

MEADFURLONG SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO 258

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AUTUMN TERM 2011

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.

Teachers are reporting that all of your children have already settled in well and that there have been very few problems; this means that the children have been able to return to learning new things very quickly. It has been a really pleasant start to the term

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.

Play Park

During the summer break we have arranged for the play park to be refurbished so that the children will be able to use it more often during the winter months.

The bark has been replaced by tarmac and soft tarmac underneath the apparatus so we hope that this will be much better for everyone.

Contact Details

We would be grateful if all parents could make sure that we have been provided with up to date mobile phone or land line numbers for themselves and another contact so that we can get in touch in an emergency.

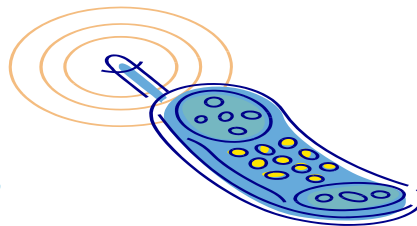
Even in the first few days of school we have had children left in school until quite late and children who have had accidents but we have been unable to contact parents.

Lost Property

We have an absolute mountain of lost property left over from last year so any parents of children in Years 4,5 & 6 should see with Mrs Lampard before the end of the month when she will be sending all items to charity shops.

Mobile phones

Please note that mobile phones are not permitted but if you feel it is necessary please contact the school to make special arrangements. We would keep the phone in the school office during the day and though we would make every effort to take care of the phone, the school would not be responsible for any loss or damage.



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 10th October 2011

Tuesday 11th October 2011

Parents will be receiving letters about this in early October.

Before School Playground Supervision

Could parents be aware that there is no adult supervision in the school playground until 8.20am at the earliest

School Meals

Our hot meals are now provided by the kitchens at St Pauls school and are proving to be a great success with all the children commenting on how much better they are than last year. If you wish to give them a try they 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.

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 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.

The children should wear a white polo shirt, dark grey or black trousers and black shoes. The children look really smart with only a few wearing trainers which should only be worn for PE.



Headwear

We wish to respect your right for your child to wear a hijab in school but would ask that it is either plain black or navy blue.

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.

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.





Team Points

Another new change in the school this year is that we have introduced a system of team points to promote the idea of positive thinking in the school.

There are three teams each having a class from each year in the team. All children can earn points for their team for anything that they do well from class work to always attending on time or just being helpful.

The winning team will receive an award at the end of each half term. There is a display in the entrance hall showing how each team is doing .

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.



Home School Agreement

You should by now have received a home school agreement. This is a small booklet that provide 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 Term Dates

Oct, Half Term The school closes at the end of the school day on Friday 21 October 2011
School re-opens on the morning of Monday 31st October 2011

Christmas Holiday The school closes at the end of the school ay on Friday 16th December 2011
School re-opens to pupils on the morning of Wednesday 4th January 2012.
(Tuesday 3rd January 2012 is a staff training day)

Finally

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.