



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

### HEADTEACHER UPDATE

I hope you had a lovely Christmas break, although I'm sure that seems like a very long time ago now. I hope you enjoy the newsletter and seeing some of the accomplishments of our wonderful students.

We are very excited to announce that a new Headteacher has been appointed for The Meadows School. Governors will be sending out a letter very soon to provide more information on this.

I would like to thank you all for your support whilst I have been filling the Headteacher's position for the past 2 terms. I have thoroughly enjoyed leading the school and am very much looking forward to returning to my substantive Deputy Headteacher post following maternity leave, which will begin on Friday 1st March.

**Sam Forbes**  
Interim Headteacher



### TERM DATES 2018/2019

#### **Autumn Term:**

Wednesday 5th September 2018 -  
Friday 21st December 2018  
(Half Term 29th Oct - 2nd Nov)

#### **Spring Term:**

Monday 7th January 2019 -  
Wednesday 10th April 2019  
(Half Term 18th Feb - 22nd Feb)

#### **Summer Term:**

Monday 29th April 2019 - Friday  
19th July 2019  
(Half Term 27th May - 31st May)  
**Polling day - Thursday 2nd May**

## KS3 FASION SHOW

Friday 15th February

9.30am



Key Stage 3 students have been busy preparing their outfits for a Fashion Show extravaganza. Families are invited into school to celebrate the student achievements. Clothing has been made in Design Technology lessons. We would love for you to join us and cheer your child on the catwalk.

### Student School Photographs

We hope you have enjoyed viewing your child's photos as much as we have. There is still time to order if you have not yet submitted your form.

If you would like to order any photos from Tempest photography, can you please return your order form and payment to school by **Wednesday 6th February**.

Thank you.



### ATTENDANCE ASSEMBLY

Thank you to all of our families for the overwhelming support during our Autumn Term celebration assembly.

### Curriculum update January 2019

With support from the governing body and the school improvement officer, we have embarked on the development of a new curriculum framework to support personalised EHCP targets; we are aiming to offer a curriculum that is consistent and is appropriate to the needs of our students across three pathways and all key stages.

Alongside this, we are putting in place a new assessment framework, which supports the curriculum model to map progress across all ages and abilities.

The new curriculum has been organised across five 'bubbles' which correspond with the five areas of the EHCPs.

Everyone at The Meadows is excited about the new curriculum. With planning time over the coming term, we hope to be able to finalise our provision overview by the end of the Spring Term.

### Staff Updates:

- We wish Stephanie Smith all the best in her new job. Steph has been a member of staff at The Meadows School for 12 years and will be missed by staff, students and families.
- A well loved member of our admin team, Pauline Benham, has made the decision to retire at Easter. Pauline has been a member of staff at The Meadows for 19 years, we will certainly be giving her a well deserved celebration.
- One of our fabulous Speech and Language Therapists, Denise Charnock, will be leaving us next month. We wish you all the best in your new venture.
- A big congratulations to Rachel Thomas who was successful in her application to join The Meadows School behavior team.



### A BIG THANK YOU

The wonderful staff from the Co-op have again shown their generosity in presenting The Meadows with a cheque for £1000.00. This money will go towards the fund for our much needed refurbishment of the outside specialist play equipment.

On 17<sup>th</sup> January the students in class 3.3 visited Walsall leather museum. Whilst there they handled old and new leather goods and had a tour of the museum and were able to make their very own keyring as a keepsake.

### Class 5.4 Coffee morning

Thursday 7th March

Students from 5.4 will be hosting a coffee morning as part of their in-house work experience.

Families are invited to book a time between 10.00-11.20.

If you would like to come please place your order with the school office or Ash Furness by Wednesday 6th March for tea/coffee or hot chocolate (70p per cup)

