



Meadowcroft News

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Dear Parents

In response to some of your comments on the Safety Survey, I would like to explain more about our playtime and lunchtime routines.

The children go out to play for 20 minutes in the morning and have an hour and 10 minutes which constitutes lunchtime. During all of that time, the pupils are supervised with at least 1 Teacher and 1 Teaching Assistant at playtime and 2 Midday Supervisors and at least 1 other adult during lunchtime. The children select equipment to play with each playtime from a large collection. These allow boisterous play or calm play, depending on the mood of the children. As we are a small school, it is easy for the Supervisors to monitor over-boisterous play when small children can become over-excited and divert their energies. Should a child find it difficult to calm down to an acceptable level of play, they are encouraged to sit quietly at one of the playground tables while they calm down. In extreme cases the child may be required to sit down and have a discussion with me about why it is necessary to stop that train of behaviour.

The children are young and do charge about without much thought of consequences and so they do have accidents where they slip and graze knees or hands. These injuries are dealt with calmly and are usually forgotten by the child very quickly. Should the injury be more severe, and always if the child hits their head, we will call you to inform you. All of our staff are First Aid trained.

Obviously, if the weather is persistently wet, as it has been this week, it is not possible for the children to go outside to play. In these cases, they play in the hall with colouring and games during break time. If it is a wet lunchtime, they will watch a film for some of the playtime and then do some activity (such as parachute games or dancing) for the rest. If the weather clears up, we try our very hardest to give them the opportunity to get outside and run around.

Birthdays

We have no birthdays this week

Open Morning

Thursday 15th October 9.30 - 11.30

For children due to start school
September 2010 (born between 1/9/2005
and 31/8/2006)

WATER BOTTLES

Our school water bottles are now in stock and for sale from the school office at £2.50 each.

Dry Cleaning - We have an arrangement with Softly Clean drycleaners in Addlestone where, if you bring your dry cleaning into school (in a named bag with a phone number on it), they will collect from and return it to school, usually for the next day. The school gets a percentage of the cost of the dry cleaning. If you are interested, there is a price list available in each classroom and also in the school office.

School Fund - Thank you very much to those parents who have made their contributions to school fund this year. This money pays for many of the little extras for the children in their classrooms and on outings. Traditionally families pay £10 for 1 child or £13 for 2. Cheques can be made payable to Meadowcroft Infant School.

Hedgehog Parents: Especially for you, the Friends have organised an indoor/outdoor picnic to welcome you to Meadowcroft School on Saturday 10th October at 12 o'clock. If you haven't already signed up, please do so. It should be a fun event.