

# Meadowside Academy – 14 January 2022



## Highlights this week

Start of Coding Club for Year 3 and Gymnastics Club (Year 3&4) after school

Some Year 4 started swimming lessons on Monday and Year 4&5 children not swimming enjoyed a Forest School session

## School Dates

25 Jan – Reception and year 1 Phonics and Reading Information Evening (see letter)

4 February- Number Day for Childline. Dress as a number and £1 contribution

4 February – Walk to School Day

18 February – Yorkshire Rotters visiting Year 1, 2, 3

18 February – break up for half term

Monday 28 February – staff training day – school closed

Tuesday 1 March – school opens

Friday 8 April – school closes for Easter break

Monday 25 April – school reopens.

Monday 25 April – Year 5 residential at Bewerley Park

## **COVID UPDATE**

Since the beginning of term we have had under 10 children across school reporting positive tests on any day. We are continuing to follow guidance and now have CO2 monitors in all classrooms and are ventilating as necessary to keep safe levels. This means the classroom windows may be open so please make sure your child wears layers to keep comfortable.

## **FREE LUNCH FOR RECEPTION, Yr1&2**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be given a hot lunch of Chicken or Quorn Korma on Thursday next week for them to try under the Universal Free School Meals scheme. You are welcome to send a pack-up as a backup plan if necessary.

## **HARROGATE DISTRICT WALK TO SCHOOL DAY**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

Get active whilst helping combat climate change! Can you leave the car at home for most, if not all, of the school run on Friday 4th February?

49% of our district's carbon emissions come from transport, which makes it the largest contributor to our district's carbon footprint. It's also 28% above the UK average! By choosing a more sustainable form of transport, you can do your bit to help protect our communities and our planet by tackling climate change. Could you 'park and stride' – this is where you park sooner than normal and walk the last part. All these options will help lower our carbon footprint.

Every mile counts!

The physical and mental health benefits of exercise are well known, with studies also showing that walking to school improves concentration and helps students arrive ready to learn. Making the journey on foot, by bike or using public transport means fewer vehicles on the road, benefitting the wider community with less traffic and cleaner air. Zero Carbon Harrogate will be recording how many students took part from each school - so please help put our school at the top of the leader board!

Every mile counts and it will be a chance to show off your fantastic Number Day outfits too.

## **Midday Supervisory Assistant Vacancy**

We are looking for some additional help at lunchtime. If you have an hour free 12-1pm every day, how about coming to help with lunchtime supervision. The application form is available here:

<https://www.meadowsideacademy.org/key-information/general-teaching-assistant-and-midday-supervisory-support>