Dear Parents,

Welcome back to what we hope will be another exciting year at Green Meadow. We want to make this year as successful as previous years have been and our continued aim is to improve on our high standards across all of school life. To do this we will have to carry on challenging each other, our pupils and, at times, some parents to ensure that we share the same aspirations and expectations. Please continue to support us as a whole school community. It is the only way to get the best for your child(ren).

YORK 6 LEavers
The Local Authority have informed us that all preference forms need to be completed online before 1st October 2016. You can access the site on: www.cadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk. The main advantages of this option are cited as being ease of use, a 24/7 facility and you are emailed school allocations at a date before they are mailed out by letter.

EXTRA CURRICULAR SCHOOL CLUBS
Letters were sent out last week to children about the afterschool clubs available to them. Should there be a large demand then age related criteria or a draw of names will occur. This may mean that your child(ren) will not receive a place at the term’s club. However, we have a great array of clubs which will benefit your children over the seven years. (If a club is under subscribed the tradition is to offer it to younger children. Therefore it is not always possible for all pupils to start the club on its first date). We have noticed that Junior pupils tend to respond better to clubs at the end of the day but we do trial opportunities for our Infant children.

FIRE DRILL PROCEDURES
Last year we successfully practised both our Fire Drill and Critical Incident Procedures. If you arrive on site with your child(ren) and the front office Reception Area door is wide open it means that a drill is in progress. A sign will also be displayed. If this happens then please walk back to the main gates and wait there with your child until the office staff are back inside school. Thank you.

SAFETY
Keep Safe Online
Children use the internet in a variety of ways at home and we would encourage you to always monitor your child(ren) use of the computer especially when using social networking. You Tube and games. Please find enclosed a copy of the leaflet.

E-SAFETY
Here at Green Meadow we take e-safety very seriously. Our policy is underpinned with regular assemblies and class discussions with pupils, outlining how they keep themselves safe. We subscribe to the local authority ‘s filtering system to support us in this matter.

Medical
Please inform the school if there are any changes to your child’s medical needs this term e.g. Asthma—inhalers. It is important that all medical information on our system is current. If you do wish to make any changes please contact the office immediately. Please also be aware that school can only give children antibiotics if they are prescribed 4 times a day. Thank you for your support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Please find a list of dates relevant to the Autumn Term 2016 enclosed in this newsletter. Please retain this sheet for your information.

UNIFORM / DRESS CODE
Thank you for sending the children into school looking so immaculate in their uniforms. They look so distinctively smart, and are a credit to you all. In an effort to minimize the amount of lost property we do ask that all items of clothing are clearly marked with your child’s name. If any items are lost, this simple strategy allows us to return such items to their owner. May I also remind parents that no jewellery (rings, earrings, bracelets etc) or nail varnish is allowed in school. Whilst stud earrings are reluctantly allowed, they MUST be removed for P.E. lessons and school assumes no responsibility for these items. Please note that the school has a zero tolerance policy regarding body piercing. We do not have to carry on challenging each other, our pupils and, at times, some parents to ensure that we share the same aspirations and expectations. Please continue to support us as a whole school community. It is the only way to get the best for your child(ren).

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PARENTS’ NEWSLETTER
"At Green Meadow we aim to provide a nurturing learning environment that develops children’s self confidence and empowers them to reach their personal and educational potential."

ASSEMBLIES
The children and staff work very hard to provide a very high standard in our Assemblies. These occasions provide for a communal experience so we invite any family members to join us on Tuesday (Juniors) or Friday (Infants) mornings at 09.00 a.m. We ask for parental support last year in not leaving before the end of the assembly as this was very disruptive to the event. This proved to be generally successful and we would like this practice to continue. If you have to leave early then I would be grateful if you can let us know beforehand and we will designate a place near the door so as to minimise any disruption. This will only be done on a limited basis as we expect parents to stay. It would also be appreciated if ALL mobile phones are on silent during these events. Please join me for a tea/coffee after both parental assemblies as this is a great opportunity to continue developing a parental focus group. Thank you for your support in this matter.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS
Over the years a tradition has built up whereby performances of each production (i.e. Infant and Junior) has been presented for parents. This opportunity will continue this year. This organisation enables parents to make arrangements for babies / toddlers so that they are cared for while they watch one performance. So that there is no misunderstanding and to give maximum notification to all parents we will not be able to have children attend the Junior productions as all infants will view this show separately. We do hope that you understand this policy and support us in providing the best possible conditions for children and parents to enjoy the show. Please ensure that you receive a copy of our November Christmas Production letter. This will be sent out in mid November with all the relevant details of the productions on it. Please check bags at this time to ensure that you do not miss this opportunity. To aid this process we will continue sending one letter per child.

Autumn 2016 Afterschool Clubs

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Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.
H. Setchell
Headteacher
SCHOOL MEALS SERVICE
INFORMATION
A reminder for all parents
- Each Thursday we can provide an adult meal for any parent/family member for £3.25. Why not join your son/daughter for a school meal? All we ask is that you pre-book this meal on the previous Monday in the usual way i.e. envelope marked with the name of adult / sum enclosed and ‘Adult School Meal’ on Thursday (and dated). Please note that there is a limit on the number of adults that we can cater for on these occasions.
- Break time snacks are sold for the following prices
  - Toast—15p
  - Raisins—20p
  - Milk—30p
  - Fruit Juice—30p
- Children in KS2 buy their snacks from the kitchen and children in KS1 buy their snacks on the infant playground.
- Junior School meal prices are at £2.15 per day (£10.75 per week). Cheques are acceptable and any parents wishing to pay for periods of more than one week should speak to Mrs Johnson in the school office (mornings only).

