



Believe and Achieve

Kings Meadow
School

November 2016

Autumn Newsletter

The Festive Season approaches!

We have enjoyed the Autumn season so far, celebrating Harvest Festival and holding a Diwali Day last week. However, the Festive season will be upon us before we know it!!

It was lovely to see so many parents at our MacMillan Coffee Morning in September and at our Harvest Festival assembly in October. I hope to see lots of you at our Open Afternoon and our Christmas Play. The dates for these and other important term dates are on the back of this newsletter and also on our website.

Mrs Helen McCormack, Head teacher



We had a Talk like a Pirate Day in September. It was lots of fun. Parents and carers supported this day by providing amazing pirate costumes.

Thank you me hearties!!

Open Afternoon

On **Thursday 6th December**, we will be holding an **Open Afternoon** for all parents and carers. We would love you to join us from 1.30 pm to share your child's learning this term and to have coffee and some lovely cakes!

Grandparents and other family members are also very welcome, either with you or instead of you if you are unable to make it.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

At the end of September, a very special coffee morning was held at the school. Cakes were baked and Waterfall room beautifully decorated! The Friends of Kings Meadow helped us prepare as did members of our School Crew.

We were delighted to see so many of you attend and give money for such a deserving charity. I was so pleased with how well the children got involved too, including a couple who made and sold items made from loom bands on the day. Well done to them!



Christmas Play

Ms Shaw is once more helping us to put on a **Christmas play** this year. It is on **Thursday 15th December** and will be a version of the traditional Christmas nativity story.

We very much hope to see you there to support your child and enjoy the performance. Please arrive from 1.15 pm on the day.

Children in Need

We will once again be supporting the Children in Need charity day on Friday 18th November. The theme this year is spots and we would ask you to encourage your child to wear something spotty to school. Anything will do – a T-shirt, socks, spots stuck onto a top – get as creative as you like!

School uniform does not have to be worn. Thank you for your support.

Important Dates

Friday 18th November – Children in Need day – the theme this year is spots!

Open Afternoon Tuesday 6th December starting at 1.30pm. All parents and carers warmly welcomed and encouraged to attend if possible.

Friday 9th December – annual **cinema trip**

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas dinner for the children

Thursday 15th December – Christmas play performance at 1.30 pm. Parents and carers warmly welcomed and encouraged to attend if possible. Please arrive for 1.15 pm

School Uniform

As the weather changes and it is getting colder and wet, please can you make sure your child has a **coat** to bring to school so that they can enjoy playtimes and other outdoor activities.

Also, please could you **label items of uniform** such as school jumpers, trousers and plimsolls so that have a chance of returning them to their owners!

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is very important for the children's education.

The government has updated the rules around attendance to reflect how important it is.

Attendance below 90% is now called 'persistence absence' and will trigger a support and intervention process from school. I am pleased that most of the children at Kings Meadow have good or outstanding attendance and I thank you for your support. We will continue to contact parents/carers if we are concerned about your son/daughter's attendance.

Please note, due to government regulations, **I am unable to authorise holidays in term time** except in very exceptional circumstances.

