



Spring Newsletter

March 2017



Dear Parents / Carers,

As the days are getting longer and the weather is getting better, we are looking forward to the start of the summer term when we return after the Easter break.

As a reminder ***school closes for two weeks on Friday 31st March, and we return on Tuesday 18th April 2017, at the usual time.*** Some schools have a different Easter break, so please ensure your child returns to school on the right day.

Our school continues to grow, so much so that we have had to create two new classes. Classes COURAGE and EVEREST have now been set up to help meet the increased numbers.

As usual we have planned a very busy summer term ahead of us. There are a number of events that will be held in school (see back page), throughout the summer term, and I hope that you will be able to take some time out to join us.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Marshall

Headteacher

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Be a Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Our Governors make important decisions about how to spend the funding, staffing and the curriculum. They meet 6 times a year, after school. **Interested?**

Contact Mrs Griffiths, Business Manager, for more information.

RIP to Dec



It is with sadness that at the start of this term Dec, one of our pet rabbits died peacefully. His other half Ant is looking forward to a new friend, who will be joining him after the Easter break.

WORLD BOOK DAY



STAFFING UPDATE

- We wish Miss Millsip well in her successful promotion at another school. Mrs Regan-Hammond returns from her maternity leave shortly, and will be taking over as class teacher for class Spirit.
- Miss Kennerley is now the class teacher for our newly established class, class EVEREST.
- We are pleased to welcome our Educational Psychologist to the team here at Meadow Park. Ismail Mamaniat works with us on Mondays and Tuesdays each week.
- Welcome back Mr Shinks! After a short break from us to work in America, he's back!
- Miss Hudson will be back with class Freedom after finishing her training after Easter.

Middle Years classes celebrated World Book Day on 3rd March, by getting dressed up!

We also took part in World Poetry Day on 21st March by writing poems about 'Happiness,' linked to International Day of Happiness!

Farewell Miss Millsip

Class Spirit's teacher leaves to start her new job



Taekwondo Club - Making the Grade!

It is great to see our after school Taekwondo Club going from strength to strength. Here they are doing their assessment for their gradings. Everyone got their yellow belts, with one going that extra mile and getting his green belt! Amazing!



Askrigg Residential Visits



*Campfire treats!
HmMMMM*

We have had two more residential visits to Askrigg in the Yorkshire Dales during this half term, one for Upper Years and one for Middle Years in March. Over 30 pupil in total enjoyed three days of outdoor activities. As usual a great time was had by all.

NEW DINING FACILITIES

We have improved our lunch time dining experience for everyone by investing in brand new dining tables and chairs. We have also installed a central island area where pupils can help themselves to drinks and dessert. Our new salad bar, where pupils can help themselves and top up their main meal with salad items has gone down a real treat! ***A huge thankyou to Knowsley Council for helping us to achieve this.***



FRANCE TRIP IN AUGUST



Le Chateau de Grande Romaine

Our second 5 day residential visit to Le Chateau de Grande Romaine in France will take place between 7th and 11th August 2017. We will be inviting pupils to take part as soon as we return after the Easter break. Last year a fantastic time was had by all. Activities during the five day stay include -

- On site activities at the Chateau, which include ball games within their extensive grounds, climbing, archery, zip wire, night campfire and a range of evening activities.
- A full day sight seeing in Paris - the Louvre to see the famous Mona Lisa, Arch de Triumph, the Eiffel Tower and a river boat cruise down the River Seine.
- A full day at Disneyland Paris.
- Visit to a French market town to do some shopping and practice using some French language!

Next steps for Year 11

We are really pleased that many of our Year 11 pupils have already secured college placements or apprenticeships for when they leave school. More on this in the next newsletter.

Get Away..Get Safe

Some of our pupils were visited by a renowned national expert to run a workshop about 'Gang Culture & Crime.' The 'Get Away, Get Safe,' event gave pupils lots of food for thought!

The 'Just' Group

The 'Just' Group came to run a series of workshops aimed at testing out and educating our pupil's perceptions on the following themes -

- Disability
- Faith & Race
- LGBT / Homophobia & Crime

COMING UP NEXT TERM.....

- 8th May to 12th May Staying Safe themed week.
- 1st June Invent a Burger Day for National Burger Day
- 5th June End of Year School Reports out
- 26th June Year 11 leavers celebration event
- 5th July Parents Progress Consultation Evening
- 7th July The great Meadow Park bake off!
- 17th July Sports Day
- 18th July Music themed day
- 20th July Blackpool Trip (whole school)
- 21st July Beatlemania with family and friends.