles

Please provide a water bottle for your child to use during lessons; it should have a lid that will not leak if knocked over. These are readily purchased from most shops.

### Lateness and Attendance

All parents should remember that it is your responsibility to make sure that your children are in school on time each day. School begins at 8.40 am so children should be on the premises ready to enter the building as soon as the bell goes.

If children arrive late then they must report to Miss Marshall in the school office.

If your child is unwell and will not be coming to school then you should contact the school office to inform us of the absence.

### Phone numbers, E Mail and Mobiles

Please check with the school office that we have an up to date record of your mobile phone number and E Mail address so that we can contact you easily.

Please note that children should not bring their mobile to school. If there is a specific reason that warrants your child bringing a phone to school then please contact the school office who will make arrangements for it to be securely looked after during the school day.

Any mobile phone brought into school without permission will be confiscated and only returned when collected by parents. The school cannot take responsibility for any phone brought into school with or without permission.

### Parent Consultation Evenings

You may wish to know that we will be holding parents evenings to discuss how your child has settled in to their new class.

These will be on the following dates and times can be booked between 3.30 and 7.00pm.

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Parents will be receiving letters about this in early October.

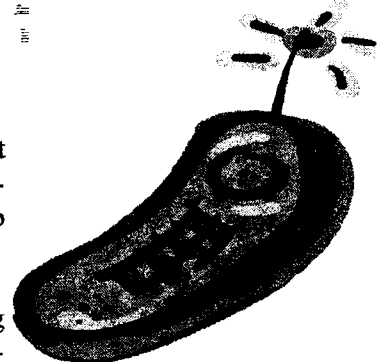
### School Dates for the Autumn Term 2010

School reopens on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September for all children at the normal time of 8.40 am.

The Half Term holiday begins at the end of the day on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October until Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

School reopens on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

The Autumn Term finishes at the end of the day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.



### Home School Agreement

You should by now have received a home school agreement. This is a small booklet that provides you with information about some aspects of the school along with a green consent form that we would appreciate you signing promptly and returning to school by the date on the top of the form.

### School Uniform

Thank you to you all for taking the trouble to send your children in our school uniform and colours, it really does help to set a high standard within the school. Our uniform with our new logo is on sale at the school; if you wish to order new sweatshirts or polo tops please contact Mrs Lampard who will help you with this. Please note that we do not keep large stocks at school.

As from this September the children should wear a white polo shirt for school, any sky blue tops can still be worn for PE.

### P E Kit

We are trying to get all the children to wear the same kit for PE. Please provide your child with the following kit. Sky blue T Shirt or polo shirt. (Any shirts previously worn as a school top can be used).

Black shorts

White socks

Trainers for outside play. (This must be a change of footwear for health reasons)

A track suit with mainly Blue or black colours to wear outside in the cold weather.

If any parents wish to buy a PE bag they are available at school and cost £2.50. Book bags are also available at a cost of £3.00. Please see Mrs Lampard if you wish to buy either of these items.

### Headwear

We have noticed that there are now many children wearing brightly coloured Hijabs. We wish to respect your right for you child to wear a hijab in school but would ask that it is either plain black or navy blue.

### School Meals

Hot school meals are available but these must be ordered in advance; the cost is £2.09 for each meal purchased. Menus are available and vegetarian meals are offered.

If you prefer to provide your child with a packed lunch please send this in an appropriate container clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This is important as many children have identical lunch boxes and sometimes pick up the wrong one. Also, there are occasions when lunch boxes accidentally fall from the trolley when being moved around the school and it is difficult to return to the owner when there is no name on the box.

We all hope that your children have a happy and productive time at Meadfurlong and every member of staff is dedicated to giving them the best opportunity possible. Please do not hesitate to contact us if any problems arise; we will always do the best we can to help.



**HEADTEACHER**