

# Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School Weekly Up-date 6 JULY 2020



## Key Dates:

**Fri 17th July** — Last day of Summer Term

**Mon 20th & Tues 21st July**—Staff Professional Days

**Mon 7th September**—First day of Autumn Term for Years One and Two

**Mon 7th – Fri 11th September**—No Early Years in school; 'Home Calls'

**Mon 14th September**—Nursery and Reception Inductions start

## Classes for September - Teachers and class names

**Nursery:** Mrs Peachey

**Reception:** Mrs Jones, Bluebell Class

**Reception:** Miss Hodson, Daisy Class

**Year 1:** Miss Bean, Oak Class

**Year 1:** Mrs Toth, Willow Class

**Year 1:** Mrs Tomlin, Maple Class

**Year 2:** Miss Kyndt—Wren Class

**Year 2:** Mrs Kansu—Woodpecker Class

## New classes for September 2020

Your child's current teacher has been working with the Senior Team to ensure that your child is placed in a class for September where they will learn best. They have considered friendships, so your child has at least one friend they are familiar with. Different educational needs must also be considered; these are used to ensure the make-up of each class is balanced and able to provide the best education for every child, across the academic year. We know the coming year will present challenges as a result of school closure in the current school year. Pupil well-being, as well as academic needs, remain high priority and all plans will reflect this need.

## Returning to School In September 2020

I know every parent will be very relieved on one level that the Government are informing us that our children can all return to school in September. This is such a positive piece of news after such a long period of closure.

We know that parents will also remain very concerned for their child's safety, and that of the family as a whole, when mixing with other people in the community becomes a reality.

The strategic team are currently working on a new set of risk assessments to meet guidelines to keep everyone safe at school. We will share these with you when they have been approved. This may be over the summer break as there is much detail to complete.

## 'Moving Up' Day!

We would usually have a day in school where the children get together in their new classes to meet their new friends and their teacher in readiness for the new school year, but of course this cannot happen this year.

We will be providing a socially-distanced event on the school field for you and your child to meet your child's new teacher, if you would be happy to attend. The new teacher will read a story to the children and share some information with you about school in September. You will also be able to ask questions. The event will only be for 30 minutes to allow everyone the chance to attend safely, but we are happy to take any *additional* written questions and then can respond to you via email. **The times for these transition meetings with your child's new teacher will be confirmed as soon as possible by email.**



**Tuesday 30th June** was a very sad day as it was Mrs Eldridge's last day at Spring Meadow, after 25 years, 355 days working here. However, we were determined to make it a day to remember for her, so all the Bubble children learnt a new "Goodbye Mrs Eldridge" song (written by Miss Bean) and sang it with gusto to her at a special ceremony out on the lush, green meadow. They also each wrote her a personal message and decorated a page of a hand-made book for her, so she can look back through lots of lovely memories. She was thrilled with all the children's messages, particularly:

*"Thank you for twirling the skipping rope in the playground for us", "Thank you for scraping my lunch tray" "Thank you for cutting up my sausages!"*



We will all miss Kim and we know you would all like to join-in wishing her a **very happy and well-earned retirement.**

**School Uniform Orders:** Mrs Mathie will shortly be sending out an updated school uniform order form to you, which will also be posted on the school website in our new STARTING SCHOOL section (see PARENTS/STARTING SCHOOL/UNIFORM). If you would like to place an order, which should be ready for the end of August, please submit your order or send an email in response as soon as possible so that sufficient quantities of stock can be bought in. Payment by cheque, preferably, can be posted or dropped into the metal postbox outside the office.

**Please remember to name all items of school uniform!**