



# LATEST NEWS

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## PTA News!

Now the year is well under way the PTA are busy planning some exciting activities & fundraisers for the next few months. Below see the dates to remember!

We are also going to give Copse corner a bit of a glow up & have been collecting donations. We are after some volunteers to help us on Saturday 17th February. Whether your handy with a hammer, speedy with a spade or not really a hand Andy? (Showing my age now!) All help at any level is welcome, even if it's just making the teas. Drop us a message if you can help!

Next PTA meeting  
Wednesday 28th  
February - All welcome



## FEBRUARY/MARCH

Virtual Balloon Race - lift off 26th  
February so get selling those  
balloons!

Someone Special Sale -  
10th March (a gift for that  
special someone)

Crazy Hair Day for Easter Donations  
22nd March  
(to make our fantastic  
Easter Hampers)

Easter Raffle - 28th March  
(raffle tickets will be available  
after half term)

## FOREST SCHOOL DONATIONS!

At the Meadows Primary School we know how important outdoor play is for our children and so we are rejuvenating our much loved Copse Corner.

We are specifically seeking donations of or towards:

Tyres & rope for tyre swings

Tree stumps for performance & learning circles

Tarpaulin/material suitable for creating sheltered areas

Large pallets to create sensory/music walls

Woodwork tools

Pots, pans, tubing, wooden spoons etc





# VIRTUAL BALLOON RACE

26TH FEBRUARY - 1ST MARCH

£3 per balloon

The balloon that travels the furthest distance will win a £50 High Street Voucher or one of the runner up £10 vouchers!

There will also be a class treat for the class who's balloon (provided by the PTA) has travelled the furthest.

Fundraising towards improving our school playtimes

[Buy and customise your balloon at  
https://www.balloonrace.net/jufqko](https://www.balloonrace.net/jufqko)





The Meadows  
Primary School

## Virtual Balloon Race

The Meadows Primary School PTA is hosting its first ever virtual balloon race!

How does it work? It's very easy!

<https://www.balloonrace.net/jufqko>

Click on 'Buy a Balloon'



You can customise your balloon with a name, colour and message.

**Balloons cost £3 each** – you can buy as many as you like!

The balloons will be launched at **1200 noon on Monday 26th February 2024**. The deadline for purchasing balloons is **Friday 23rd February**. The race will run for 4 days, during which time you will be able to log on and check the progress of your balloon and watch the leader board. The race will end at **1200 noon on Friday 1st March**. The winner and runners up will be announced in Friday's celebration assembly.

This competition is open to everyone so why not challenge your friends, neighbours and family to an eco-friendly balloon race competition.

**Prizes will be awarded to the winners including a £50 voucher!**

To register and buy your balloons, simply visit:

<https://www.balloonrace.net/jufqko>



# Progress update!

As an introduction to OPAL a member of the PTA committee was able to attend a session at the school to hear more about OPAL and how it will benefit our children.

Children spend seven years at primary school from reception to year six. Over this time they will spend on average 20% of this time at play. We want to develop this and ensure children are given the opportunity to learn those vital play skills which will help them to learn risk, have fun, challenge themselves and enjoy high quality play.

Do you remember your play times? Climbing trees, Building dens, using your imagination?

By adopting this approach to play times the aim is to:

- Improve wellbeing
- Develop self regulation
- Increase physical activity
- Aid social & emotional development
- Learn to manage risk and have FUN!

The PTA is supporting the school with the mission to ensure that every school child has an amazing play time everyday with no exceptions.

We have committed to having dedicated OPAL support for 18 months. A member from OPAL will be undertaking a play audit next week to see what additional play equipment we need.

[Click here for more information about OPAL](#)



We are on the lookout for sponsors!

Our wonderful Winter Festival was sponsored by Polar Bear Windows which enabled us to offer the fantastic snow dome for free!

Do you work for a company that could sponsor our Balloon Race or our Easter trail in return for advertising on our social media?

Do you know someone who works for a company that are looking for a charity to support or offers matchfunding?

This could be a donation of a prize or a donation towards a prize for the winners!

**crazy HAIR DAY**  
 Friday 22nd March  
 Children can come with their hair styled in a silly, wacky, or creative manner. We suggest colourful hair accessories, temporary hair dye, or other fun hair accessories!

In exchange for chocolate for our Easter raffle

Remember to use easy fundraising which helps to raise funds from the school, just use this link to sign up!  
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/meadowspta>

**easyfundraising**  
 Double, triple and increased donations!

<b>SELFRIDGES</b> Up to 8.00% donation Discover amazing Christmas gifts for your loved ones. Shop Now	<b>LEGO</b> Up to 5.00% donation Build a massive LEGO® Star Wars™ venator-class republic attack cruiser! Shop Now	<b>JD</b> Up to 5.00% donation Get up to 50% off with mid-season offers. Shop Now	<b>GET ON THE FOOT ST.</b> Up to 8.00% donation Up to 50% off Cozy Autumn vibes. Shop Now
<b>THE NORTH FACE</b> Up to 6.00% donation Explore new arrivals at The North Face. Shop Now	<b>Expedia</b> Up to 5.00% donation Save on autumn breaks with Expedia. Shop Now	<b>Argos</b> Up to 3.00% donation Does Friday is coming. Why wait? Get hundreds of multi-use deals available now, ends Nov 28th. Shop Now	<b>TESCO</b> Up to £3.50 donation Good food is about quality ingredients and the way it makes you feel. Shop Now

**EASTER RAFFLE**  
 THURSDAY 28TH MARCH  
 BUY A RAFFLE TICKET TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF OUR FANTASTIC EASTER HAMPERS

RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE IN BOOKBAGS  
 HAMPERS WILL BE GIVEN OUT IN SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

**YOU CAN HELP**

**easyfundraising** feel good shopping  
**YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY**

7,000 shops and sites will donate to The Meadows Primary School PTA - at no extra cost to you - to sign up use this link  
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/meadowspta/>

Help our fundraising efforts by buying tickets for Your School Lottery. Tickets cost just £1 per week, with a top prize of £25,000. Enter now at  
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/the-meadows-primary-school>

STICKINS self adhesive name labels are a quick, easy and durable solution to naming your child's uniform, bags etc..  
 The Friends of the Meadows will earn 30% commission on all sales, just remember to use our unique fundraising number 23281

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