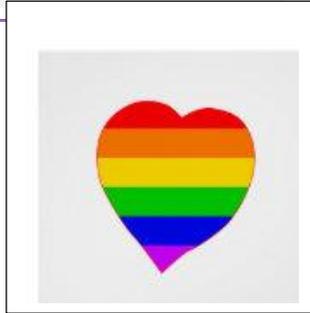


# Meadowside Academy



A monthly update from the Headteacher, Mrs Maiden.

Dear Parents,

I want to say a HUGE thank you to you all for the support you have given to enable our children to continue learning this half term. Thank you for communicating with us so frequently, something I feel has strengthened our school community. And thank you for giving feedback so we can work together to ensure our children feel safe, happy and supported.

I also want to give another big thank you to our staff and Governing Body for the exceptional work they have done to keep our school going during this unsettling term. Despite the challenges, we have continued to grow as a team and I know I speak on behalf of many staff in feeling proud and blessed to be able to come to work every day, making a difference to our children's lives.

**'We can't change the past or the future but we can control today.'**

Best wishes,

Mrs Maiden

## What's the Big Idea?

This term teachers had planned for our Big idea 'All the World's a Stage' and, although this hasn't gone quite to plan, we have still managed to include some creative projects where children have been able to express themselves through the Arts. We have been very proud of their playscripts, poetry, musical performances and drama that the children have produced.

Next half term we are starting off the first week with 'World Book Week' and classes will be linking together to share texts and lessons to encourage collaboration. Teachers will communicate links for lessons via the blog and an updated timetable. We will finish the week with **'World Book Day' on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February** instead of the following week. There is no theme for dressing up- just simply choose a character from a book and enjoy creating a costume.



## 5 Ways to Wellbeing



## Whole School Events

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

School closes for half term

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Shrove Tuesday- Pancake day!

(Y2 and Miss place will send a video)

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

School re-opens for KW and VC

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February

World Book Day- Dress up as a book character

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Launch week 'Cracking Contraptions' DT projects

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

We do not yet know if schools will re-open yet but will communicate our plans as soon as we can.

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

RE Week- Easter

### Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

School closes for Easter Holidays

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April

School re-opens for Summer term

*'Nurturing curiosity, courage and kindness'.*

In the second week back, we will kick-start our Big idea for the term- 'Cracking Contraptions' which will begin on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March as launch week. We will be exploring Science and DT through projects. Please start to save some recycling and collect items which might be useful for making some cracking contraptions!

## Returning to school

We really hope that children will be able to return to school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, if the Government announce this is safe to do so. This announcement is expected on 22<sup>nd</sup> February but we really do not know anything at this stage. If we are opening, we will be planning transition for some pupils to begin returning the week before, to enable pupils to settle in, who may be vulnerable or have special educational needs. We will contact you the week before to arrange this, once we have the announcement.

## Key Worker and Vulnerable Children Provision

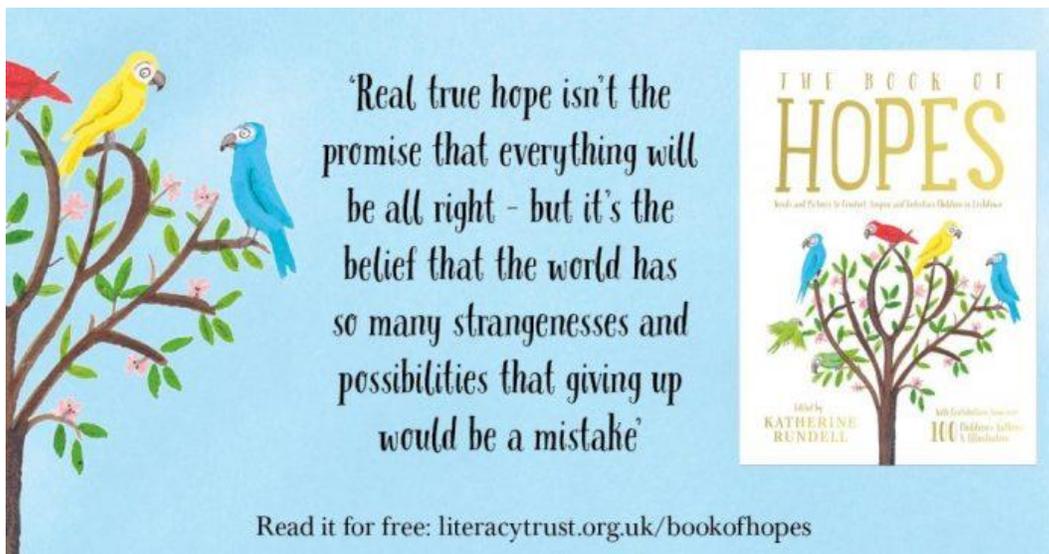
If your child is attending school now or next half term, please ensure you know the following information.

- Reception and KS1- 9.00am start 3.15 finish
- KS2 (Y3/4/5/6)- 8.45 start 3.00pm finish
- Siblings may be dropped and collected at the same time.
- **Children should wear full school uniform and school shoes** unless they have been told that their class is having a PE day. For the first two weeks of term Forest school day will be the following:
  - Monday- Y5 and 6 ONLY come in Forest school kit
  - Tuesday- Y3 and 4 ONLY come in Forest school Kit
  - Friday- Y2 ONLY come in Forest school kit.
- Please ensure your child has a warm coat, wellies, and a water bottle. If they require a school meal, let the Office know or bring a packed lunch.
- Parents should wear a mask on the school grounds (unless you are exempt) and there should only be one parent per child(ren). Please keep to the start and finish times and always social distance from other families.

## ACE CLUB

As you can imagine, Ace Club numbers have dropped significantly this term. We have suspended contracts and if school re-opens we will resume these from 8<sup>th</sup> March, unless you wish to cancel. All other places will then be offered. We will start fresh contracts after Easter on a first come, first served basis. Please make sure your account is up-to-date with payments. If you have a balance showing because you pay by childcare vouchers, please email us so that we know this.

[ace.club@meadowsideacademy.org](mailto:ace.club@meadowsideacademy.org)



'Real true hope isn't the promise that everything will be all right - but it's the belief that the world has so many strangenesses and possibilities that giving up would be a mistake'

Read it for free: [literacytrust.org.uk/bookofhopes](http://literacytrust.org.uk/bookofhopes)

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Mrs Maiden- Headteacher