



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School

Forthcoming dates

Please do check the website regularly. Full Term dates are on the website.

Wednesday 19th May Y6 Leavers' Photos and Class Groups

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June Half Term

Monday 7th June School reopens

Wednesday 7th July 1:30pm Sports Day (Provisional)

Tuesday 20th July End of term

Wednesday 21st July Staff Training Day
School closed for pupils

I hope that you enjoyed the Bank Holiday weekend in spite of the weather! We hope that the warmer temperatures return in time for the great British summer that we're so desperate to enjoy. We are unbelievably already in May and like many of you, I am sure, I can't believe how quickly time is passing in what has again been another very turbulent and unexpected academic year.

You will note from the calendar, that we have scheduled class and Y6 leavers' photographs. Additionally, we have a provisional date for Sports Day. Last year this was sadly cancelled due to the school closure and Covid restrictions. This will of course only be able to go ahead if the current restrictions are lifted as per the roadmap on June 21st. We will be able to make a firm decision as soon as further guidance issued to schools. Nevertheless, it is important to make these plans in advance and secure the venue, which again will be Leycett Cricket Club. Let's hope it is at long last, a school community event that we can all enjoy together.

Family Fitness Challenge

Over 20 families successfully completed our family challenge, including some grandparents

too. We proudly presented 80 medals on Friday. We were able to purchase these using funding from previous fundraising activities. We hope you all feel a great sense of pride and achievement and we know just how much joy this challenge gave to our families. Although the Covid lockdowns have challenged us all immensely; one of the positives that many of us can take away, is how we have embraced exercising and appreciating our local areas.

Nursery Provision Update

Following a consultation period with current and future parents, we can confirm that from September our Reception class will relocate to our new Early Years provision at Madeley School. Initial groundworks have taken place over the Easter holidays to connect drainage and utilities to the new site. Further construction works will recommence in a couple of weeks, subject to the anticipated planning approval. We are scheduled to fully open in September. Further details regarding prices for the provision and details around wrap around provision will be published shortly.

Digital Library Service

Mrs Silvester has recommended a new library resource. This free app brings our local libraries to us digitally. E Books and audio books are all available for us to enjoy. A great idea to support our local libraries and a reading for pleasure resource.



Hello and welcome

Hi, my name is Rachel de Souza and I'm the Children's Commissioner for England. My job is to speak up for children in England, stand up for their rights, and make sure that the people in power listen to what children need and want.



Dame Rachel de Souza

It's time to give something big back to young people like you after COVID — and **we need your help** to do it.

This is the largest ever survey of children and young people in England. We'll use what you tell us to show the government what you think, and what children need to live happier lives.

This survey will only take you **5-10 minutes**.

Choose your age group to get started!

In school we have shared an assembly with the children regarding this survey that the government would like all school children and their parents to complete.

They were very excited to take part and contribute their thoughts to such important research. This is their chance to have their say on the things that matter to them. Children can tell the government what their life is like, what they want in the future, and anything they think is holding them back.

The survey would be extremely time consuming to complete in school individually with all the children, so we are kindly sharing this with you to discuss and complete together as a family.



<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Teacher/Parent Meetings

The virtual meetings have commenced today. This morning has run very smoothly indeed. Please remember that you need to join the meeting 10 minutes beforehand and wait in the lobby to ensure the timings can be adhered to. The class teacher will admit you once she is ready. I have attached a copy of our protocol document for these meetings, which we distributed last year.

Personal Possessions

I would like to remind all our school community of the following:

The storage of any personal property or possessions or, where pupils bring in personal property or possessions onto the school premises it is at the pupil's and parent's own risk and the school will not be liable for any loss or damage to personal property or possessions.

Mrs Procter



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