



# Meadowside Community Primary & Nursery School



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## A message from Mr Wright



Hi everyone!

Welcome to the first newsletter of the summer term. What a busy first week back it has been! I am so pleased to say that once again I have been staggered at the quality of work being sent in from home on ClassDojo. Children and parents you are doing Meadowside proud! The team and I also appreciate the kind messages of thanks and support many of you have sent us or posted on Twitter. This means a lot – thank you. 😊

**Workpacks:** Almost all of you have now collected your children's workbooks and packs and those who haven't will likely receive a Dojo message, a phone call or even a home visit if we are not successful with our other communication methods. We would like to avoid this so as not to put staff at risk, so please look out for our messages and get in touch to collect your children's packs.

I also just want to clarify what the workbooks are for. Your child's teachers are still setting work through ClassDojo every day and this is what your child should continue to do. Sometimes the work teachers post on Dojo will include some pages from the work book, other days it will not. Please only do the workbook tasks on days your teacher tells you to. If you do not have access to the internet and cannot access Dojo, you can use the workbooks every day.

**Online Home Learning:** Every day the work set for your child will be posted on their Dojo Class Page by their teacher. Work can then be uploaded by you into your child's portfolio for the class teacher to see. We request that you send a minimum of 3 pieces of English, 3 pieces of Maths and if possible 3 pieces of other work per week.

Parents – you are doing a great job with this and are helping to make sure your children are in a good place to catch up when we reopen. In fact I have decided to give you the Head teacher Award!

I also want to reassure you that you shouldn't get worried if this isn't possible every day. Some of you have multiple children to think about and



some of you are still working as 'key workers'. These things are also true of some of the Meadowside staff who are going above and beyond to produce high quality learning activities for their class. It is clear to me that everyone is making a huge effort to support their children's learning from home and this genuinely appreciated. Please do not stress or worry – just continue to do what you can, when you can and remember to give yourself a break. Do not hesitate to get in touch via Dojo or by phone if you need any support. Mr Clay is making himself available to take your questions if you are having any technical difficulties. Look out on the main Dojo page for his daily time slots.

**Twitter:** If you haven't already started following us on Twitter, please have a look and see what you are missing. Our teams send out content daily that includes wellbeing and mental health support; activities you can do with children at home; links to great resources, as well as highlights from the children's work from ClassDojo. It is a great way to keep up to date with the latest school news. One of my Twitter highlights this week was the dance routine of Miss Burrows, Mrs Makin and the children who are in school outside the front entrance – very slick!

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1252982484037439497>

**Free School Meal Vouchers:** We have now had to move over to the new national system for supplying Free School Meal vouchers. All schools are finding this terribly frustrating as the website of the company supplying the vouchers was not built for this level of national demand. We are told that this will improve but many schools have still not been able to register as a result. Fortunately Mrs Lowe has been successful and ensured that we are registered and orders have been placed. Please allow for any delays and any different actions you may need to take to access the vouchers as we all get used to the new system. Thank you.



### Learners of the Week



<b>Daisies</b>	Tre Edwards
<b>Sunflowers</b>	Esme-Ann Sutton
<b>Reception Elm</b>	Mia Fin-Pickering
<b>Y1 Beech</b>	Gracie Gahgan
<b>Y2 Fir</b>	Lena Wielichnowska
<b>Buttercups</b>	James McIlwaine
<b>Y3 Poplar</b>	Riley Ridpath
<b>Y4 Cedar</b>	Demi-Leigh Ratcliff
<b>Y5 Willow</b>	Roxy Wilding
<b>Y6 Elder</b>	Natalia Grund
<b>Giant Redwoods</b>	Sienna Wolfendale

**Astronomy Club:** Exciting news this week as Mr Clay & Mr McConnell announced their new Astronomy Club. The first session is on Tuesday - check it out!



Also well done to Alfie Pardoe (Y3) for earning a pen licence!

