

# The Meadows Primary Academy

Reception Autumn Term Newsletter 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to a very important and exciting new year. We will be sending a letter at the beginning of each term to introduce topics and learning themes.

Key staff this year:

**Foundation Stage leader/ Reception Poplar class teacher**



Hello my name is Mrs Durose and I am the Foundation Stage phase leader based in YRP. I have been teaching for seventeen years and teaching at this school for five years in the Foundation Stage. I have two children, an eight year old boy and a five year old girl. I enjoy spending my free time with my family.

If you have any concerns please see your class teacher, however for further clarification or if your child's class teacher is unavailable, then please make an afternoon appointment through the office to speak with me. I am here to support your child's learning and well-being at The Meadows Primary Academy.

**Reception Oakwood class teacher**



Hello my name is Miss Barlow and I am extremely excited to be joining your child on their learning journey through the Meadows Primary Academy. I am a Newly Qualified Teacher with several years' experience in early years. I love to travel and spend a lot of my spare time visiting new places. I am really looking forward to the coming year and hope that your children will enjoy their time in Reception. I am always happy to discuss any issues that you may have so please let me know if there are any concerns.

Everyone has settled into their classes really well and we have had an excellent start to the school year. The children look very smart in their uniforms. Please remember that the correct uniform is: Purple school sweatshirt or cardigan, white polo shirt or school shirt (a tie is optional, and may be worn with a shirt if desired), grey trousers or skirt or the school tartan skirt/pinafore, purple summer dresses may also be worn during the summer term. Footwear should be smart, sensible black shoes – no trainers.

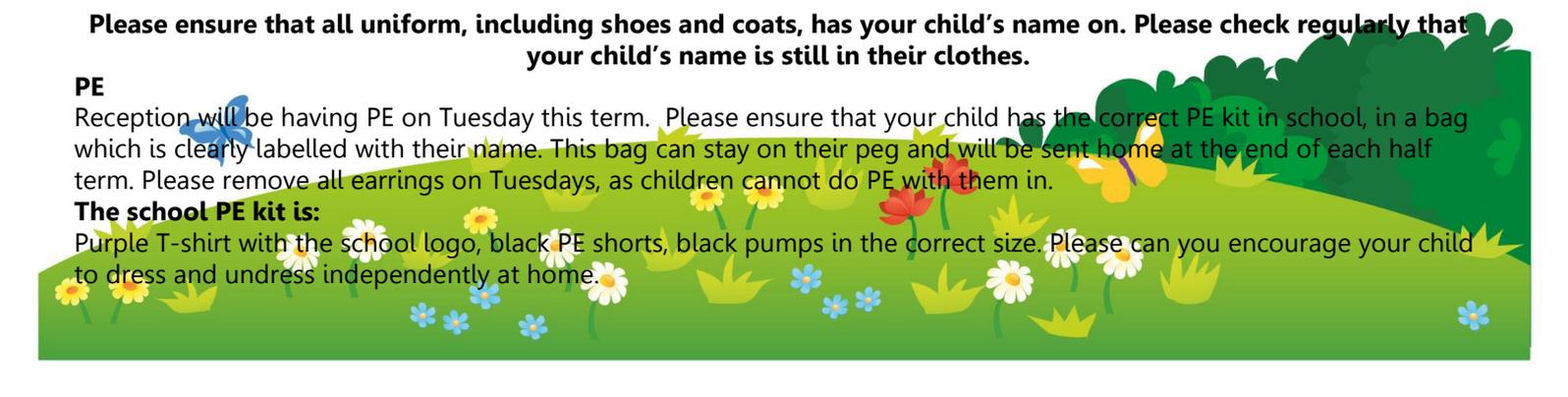
**Please ensure that all uniform, including shoes and coats, has your child's name on. Please check regularly that your child's name is still in their clothes.**

