



The Meadows Sports College Newsletter Spring Term 2016

THIS TERM'S HIGHLIGHTS

Principal: Mr Gordon Phillips

MA BA Hons Adv Dip Ed (Mgt) Adv Dip ED (SEN) Cert Ed CCRS Dip (ICT) CNAA Cert (Structured Mentoring)

Our Principal's Introduction



Just 2 weeks to go before my 10th and final Annual Sponsored Run to raise money for your children and for the future students of The Meadows Sports College. It is not too late to support me by donating and/or holding your own fund raising event. Food

sales like selling samosas are usually highly successful! If you attend a pub then why not ask the landlord to hold a raffle or have a charity bottle on the counter for loose change? EVERY PENNY REALLY DOES HELP!

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that has already sponsored me so far, but with just a few days to go we are far from reaching our **£4,000 target**, so please try and do something to assist our fund raising.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

On behalf of the school we wish you an enjoyable holiday.
Gordon Phillips
Principal

Diary Dates

Summer Term 2016

Students return
Tuesday 12th April

Celebration of Achievement Days

9.25am Tuesday
3rd May Phase 1/2
9.25am Wed
4th May Phase 2/3

Polling Day

School Closed
Thursday 5th May

Staff INSET

School Closed
Friday 6th May

Half-Term

Monday 30th May
Friday 3rd June

Parents Evening

Thursday 16th
June 5pm-7pm

EU Referendum

School Closed
Thursday 23rd
June

Farewell to our Principal Coffee Morning

9.30am
Monday 18th July
2016

End of Term

Friday
22nd July





Principal's 10th Annual Sponsored Run 2016

Gordon Phillips our Principal here at The Meadows Sports College (aged 63) will be running his 10th & final Annual Sponsored Run before taking Retirement

This run will be 10km (6.3 miles) and will take place on Sunday 10th April 2016 in Carterton, Oxfordshire.

The aim is to raise £4000 which will enable us to replace old and unsafe playground equipment for our students & community users. Our students have severe learning difficulties & complex needs and some have life limiting medical conditions.

We really want our students to have the best opportunities possible. You can make a massive difference by sponsoring as little as £1. Absolutely every donation is much appreciated and every penny helps towards our target so please sponsor what you can. PLEASE help us by doing something original and different in addition such as organising a raffle or a cake sale. If you are a school you may wish to hold a "muffin" day and donate a proportion of your collection...

...NO MATTER HOW BIG OR SMALL, EVERY PENNY & EVERY POUND MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

We always aim to do our best, helping to improve the quality of experiences for all of students.

THIS IS YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO SUPPORT OUR PRINCIPAL BEFORE HE RETIRES SO COME ON ... LETS GET FUND RAISING!



VARIOUS PICTURES OF OUR PRINCIPAL'S PREVIOUS SPONSORED RUNS



Our Principal receiving his award from The Mayor of Carterton



Pick up your Sponsor Form from our Reception NOW!

Sponsor Form 2016

Mr Gordon Phillips, Principal of The Meadows Sports College, is retiring after 10 years of service. He is running his 10th Annual Sponsored Run on Sunday 10th April 2016. We are raising money to replace old and unsafe playground equipment for our students & community users. Our students have severe learning difficulties & complex needs and some have life limiting medical conditions.

PLEASE DONATE WHATEVER YOU CAN AFFORD

Name: _____ Address: _____

Amount: _____

Signature: _____

DATE: _____

PLEASE RETURN TO: Mr Gordon Phillips, Meadows Sports College, 10th April 2016

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Annual Memorial Service

It was lovely to see so many of you making the time to support the families of the students and staff we have lost since the school opened in 2003. VIP attendees included Mr Chris Ward, Director of Education. We had a very moving service. On behalf of us all we offer our condolences to all the families and friends.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

Due to 2016 being a leap year, the teacher's final INSET day falls on Friday 6th May. Because Polling Day and the Bank Holiday occur in the same week, students will be attending school on Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th May. On the Tuesday at 9.30am there will be **Celebration of Achievement** for Phase 1 & 2. On the Wednesday there will be **Celebration of Achievement** for Phase 2 & 3. If your child is in phase 2, the class teacher will let you know which day your child will receive their certificate and/or trophy. Sports afternoon is on Wednesday 22nd June at 1pm followed by the Summer Fair. ***There will be no E-clubs that day.***

School will be closed to the students on Thursday 23rd June for the European Referendum

After 10 years service to the school, we say farewell to Gordon Phillips, our Principal at 9.30am on Monday 18th July, coffee and cakes will be served. We do hope you will be able to attend this and other school events. We are always delighted to welcome Parents/Carers as we strive to be outstanding in everything we do.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRINCIPAL COMMENCING 1st SEPTEMBER 2016

Following the announcement in our last newsletter, Ms Joanna Cliffe has been appointed as the new Principal from September 2016. We wish her every success in maintaining outstanding in all we do.



'Easter Hop' Fun Day

Umberslade Nurseries, Umberslade Road, Stirchley, B29 7SQ

□ Plenty of 'egg-citing' and fun activities to enjoy including egg decorating, colouring and crafts, nature trails and scavenger hunts.

□ Our new sensory yurt will be playing host to **storytelling sessions and puppet shows.**

□ Refreshments will also be available in 'The Potting Shed' tea room.

(extra charges apply)

£5 per child.

All children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times.

Sunday March 20th, 10.00 – 3.00

For more information or to book please contact Nicola Stitt,
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