



Meadowcroft School Meadowcroft School Autumn 2009

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome to the new school year and a special welcome to the Hedgehog parents to the Meadowcroft community! This is one of several newsletters that will come out each term. The Field of Learning informs parents about the learning the children will undertake, whereas the other newsletters will just give general information or 'stuff'. ('Stuff' seems to be the new frequently used Meadowcroft children's word). Many of you through the questionnaires have asked for more regular information. So in order to try and meet your requests I will endeavour to write a short script each week about immediate things, some may just be reminders of forthcoming events, moans and/or just general 'stuff'. Also we hope to have a new notice board shortly where these letters will be posted and for the time being we will keep the 'window reminders' in each class.

The school has felt very small with just Fox and Badger classes and we are all very pleased to see the new Hedgehog children. Everyone is settling into their new environment and starting to get to know their new teachers and gain new friendships. The teachers have met with Fox and Badger parents to let them know about the learning routines, reading mornings, homework and the expectations within each class. The Hedgehog parents will have a similar meeting later in September. After half term there will an opportunity for all parents to meet the teachers and discuss their child's progress. However if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact them or me sooner. We are here to support you and your child in their learning.

Can I thank all of you again for all your support over the last academic year. I know some of you feel guilty that you work and cannot do as much as you would like to help in school. As a working 'mum' for most of my life I fully understand but somehow all of you come to the concerts, the sport's day, the fairs and all those count. Many of you support by staying on reading, maths and science mornings or with 'home learning' and all this contributes to the good results our children get in their SAT's. . Children learn much more from their parents, you are their main teachers. School is only a close second! So many thanks.

We have a new Friends committee this year and we are hoping some more mums and dads will volunteer to raise valuable funds for the children. Mrs. Elle Mohan is the 'Chair' and is ably assisted by Mrs. Tracy Carter; if you don't know them yet why not come to the coffee morning on the 24th September.

This year I would like to have a concerted effort to improve the outside area including the Hedgehogs play area. I have a wild dream for a pond, a maze and some other features. It would be good develop the side garden with some raised beds and have some children sculptures. I am still planning on having a few hens but maybe in the Spring. So if you have any re-usable garden materials please let me know before you are getting rid of it all.

Class teachers are always happy for any parents who can spare a little time to come and help the children learn. Dates for this term can be found at the back of the newsletter.

Geraldine Dowle