



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School

Forthcoming dates

Please do check the website regularly

Thursday 17th May Family Games Evening Leycett CC

Monday 28th May Half Term

Monday 4th -6th June Class 4 Residential Standon Bowers

Friday 15th June Father's Day Lunch and Games afternoon Class 3

Wednesday 20th June Sports Day PM Leycett Cricket Club

Wednesday 27th June Reserve Sports Day Leycett CC

Wednesday 18th July End of Year Celebration Awards and Music Concert Madeley Centre 1:30

Y6 Leavers' Evening at Madeley School

Thursday 19th July End of term

We are now into the final term of the academic year, which means that the Y6 children will sit their SATS and of course enjoy their final weeks of primary school life. Their attitude towards the imminent challenges is absolutely first class! They have all been attending 2x weekly revision sessions and continuing their learning at home using their revision books. We are all so proud of them and know they will use each of the Secrets of Success, to do their very best.

This term we have welcomed three new children to our Meadows family, who join us from other schools in the area. They have already settled so well and their fellow classmates have been so friendly and supportive.

Class 3 Trip to the Kilnworx Climbing Centre

Using some of our Sports Premium funding, we have been able to fund trips for both classes 3 and 4. This week it was Class 3's turn. The children were very excited to push themselves out of their comfort zones (even if a few were apprehensive to begin with). Every child managed to improve the distance in which they travelled up the wall. They also enjoyed several activities that tested their listening skills. The purpose of such taster experiences is to give children an experience of an alternative sport and hopefully inspire them to try new things to keep physically active. We want our children to appreciate that there are so many sports and ways to physically challenge you. We all have different skills and we just need to find something that we like. (Mrs Edwards will post a blog shortly with lots of great photos)



School Photographs

The class photos look wonderful and we are looking forward to receiving our new whole school photograph which will be made up of the different shots. This will be displayed in our reception area. **The deadline for orders is this Monday 30th April.** We won't be able to process orders after this date.

AIP Catering Survey



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Our Catering provider would like some feedback from parents, so they can develop their service further. Please do spare a few minutes to complete this online survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/meadowspri>

Music Tuition

Mrs Gibson, who visits our school weekly to provide private woodwind lessons, will have places in September. She will be able to offer flute, recorder and fife lessons. Prices depend on the size of groups but would approximately be around £6.35 per lesson. If you would like more information please contact Mrs Cooper .



Over the last couple of weeks, we have welcomed two colleagues from the Trust. We have received a data monitoring visit and also a termly quality assurance visit. As assessment lead of the school, I talked at length about our assessment procedures and how we track both the attainment and progress of each and every pupil. We use both tests and their learning over time, to assess children.

Our feedback was most positive and in particular the additional support we are able to provide for pupils who fall off their line of good progress. The depth of our analysis and response is a real strength of the school.

The teachers and teaching assistants have received training this week to further develop our use of questioning techniques. Our focus was on probing children's thoughts further, through the use of Socratic style questions and also providing a longer response time. We shall be developing this into our practice over the coming weeks.

Funky Monkeys Before and After School Care

Yesterday the provision was inspected by Ofsted. Although a separate business to the school and provided by Roosters, the inspector highly praised the strong links between the school and the club. He spoke with many parents and we know that your comments were most complimentary. The report will not be available for a couple of weeks, so I can't say anymore

A reminder that the dedicated number for all enquiries is: 07950717559



French Residential

As we are now part of The Shaw Academy Trust we are developing strong links with Seabridge Primary School. They have run a residential to France for many years which has been very successful and also an opportunity for the children to converse in French. We have been invited to join their trip next March.

Being so small, we would not be able to provide this opportunity alone but are very excited about this potential opportunity. The trip would be for Y4 and Y5 pupils (2019) from the 25th to 29th March. The children would travel by coach and Ferry and stay here: <https://www.kingswood.co.uk/locations/chateau-de-chantereine/>. The cost will be £349 which includes insurance, all activities, food and travel. At the moment we just want to gauge interest as this is something we have not done before and I am unsure of the level of interest. Next week, I will send out an online form to the relevant year groups so I can collect your feedback. I will keep you informed as to the viability and next steps.

Pupil Absence

A reminder that you should notify the school each day that your child is absent and update us on their improving condition and likely date of return.

It is the time of year when I receive an increased number of requests for leave during term time. The DfE guidance very clearly states that I am unable to authorise holidays during term time. Please do not be offended by this refusal, I am complying with my legal obligations. You will be aware that the Local Authority is now far more proactive in issuing penalty notices. You can remind yourself of this information issued earlier in the year [here](#).

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.

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