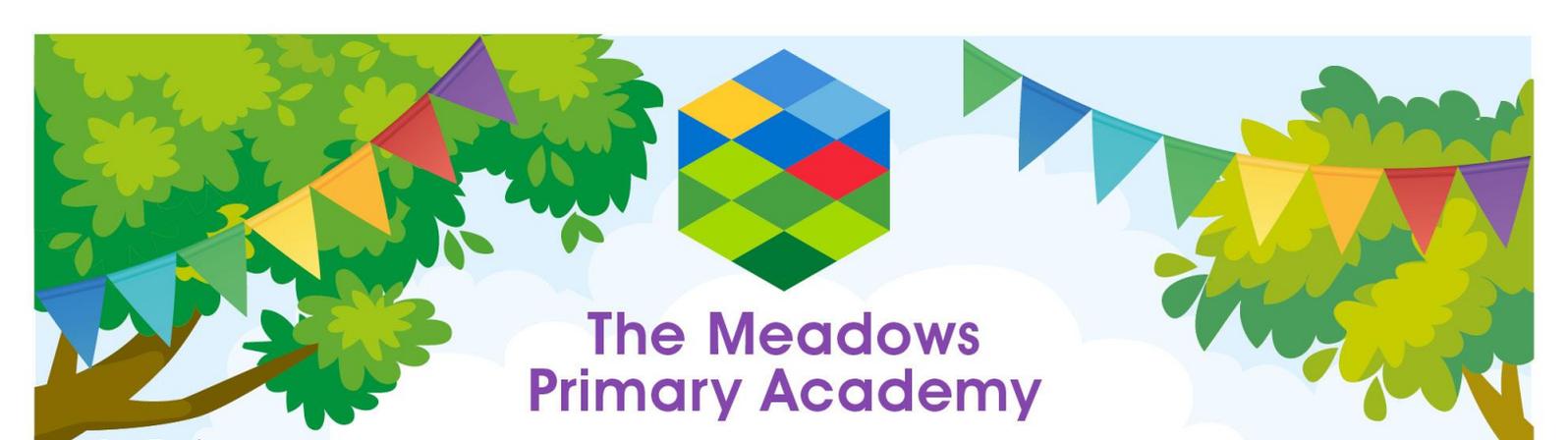
## PE

Reception will be having PE on Tuesday this term. Please ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school, in a bag which is clearly labelled with their name. This bag can stay on their peg and will be sent home at the end of each half term. Please remove all earrings on Tuesdays, as children cannot do PE with them in.

### The school PE kit is:

Purple T-shirt with the school logo, black PE shorts, black pumps in the correct size. Please can you encourage your child to dress and undress independently at home.





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## Our Topics

Our current topic is **Are all Bears Scary?** Over the next term, we will be learning through stories all about all kinds of bears. Our next topic which will be **Do you believe in Magic?** In Reception we will be learning through all of the seven areas of our curriculum. These areas are:

**Personal and Social Education** – learning to control emotions and play together.

**Physical Development** – learning how to be healthy, and practising physical skills ranging from writing to riding a bike.

**Communication and Language** – learning to be a good listener, to understand and communicate effectively. We will have a variety of role-play opportunities including 'The three bears cottage' and a 'Potions Lab'.

**Literacy** – learning to recognise and write letter sounds, and blend and segment simple words. We will be listening to lots of stories about Bears and Magic.

**Maths** – learning to recognise and use numbers, shapes and measures. We will be looking at size during our Bears topic and counting ingredients to make spells in our Magic topic.

**Understanding the World** – learning about the world that we live in. During our Magic topic we will be learning about changes and Christmas.

**Expressive art and Design** – exploring and experimenting in a variety of ways, including movement, music, designing and making. During our Bears topic we will be drawing and painting our own Bears and in our Magic topic we will be colour mixing and dancing to music from Cinderella.

## Home Time

Thank you for your co-operation and patience at home time. We recognise that sometimes, if a teacher is speaking to another parent, it may be frustrating to wait a little longer, but our priority is the safety of the children. **Please can you queue around the edge of the playground from the bottom of the ramp so that we can clearly see who is waiting.** Please only come directly to the door if there are no other parents waiting. This will make it much easier for us to see which parents arrived first and will help us to hand your children over quickly and safely.

## Reading Books

Each child has been given a new reading or library book. Please listen to your child read as often as possible, and let us know how well they do by filling in their reading record. When children have read on 25 separate occasions they will be rewarded. It is important that your child brings their book to school each day, as throughout the week we will listen to every child read when opportunities arise. We recommend that children have a school book bag as it is the correct size for the school books to keep them in a good condition. Unfortunately, over the last few years' lots of books have been lost or not returned to school. If books are lost a charge will be incurred for the full cost of replacing the book.

We have also attached a list of words to your child's reading diary. These are tricky words, which you cannot sound out using phonics. Please help your child to learn to learn these words as they will be very important when your child starts to learn to read.

Each day that you read with your child, signing their diary, they will be able to put a stamp on the chart. Please note that, although your child may read more than once, we can only allocate one stamp per day. At the end of each chart they will get a special reward.

25-Certificate from their teacher and a jelly bookworm!

50-Certificate from their Phase Leader and a jelly bookworm!

75-Certificate and a treat from the trolley

100-Certificate, a super reader badge

125-Certificate from their teacher and a special jelly bookworm!

150-Certificate from their Phase Leader and a jelly bookworm!

175-Certificate and a treat from the trolley

200-Certificate and a book from Mrs Gater.



If you have any concerns or queries in the meantime about your child, please speak to any member of the Reception team. Many thanks for your continued support.

**Mrs Durose, Miss Barlow, Mrs Heath and Miss Boden**