VALUABLE ITEMS
May we remind parents that under no circumstances should any valuable items be brought into school. The school cannot take responsibility for any item that is either lost, damaged or stolen. The safest thing to do is not bring any such items into school. A guiding principle must be ‘Will I be upset if something happens to this item?’ If the answer is ‘yes’ then please leave it at home.

MATHS CLUB BADGES
I would like to remind parents that any one is eligible to try for the Maths Club Badges that we have in school. This is a voluntary activity whereby each child/parent may attempt 10 mental maths sums in ten minutes (10 club badge) building up in incremental parts to 209 problems in 12 minutes (209 club badge). We provide the successful pupils with a badge - all we ask is that they wear them on a daily basis. Please support us by checking that this is happening throughout the year. We would also encourage parents to have a go at joining these clubs by trying the test most appropriate to their confidence.

NATIONAL FRUIT SCHEME
This is a reminder to all parents that each infant aged pupil (Reception — Year 2) will receive one piece of fruit each day free of charge. The sequence, for example, may be apple, pear, satsuma, banana, apple, carrots from Monday to Friday. We do encourage parents not to send any tuck beyond this allocation. Do try to support this excellent initiative which will help promote a healthy diet for our pupils.

PRE/POST SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES
May we remind parents that you are responsible for the wellbeing and behaviour of your child on the playground before and after school. School cannot deal with issues that could have been prevented through parents’ vigilance on the playground before and after school opens. Ball games, riding of bicycles and scooters are not allowed during these times, as there are too many people on the playground.

We would ask that all adults support the school environment by ensuring that children don’t climb the fencing that is around the school site.

END OF DAY PROCEDURES
To help support the dismissal of the children at the end of the day please stand back from the doors/gates. On the Junior playground parents have always stood on the netball pitch, well behind the television screen. Please let your class teacher know if you have agreed with your child a place to wait on the school site so that school is aware of your plan and you acknowledge pick up of your child(ren). It would be really helpful if you could write to your class teacher informing them of any arranged ‘Afterschool club days’ so that school is aware of this organisation. Year 3 pupils exit via the school hall on the other side of the bike shed. Thank you for your support.

STAFFING STRUCTURE
Our school is organised into years and phases. Please follow the process outlined below if you need advice:
1) In all instances, initial concerns should be addressed to the class teacher either by letter, phone or a meeting.
2) If further support is needed then parents should contact the Year Group Leader by one of the above methods.

Year Group Leaders:
- Reception Unit—Mrs Desogus (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
- Year One—Mrs Jones
- Year Two—Mrs Bestwick (Mon – Thurs)
- Year Three—Mrs Doherty
- Year Four—Mrs Karban
- Year Five—Miss White
- Year Six—Miss Wall
3) Mrs Bestwick, Mrs Karban, Mrs Desogus and Miss White take a lead on Teaching and Learning in school so they can be contacted if necessary.
4) Any further concerns remaining should then be addressed with the Assistant Headteachers and then the Deputy/Headteacher.
- Assistant Head / SENCO—Mrs Cross
- Assistant Head—Mrs Stirrup
- Deputy Head—Miss Arrowsmith
- Head Teacher—Miss Setchell

We do hope that you will give this system your support so that we can develop the school to even greater heights.

TOPIC DAYS
Topic days are still a really important part of our curriculum. Class teachers will provide information about these exciting events and when they will happen throughout the day. We have listened to what parents have shared with us about ‘dressing up’ in special costumes for these days. Whilst there will still be opportunities for the children who want to dress up to do this, class teachers will provide alternative ideas for the children to become familiar with their topic. We can’t wait to see what each class and year group get up to!

PARENT / TEACHER DISCUSSIONS
May I remind parents that at the start of the school day (post 8.50 a.m.), teachers’ priorities are the children in class. No teacher will be able to spend time dealing with issues during this crucial time. If an appointment for after school is NEEDED then please ring the school office for a mutually convenient time. Senior Leaders are present on the Junior / Infant playgrounds in the morning and all teachers are available after school.

CAR PARKING
Despite our pleas to parents to drive and park responsibly, we still have incidents involving cars and children. Cars should be parked appropriately: not double parked, nor on pavements. Please leave enough time to get to school to park safely and on time. We do not want any Green Meadow pupils to be unnecessarily hurt; your actions can prevent this from happening. Please consider these issues when deciding when and how you will get to school. The Police Community Officers patrol the roads around the school and have a zero tolerance policy to illegal parking and dangerous driving. Please phone 101 to report an incident to the police with a note of the vehicle’s registration number.

WATER IS COOL INITIATIVE
Just a reminder that for many years now we have supplied each pupil with water at the beginning of each school day. Children who finish the bottle are allowed, indeed encouraged, to refill their own bottles during the day. Research has proven that drinking water helps pupils’ concentration and reduces sluggishness, especially in warm classrooms. We are happy to be able to inform you that we have continued to provide this facility for our pupils during the forthcoming academic year. Please encourage your child to get into the good habit of drinking at least one litre of water throughout their day.