

Autumn Term Newsletter No.2



Wednesday 18th September 2019

Headteacher Awards

Alfie, Alper, Eisha, Eric, Ishak, Jiawei, Lars, Lukas M-S, Moataber, Orson, Owen, Riley, Rose, Yiannis

Core Value Awards

Angela, Coren, Daniel, Hamza, Issy H, Joshua N, Kasper, Lucas L, Natasha, Rym, Sabiha, Stephanie, Tamara

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|  | <p>Attendance Aardvark Annabelle and Arthur are visiting IHC and 5B this week for having the highest attendance in school last week.</p> |  | <p>Housekeeping Hamish There was no question as to which class Hamish would be visiting this week, as 5B have kept their class impeccably tidy! Well done.</p> |
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SmartKidz Breakfast Club

At the beginning of term SmartKidz started a Breakfast Club at Mayfield from 7.30am in the community room. Sessions are £5.50 (registration fee applies) and parents are able to block book sessions or ask for single sessions as and when required. Please visit the website <https://smartkidzplayandlearn.co.uk/> or email info@smartkidzplayandlearn.co.uk for further details. Registration forms are available at the office or via the website.

Morning Drop Off

Children should not be walking around the outside of the school building from one playground to the other before the whistle has gone at 8.45am. On both the infant and junior playgrounds we ask that parents and children stay off the grass and remain on the main playground. This is for your child's safety, as the area is not monitored by staff. A single member of staff is located on each of the playgrounds from 8.30am. Once the whistle is blown at 08.45am, children may walk to their classroom around the building.

School Lunches – New Caterers

Our new caterers Lunchtime Company Ltd are settling in really well and the feedback on their food has been very good so far. Please note that Lunchtime operate a different system of ordering from Aspens. Children don't need to say what their lunch option is during registration, just that they are having a school meal. They then choose from the range of food available when they are in the lunch hall. Every day, in addition to the three published menu options, there is a salad bar and rolls and wraps. At the moment Lunchtime are in the process of learning about our pupils and what they like and don't like, so quantities of each menu option are determined by trial and error. As they get to know us better they will be able to tailor supply to demand and hopefully not run out of any dishes although, as with any restaurant setting, this does have to be a careful balancing act between having all options available to all children and controlling food waste.



Mayfield Food Festival - Saturday 28th September 5.00pm – 7.00pm

We would like to welcome you to our Mayfield Food Festival. This is an exciting occasion where you bring along a dish of food to share, this could be your family's favourite dish (sweet or savoury) or a national dish of your home country. We ask you to bring your own drinks whether they are soft or alcoholic. Tea and coffee will be provided. This is an opportunity to meet other families, catch up with old friends and share a delicious plate of food!

Alison Cox Dance Club

Dance clubs have now returned to Mayfield in the Large Hall. **Y3-6 is on Wednesday** after school until 4.30pm and **Y1 & 2 on Friday** after school until 4pm. **This is a free club.** Please email office@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk if you would like to sign your child up.

Children should have bare feet and clothing suitable for P.E. A reminder that it is important to bring a bottle of water as dancing uses a lot of energy. A small snack is a good idea - this needs to be compact and quick to eat, no nuts, no ice lollies, yoghurts and very sticky foods or packets the children cannot open please!

Recorder Club and Ukulele Club

Recorder Club is starting on Thursday 26th September, 12.30pm in the Large Hall. Open to all abilities, £10 per term.

Ukulele Club starts Wednesday at 8.15am in the Small Hall for Years 4-6. A few spaces remain for beginners and basic players. Email Anne for more details annetaylor@music@gmail.com



Mayfield PTA

What is a Parent Teacher Association (PTA)?

A Parent Teacher Association (PTA), is an organisation of parents and staff. PTAs are best known for their fundraising work, but they have a useful social function too.

How is money spent?

