

Diary Dates



**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL NEWSLETTERS CONTAIN IMPORTANT DATES AND INFORMATION SO PLEASE MAKE THE TIME TO READ IT CAREFULLY. KEEP THIS TO HAND AND HIGHLIGHT IMPORTANT DATES SO THAT YOU DO NOT MISS ANY EVENT.**

**End of Term**

Friday 27th March

**Summer Term**

Tuesday 14th April

Students return

**E-CLUBS begin**

Wednesday

22nd April

**May Day**

Monday 4th May

**Elections**

School closed

Thursday 7th May

**Half Term**

Monday 25th -

Friday 29th May

**Parents Evening**

Thursday 18th June

**End of Term**

Friday 17th July

**Autumn Term**

Students return

Monday

7th September 2015

**Message from our Principal: Gordon Phillips**

This has been a great term.

I am delighted to let you know that we recently appointed a new Teacher for next September: Mr Stewart Harris. We congratulate him on his success and wish him a long and happy stay with us.

I have already let you know that the results of the questionnaire we sent you clearly and strongly shows that Parents/Carers believe the school is outstanding and are really happy with their child's well-being and progress. This was confirmed by Kath Yates our adviser and an Ofsted Inspector who is delighted we now have all the evidence to show Ofsted we are outstanding.

Thank you to everyone who supported me in my 9th annual sponsored run to raise money towards some new adventure playground equipment for your children to use. Last year we purchased two lovely wheel chair swings which are well used and popular!

We have had some lovely fun times with lots of opportunities for students to develop their communication and independence skills both in school and on several educational activities.

Yet again staff have worked incredibly hard to maintain outstanding throughout all they do. I know you would want me to congratulate and thank them for ensuring your child has a quality learning experience.

On behalf all the staff I wish you a very happy and enjoyable Easter break!

**Non-Uniform Day; Friday 13th February**

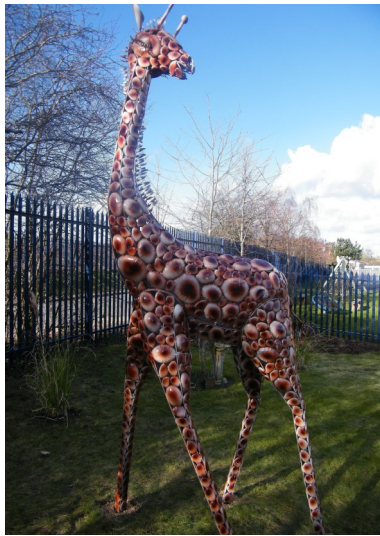
This was a great day and we made £60.80 to go towards Mr Phillips' sponsored run for our new adventure play equipment.

Thank you to everyone for your contributions it is very much appreciated.



## Annual Memorial Service

Once again we had a very moving service, thanks to the great team efforts of all the staff. As you would expect lots of preparation needs



to happen weeks before the event with ordering balloons, making tags, buying gifts/flowers, creating the programme and so much more.

Our third giraffe has recently arrived from China to complete the family in our Memorial Garden.

## SPONSORED RUN

Our Principal, Gordon Phillips completed his 10K (6.3 miles) sponsored run on 15th March. All donations close on Friday 27th March. Thank you for those of you who have kindly sent in £1 or more to support our Principal who completed his race 4 minutes 25 seconds faster than last year!



Special thanks to our minibus drivers & escorts for their generous donation along with everyone else we really do appreciate it.

All funds raised from this along with other fund raising events will go towards an item of new playground equipment. It's not too late to send in your donation if you have forgotten. We have raised just over £800.00 so far.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT WHICH IS GREATLY APPRECIATED**

## Summer Scheme

GREAT NEWS!

We have some funding to enable the Summer Scheme to run for 2 weeks!



## Student Absence

In order to get Outstanding for 'Behaviour & safety' from Ofsted we need to ensure our student attendance levels do not fall below 92%. Recently we were well below this figure. We ask all parents/carers to avoid taking holidays during term time which are always classified as unauthorised. In addition only keep your child at home if ill. Thank you for your support.

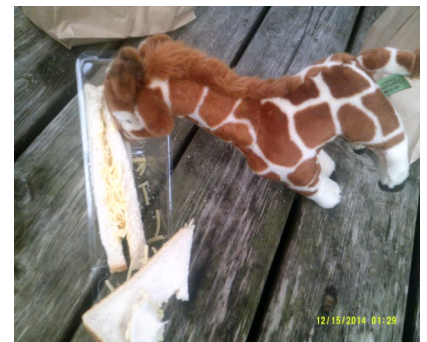
## Our next Parents Evening



The next parents evening will be held from **5pm-7pm on Thursday 18th June**. As always, it will be lovely to see you there to share in the many successes of your child. Please note this date in your diaries

## Adventures of Gino the Giraffe

Gino has been having a wonderful time joining in with the student's activities throughout the term.



Gino having lunch on Safari at West Midlands Safari Park where he went with class 1:1.

## Contacting the School

The best way is to use the Home-School Diary. Please note that the best times for you to speak to class staff on the telephone are during a break, and immediately before or after school. It is our policy not to ring the classroom during lesson time simply because it can often disturb the children's learning. *Many thanks for your co-operation.*

## Teaching is Outstanding!

Kath Yates our School Adviser recently confirmed that teaching at The Meadows is deemed to be outstanding overall! But you already knew that!

Congratulations to ALL the class staff for doing an excellent job!

Days seem long and hard, but they are so very rewarding!

### Home Learning (Homework) Reminder

Unlike mainstream schools it is not appropriate to set daily homework. Homework needs to be done each week based on current targets, communication & independence skills. If you need support in this please contact the class. We need you to ensure homework is regularly completed and recorded in the Home School Diary.



### Class 1:2 Visit to Gurdwara Temple

On 19<sup>th</sup> March class 1:2 went to the Gurdwara Temple. We experienced the rituals and beliefs of Sikhs by firstly washing our



hands and removing our shoes. Pupils then explored various religious books, joined in with instruments and tried different foods. Some pupils also had the opportunity to wear a turban.

### SCHOOL CLOSURES REMINDER

Please remember that the school will be closed on:

**May Day** Monday 4th May

**Elections** Thursday 7th May

### Class 1:3's Science Day



Class 1.3 had a special fun Science Day on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March as part of National Science Week. We explored light and dark in our sensory room, felt

the different movement sensations on our new swings and on the roundabout, also looking at pushing and pulling.

In the afternoon we experimented with different materials, making



them change their appearances, making big reactions, lots of sensory learning was had; most importantly we had lots of fun.

### Red Nose Day

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to a really successful day. A grand total of **£316** was raised for Comic Relief Charity.

Many different fun activities took part around the school; many smiles were seen on student's faces throughout the day.

The day finished with a special assembly...



A special bucket challenge!