



The Meadows Sports College Newsletter Autumn Term 2015

THIS TERM'S HIGHLIGHTS

Principal: Mr Gordon Phillips

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

Our Principal's Introduction

Where did the summer holidays go? They went really fast. Nevertheless I hope you all had a good break. A very special welcome to all our new Y7 parents/carers and students. They look great, are settling in very well and are a credit to you. We hope we will have a fruitful partnership over the next 8 years!

We welcome our new staff to the school: four teachers Mr Stewart Harris, Mr Christopher Coombes, Mr Kevin Hurcombe and Miss Sioned Lewis. Mrs Judith Smart and Mrs Bhavna Patel join our BST and Miss Rebecca Clifford joins our support staff. Mrs Julie Nichols and Mrs Ewa Zielinska join our Midday Staff. We wish each one of them a happy and successful career at The Meadows Sports College.



We also congratulate Mr Ashley Furness TLR 3C (1 Year fixed term) Computing Co-ordinator. Ashley will also be second to Chris Glover, therefore on Fridays during Mr Glovers absence please contact Mr Furness who will be delighted to help you with all Phase 3 issues! Claire Fitzgerald, Kelsey Hooper and Paula Bullock have also been internally promoted. Congratulations!

Last year we achieved the Investors in People Gold, The RoSPA Gold Award and the Governors' Mark Award. These all are great Performance Indicators proving that we are an outstanding school with dedicated staff who all want to provide the very best of education, care and facilities for our students.

As always this newsletter contains some very useful information and is always available along with previous ones on our website. **Please do cut out and keep the dates on this sheet somewhere handy e.g. on a kitchen cupboard door so that you easily remind yourself of what is happening.** Don't forget that weekly use of our new detailed website will keep you well-informed about many important Parent/Carer events and often about where to get additional funding from.

If you need to know anything etc., please contact your class teacher in the first instance or the relevant Phase Manager who will be happy to assist you.

Diary Dates

Autumn Term

Half Term

26th-30th October

End of Term

Friday 18th
December 2015

Spring Term 2016

Students return
Tuesday 5th
January 2016

Half Term

15th-19th February

End of Term

Thursday 24th
March

Summer Term 2016

Students return
Tuesday 12th April





Our new updated website is almost ready
www.themeadows.sandwell.sch.uk contains a wealth of information for you particularly on the Parents' tab. If you need anything else added please let us know and we will be happy to assist you.

Art work on display around school



This wonderful piece of art work was done by class 2:2 as part of the Art Corridor Project in March 2015.



This colourful piece of work was created by class 2:3 also in March 2015.

There are several pieces of art work that have been complete by various class groups on display around the school corridors. Next time you are in school please feel free to have a look around at the excellent work our students have created.

Great News we have a useful Freephone service for Parents/Carers that has been passed onto us to share with you all.

The link to the website is,

<http://www.hft.org.uk/News--events/Hft-news/New-national-Freephone-support-service-for-family-carers-of-people-with-learning-disabilities/>

The support service, which is run by Hft – the learning disabilities charity, will offer free telephone support, including from mobiles, between 8.30am and 4.30pm weekdays to ensure that family carers have sufficient access to information.

Telephone number—0808 801 0448

Support can be accessed using The Big Word telephone translation service which is available for people who don't speak English



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. If your child has not arrived home—please ring passenger transport. Don't forget no-one is available to take calls after 4.00pm Monday to Thursday & 3.30pm Friday's. You may email senior staff/phase co-ordinators if urgent and they will try to get back to you ASAP after hours.
Many thanks for your co-operation.

Data Collection Packs 2015—2016

Thank you to all the Parents/Carers that have returned the Data Collection Packs. If you haven't already completed and returned your pack could you please do so as soon as possible. The information you provide is confidential and is a legal requirement. Without the **One-Off Consent Form for Off-Site & Out of Hours Activities** completed and returned your child will not be allowed to go off site on any school visits as these forms contain your emergency contact information. There is also a swimming consent form without which your child will not be allowed to take part in swimming lessons, our Enrichment Clubs begin on Wednesday 23rd September from 3.00-3.45pm, students will need to be collected by Parents/Carers, as transport is not provided by the Local Authority. There are several other forms to complete if you could return them all by **Friday 18th September** this will very much appreciated.

If you have any problems completing any of the forms or need further information please contact the school office and we will assist you in any way we can. Thank you.

Term Dates 2015 / 2016

Autumn Term 2015:

Half Term: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October

Last Day of Term: Friday 18th December



Spring Term 2016:

INSET DAY: Monday 4th January

Students Return: Tuesday 5th January

Half Term: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February

Last Day of Term: Thursday 24th March

Summer Term 2016:

INSET DAY: Monday 11th April

Students Return: Tuesday 12th April

May Day: Monday 2nd May

Polling Day: Thursday 5th May (closed for students)

INSET DAY: Friday 6th May (closed for students)

Half Term: Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

Last Day of Term: Friday 22nd July

Two navy blue hoodies are displayed side-by-side. The hoodie on the left is a full-zip style with a hood, featuring a school crest and text on the chest. The hoodie on the right is a half-zip style with a stand-up collar, also featuring a school crest and text. Both items are made of a thick, textured fabric.

Sizes 44(L) & 46(XL) ~ £22.20 each

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ITEM NAME	QTY	COLOUR	SIZE	UNIT COST	TOTAL COST

Please Send Your Completed Order Form And Payment To The Meadows Sports College, Dudley Road East, Oldbury, B69 3BU