Funds raised by the PTA are intended to provide 'extras' not already provided by the school's main income – often 'fun things' that make learning more interesting and exciting. The PTA committee and the headteachers decide how to spend PTA funds. Ongoing school events that the Mayfield PTA support; Christmas presents for classes; refreshments for all children at sports day; Year 6 Leavers books and T-shirts; books as prizes for the Reading awards. We normally have a long term goal, for example the outdoor learning classroom and refurbishment of the school pool, and shorter term goals such as new reading books or new coding resources.

What does being on the COMMITTEE MEMBER of a PTA involve?

- Attends PTA meetings
- Gets involved in planning and running events
- Runs smaller projects
- Encourages participation and enthusiasm for the events organised by the PTA

Can I help without being a Committee Member?

Yes! We have a google email group that you can join and hear about what is going on and just get involved when you can. Or look out for details about each event, we always need lots of helpers.

If you have any particular skills that we could use we would love to hear from you or if you can give any time but not at school events then we do need people to apply for grants or other funding opportunities. Please contact pta@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk

Please come and join us at our AGM (Annual General Meeting) on Thursday 26th September at 7-7.30pm in the main hall.

Parent Workshop

Building Confidence: Managing Your Child's Worries - Emotional Health & Wellbeing Service

A workshop for parents/carers of primary age children is to be held on 8th October 12.30 - 3.00pm.

Does your child often feel scared or show physical symptoms of worry?

Are their worries making it difficult for them to do things they want to do?

Are you struggling to know how best to help?

Find out what parents can do to support children with their worries. Please see leaflet included at the end of this newsletter for more details. Places are limited so please sign up with the office to confirm if you would like to attend.

Ms Dhanda - Inclusion Leader

Gardening Club

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the first week of gardening club. We made a good start harvesting a crop of purple, red and white potatoes for the kitchen. We're also working on preparing the beds for winter, by weeding, digging and sowing green manure.

This year, we'd like to try growing some winter salad vegetables, so if anyone is able to donate seeds for corn salad, land cress and oriental salad leaves such as komatsuna, mibuna, mizuna, mustard and rocket, please either drop them in the office or bring them directly to the green gardening shed behind the raised beds.

We are meeting every Wednesday and Friday at 3:20 by the shed near the raised beds. Everyone is welcome. No need to sign up. **Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Family STEAM Festival

This wonderful annual family learning event is taking place on **Saturday 28th September, 11-5pm at The Spinney Primary School, CBI 9PB**. It's a wonderfully big event for all Cambridgeshire families. There's a jam-packed programme of FREE hands-on workshops and shows, all themed around **STEAM** – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Maths. With something for everyone in the family to enjoy and some really yummy festival food (at fair prices) this really is an unmissable day out. Have a look at the website www.familySTEAMfestival.com If you have any questions, or if you would like to volunteer to help with stewarding please email info@familysteamfestival.com

EAL Drop-In

Every Thursday there is the chance for parents of our EAL (English additional language) children to come into school and speak to our EAL Teaching Assistants. Please come to the front of the school for 9.00 where you will be met by Mrs Ashby or Mrs Leutchford.

| Dates for your Diary | |
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| Thursday 19th September | EAL Drop-in 9.00-9.30am |
| Thursday 26th September | Mayfield PTA Annual Meeting 7pm – Large Hall All Welcome! |
| Friday 27th September | Harvest Festival Assembly (School only) Please bring donations of food for Jimmy's Night Shelter to the large hall by 9am |
| Saturday 28th September | Mayfield Food Festival 5.00pm – 7.00pm Large Hall |

For further dates and information please refer to the school website <http://mayfieldcambridge.org/>



Our Co-op funding total so far is now £2,377.95

Thank you to all those who have registered, please keep sharing the scheme.

Your points will continue to count all the way until 31st October. The link to keep sharing is:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/20174>

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- Are their worries making it difficult for them to do things they want to do?
- Are you struggling to know how best to help?



Join us to learn more about worrying in children and what parents/carers can do to help build their confidence.

Date: Tuesday 8th October 2019

Time: 12.30 – 3.00pm

Location: Mayfield Primary School Library

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please speak to Ms Dhanda or email office@mayfield.cambs.sch.uk if you would like to attend.

Closing date for signing up: 04/10/2019