



Happy New Year

I just wanted to wish you all a very Happy New Year before we go hurtling to Easter, and to update you on some exciting developments at Meadowpark.

We now have 8 pupils attending regularly with two of these currently attending on a part-time basis.

Our janitor Yvonne Sandie is on site every day and is happy to take phone calls if necessary and she will pass on any messages. She enjoys being with pupils and has been a great support at playtime and lunchtime.

We also have an administration assistant, Emma Maguire, for 10 hours a week who has already proven herself to be an invaluable asset in assisting to get me better organised! I am hopeful now that meetings etc. can be arranged with greater ease.

Emma will also keep you posted about costings for our Residential to Kielder Forest at the end of May. There are still places available if you would like to sign up. It would be great to have all Meadowpark pupils attending. We have chosen Calvert trust, Kielder Forest specifically because they have experience and expertise when working with young people with additional support needs. It is also no more than a 2 hour drive away should you need to collect a child.

Deborah Kenworthy has joined us temporarily until we are able to recruit a full time ASN Learning Assistant. Deborah has a wealth of knowledge and experience and is an asset to the Meadowpark Team.

Lothian Autistic Society (LAS) have been given a grant to set up Basecamp in Meadowpark which is our first formal 3rd sector letting and I hope we will have this up and running as soon as possible. If you want more information please contact the LAS on 0131 661 3834, email: office@lothianautistic.org.

Leaflets were sent home with pupils before Christmas and we can provide these electronically if you wish.

Meadowpark pupils will continue to access Knox Academy for HE, PE, Art and Music, and hopefully Science.

Senior pupils from Knox Academy continue to support Meadowpark pupils and this has helped to develop closer relationships with the mainstream school.

We will be starting swimming in the Aubigny Centre on Thursday 19th January with Karen Ferguson who is a fully qualified ELC swimming teacher. Please ensure all pupils have

swimming costumes on Thursday until Thursday 30th March. We will go to the café for a drink afterwards so money for this would be appreciated.

We are always on the hunt for volunteers so if you or someone you know would like to be involved, please get in touch. Any volunteer must be PVG registered.

Website: I am working with one of my colleagues, Colin Dempster from Knox Academy to enable Meadowpark to have an active place on the Knox Academy website. I just need to update my IT skills!

As ever, we aim to make your child's experience at Meadowpark as positive and rewarding as possible and your role in this is crucial. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any concerns and be sure to update us with any changes in home circumstances and personal contact details.

Wishing you all a healthy and happy 2017, on behalf of the Meadowpark Team.



Charli Prime
Depute Head Teacher
Knox Academy, Meadowpark,
Victoria Rd, Haddington EH41 4DJ
cprime@knox.elcschool.org.uk
01620 824541