

Dear Parents / Carers

This is the last half term of the academic year and it is wonderful to look back on the progress all the children have made and are still making. This term we take the opportunity to learn outside wherever possible and to explore the local area.

On Friday last week, Rabbits and Badgers classes went to Mead Open Farm and had an amazing day exploring and walking around the farm. As always, we received many compliments on the children's behaviour and excellent manners.



This week some of our children will also visit Urb farm in Milton Keynes; a place that I would recommend to you, as the holidays are rapidly approaching.

The **value** for **June** is **Trust** and we think about how living things such as pets trust us to look after them as well as identifying 5 people we trust in school and at home to help us sort out problems.

Verity Stobart
Headteacher



Ride High is 10 Years Old



Ride High is a Milton Keynes based Charity that aims to transform the lives of disadvantaged children by giving them the opportunity to learn to ride and look after horses and ponies.

To celebrate their tenth anniversary we are supporting this charity as a number of our children have benefitted from experience on this programme.

We are encouraging the school to go **red** for Ride High on **Friday 28th June** with a suggested **£1** voluntary contribution to wear red and at 2.45pm that day we will be holding a cake sale – the children will be baking in school that week but we will also be asking for cake donations to make this event a huge success.

Help us make this day a great success and support a wonderful Milton Keynes based charity.



BUCKINGHAMSHIRE & MILTON KEYNES
ARMED FORCES DAY
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Join Us for Armed Forces Day

To support the build up to Armed Forces Day, on Monday 24th June 2019, all councils have been invited by the Ministry of Defence to fly the Armed Forces Day flag to show support for our servicemen and women and for the wider Armed Forces community of families, veterans and cadets. Year 1 Red Kites children from Germander have been invited to represent the school children of Milton Keynes.

The flag raising ceremony will take place at 9.30am on Monday 24th June 2019 (we are requesting guests arrive at 9.20am).

We will leave school at 9am to walk to the Civic Offices to show support for our Armed Forces. Parents and Carers are welcome to join us at the Civic Offices.



Attendance and Holidays in Term Time

Regular and punctual attendance at school is both a legal requirement and essential for children to maximise their learning. Ofsted state overall attendance should be **no lower than 96%**.

We regularly monitor attendance at school and we will soon be celebrating their excellent attendance in our final assembly of the year.

Please can I remind all parents that holidays in term time will not be recorded as authorised absences unless there are exceptional circumstances. All such absences must have been agreed by the Headteacher in advance and will be classed as 'unauthorised'.

Please remember the school **will instigate fines** for taking your child on holiday during term time.



Dates for your Diaries



- ◆ 12th June - Year 2 Hedgehogs class attending Milton Keynes Music Festival
- ◆ 14th June - Nurture Group visit Urb Farm
- ◆ 21st June - Squirrels class visit Urb Farm
- ◆ 24th June - Red Kites to attend Armed Forces Day celebrations at Civic Offices
- ◆ 27th June - New Foundation Parents' Information Evening 6 — 7.00pm
- ◆ 28th June - Wear something red to school & Cake sale for Milton Keynes Ride High Charity
- ◆ 5th July - Red Kites class visit Whipsnade Zoo
- ◆ 8th July - Reports out to Parents
- ◆ 12th July - Sports Morning at Community Centre (starting at 9.15am)
- ◆ 16th July - Transition Day
- ◆ 17th July - Transition Day
- ◆ 19th July - Excellent Attendance awards (9am start)
- ◆ 19th July - Year 2 Leavers Graduation assembly (prompt start at 2.30pm)