Welcome back to what we hope will be another exciting year at Green Meadow. We want to make this year the best it can be 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). You will find within this Newsletter a letter about the Ofsted Inspection that took place in July 2017. The letter informs you of how you can access the Ofsted report.

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Throughout the year, children will learn how their brains work and how new connections are formed when we try new things and practise them, over and over. In assemblies and in lessons, we will focus on famous people who have succeeded due to having a growth mindset and not giving up on their goal. Most importantly, we will all embrace the language and the way of thinking that promotes using a growth mindset in all lessons. This sits alongside the work we have undertaken about ‘Building Learning Power’.

There will be a ‘Growth Mindset’ update in all newsletters and it will be brilliant to be able to share our challenges and successes with you all in our new look Congratulations Assemblies throughout the year!

We believe that this will have a hugely positive effect on all of children…if you would like to find out more, please speak to your child’s class teacher or myself.

J. Arrowsmith

Our Learning

One of our main aims at school is to allow all children to develop as successful learners, responsible citizens and confident individuals through a carefully designed curriculum which is full of fun and challenges! Each Year Group organises the curriculum into topics throughout the year which will excite and engage the children. Our topics are planned around the children’s interests and learning needs and the children play a central part in planning the topics by sharing what they would like to learn and how they would like to learn it. To bring learning to life, all of our termly topics will include a trip, a visitor or an experience to fully immerse the children in their learning.

Topic letters which will provide you with an outline of the term’s learning and events will follow shortly.

NEWCOMERS TO GREEN MEADOW

It has been another great start to the new year and all the children and staff have settled well. Welcome to all our Reception children and new starters across school. We trust that all of those new to school, either a child or an adult, will enjoy their time here and thrive in our school community.

ASSEMBLIES

At the end of last year, we sent out questionnaires to parents about our school. We have worked hard to respond to your comments and any improvements that you identified. Thank you for your positive feedback and comments. They are very much appreciated.

One of the areas that you felt could be improved was assemblies and this started conversations with our children too. Everyone, children, parents and staff, agree that assemblies are a great time to share what we have been learning in school with the community and share our successes but that they can sometimes last rather a long time and there are too many to attend during the year, particularly for parents with more than one child at school!

With this in mind, we have decided to have two class assemblies during the year where children can share all of the exciting things they have been learning about with you. There will be Year Group Congratulation Assemblies instead of Key Stage ones. This will sharpen the Year Group focus so that we can continue to celebrate effort as well as achievement.

Thanks for your support,
J. Arrowsmith

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find a list of dates relevant to the Autumn Term 2017 enclosed in this newsletter. Please retain this sheet for your information.

LEARNERS’ NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

Green Meadow Vision

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Noah Reception

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Ava Reception

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On the Junior playground, parents have always stood on the netball pitch, well behind the television screen.

Year 3 pupils exit via the school hall on the other side of the bike shed and all other juniors leave through the main doors out to the playground. Please let your class teacher know if you have arranged to meet your child somewhere else on the school site. So that we are aware of your plan 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. Thank you for your support.

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