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## Weekly Newsletter – 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

Welcome to the second edition of what will now become the weekly newsletter. I mentioned last week that the time is now right to move on from the single RAAC focus, and I was heartened to receive so much positive feedback about the new focus on curriculum. The special highlight was the wow moments on the final page!! When you are in the middle of a crisis, it is sometimes easy to forget just how much learning is taking place in school. Our children remain such wonderful, eager, caring, and ambitious learners, and there are few things I enjoy more than seeing them in the classroom fully engaged with the creative lessons they encounter each and every day.

### Residential Meeting for Parents and Children in Year 6

Yesterday, it was wonderful to see so many children and parents attending our residential meeting. As many of you will be aware, every year the children in Year 6 go at Beaumanor Hall for 3-days and 2-nights. They will also engage with a wide range of adventurous outdoor activities, including the world-famous high ropes and zip wire. Every year I have the same wish, and that is for all of our children to engage in this wonderful learning experience. I am also reminded of contemporary educational research that confirms a week on residential equates to a term in the classroom. I sincerely hope that all of our children will be able to attend this year.

### Exciting Building News

Thank you to the many parents who have been to see me about the building work that is being carried out in the Ethel Road Playing Fields. I share your excitement, but I can also confirm that the first of our new buildings is due to be delivered on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. This will be the main block that contains the new school hall (which is actually bigger than the current hall), all of the offices, a reception area, and classroom spaces for the Orchard, Chestnut, and Willow. Soon after this, although a date has not yet been agreed, the 2<sup>nd</sup> block will arrive. This will accommodate all of the classrooms for years 1-6. I am so happy that we are able to see such good progress, and know that you will all be looking forward to the time that our school can come back together again!

### Parents' WhatsApp Group

I know that a number of parents have experienced frustration about the bus service, and the late arrival of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> buses. We share your views on this and I am working closely with the DfE to secure a higher commitment to a minimum service standard from Confidence, the bus company that supplies the buses, daily. While we all understand that sometimes buses can be late, we also feel that real-time communication could be helpful, especially if the buses are going to be much later than we expect. With this in mind, we are looking at setting up a WhatsApp group that will give a live notification of when each bus leaves the Judgemeanow site. This is quite a technical process, and parents who wish to be involved will have to share their mobile number accordingly. Please look out for further details next week.

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## Parents' Evenings – Week Beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023

As amazing as it may sound, the autumn term parents' evening is almost upon us. These will take place during the week beginning **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023**. The online booking facility will go live next week, and we hope to see you all there. Traditionally, at the first parents' evening of the year, you will have a really good opportunity to meet your child's new teacher, celebrate successes, and also agree targets for the year ahead. The late appointments will be on the Monday evening, and we hope you welcome this good news. Finally, the parents' evenings will take place in your child's classroom, giving you all an opportunity to see the Learning Environment, and also the wonderful work that your child has produced since the beginning of the school year. Finally, SENDCo and Head Teacher appointments will also be available across the given week. I shall look forward to seeing you there!

### Singing in School

At Mayflower, we love to celebrate the breadth of the curriculum, and also the partners we work with to bring the highest quality learning opportunities to our children. Despite not having a hall space in which to work, Mrs. Burns, our singing and choir leader has been working hard with the children in years 3, 4, 5, and 6. Although much of this is ongoing curriculum work, we also have an eye on Young Voices, and you will all be pleased to hear that our school will be taking part again this year. There a few things more happy than the sound of children singing, and I am eagerly anticipating the creative pathway ahead.

### Ukulele in Year 3

Mrs. Waldrum and Miss Hussain are very eager for me to pass on the fact that ukulele lessons have already commenced in Year 3. This is always such a highlight, and our marvellous teacher, affectionately known as Ukulele Jenny, has been very impressed indeed. Can you believe they have already mastered their very first song! The creative arts has always been a core part of the curriculum offer at Mayflower, and I am so pleased that we have been able to continue with this, despite the RAAC issues we are having to contend with.

### Parent Groups

I know just how much you all valued our parent groups at school, and we are working hard to bring these back. Please bear with us as we continue to look into this provision, and I will have more to report in the next edition of the weekly newsletter.

### Attendance – Winning Classes!!

Week Beginning Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2023			
Early Years	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
Chestnut: 94.8%	1KM: 98.6%	3KW: 96.3%	6PA and 6RK: 99%

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## Wow Moments in School

Here is a small selection of some of the amazing things that have been happening in school this week:

			
Artwork in Y1	More artwork in Y1	Science in Y1	French in Y4
			
Greater than in Y1	Concentration in Y3	Sharing in Y3	Focus in Y3
			
A Roman in Y4	Rounders in Y5	Timelines in Y5	Measuring in Y6

Thank you for reading, and we shall look forward to more of the same next week!!

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