



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School

Forthcoming dates

Please do check the website regularly

WB Monday 17th February	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 12th March	Science Trip Classes 3 and 4
Monday 23rd March	Pupil Progress Meetings for Parents
Thursday 2 nd April 3 rd April Staff INSET	End of Term Easter Holidays
Monday 20 th April	Start of New Term
Friday 8 th May	Bank Holiday School Closed
WB Monday 11 th May	Y6 SATS
WB Monday 25 th May	Half Term Holiday
WB Monday June 1 st	Class 4 Residential Standon Bowers
WB 8 th June	Phonics Screening Test Y1
Tuesday 14 th July	End of Year Celebration Awards Madeley Centre 1:30pm
Thursday 16 th July	Leavers' Evening Class 4 Madeley High School 6pm

I am delighted to once again be able to share with you some sporting success here at The Meadows. At the beginning of the week, our Netball team played in the Newcastle league which was held at Keele University. They have made such progress since their last event. They drew two matches and won another two, which is absolutely amazing. The tournament organisers took the time to come and personally speak to the team about their marked improvement. It is such an achievement for such a small school as ours with limited amount of time and space to practise. Our after-school clubs are fully inclusive, as we do not only invite those children selected to be on the team. The aim of our clubs is participation and enjoyment for all abilities.



We are currently researching funding opportunities to purchase more sports kits for our teams, which can be worn for competitive events. Whilst we did invest in one a few years ago, many items have become lost. If any parents or family friends have any links with companies who may be interested in providing sponsorship for a kit, please do let us know.

Leavers' Hoodies

Thank you for your support with these. The school is funding half of the cost with a request for parents to pay the other half. Please do return your order and payment promptly, so the order can be made. The sooner we can order them, the sooner the children can wear them. In response to the children's request, I have decided to allow the Y6 children to wear their hoodies instead of the usual school sweatshirt, as soon as they arrive! Where we do not receive an order, we will be unable to include your child's name in the design, without your consent.

Online Communications

This week we have been made aware of issues starting when children are interacting with each other online at home through Minecraft, Xbox live etc. Disagreements are happening during the games, which are then spilling over into school. This is fuelling fallings out and causing friendships issues. I ask that you monitor your child's online interactions carefully at home and ensure that kindness and understanding is shown to one another online, just as we expect face to face in school. Thank you for your support.

A Message from Our Ambassadors

On Monday we met with the Academy Councillors to discuss our school: what we like about it and if there was anything we could improve about it. We discussed what we liked about the school such as the sporting opportunities we get and how it is a safe environment. Then we talked about our lessons and how the teachers push us to be the best we can be and help us in our learning. After that, we spoke about our behaviour in the school and how we are always told when we go out to school trips how good our behaviour has been. We said about when people fall out (which is rare) we deal with it with our dojos, reflection sheets. Behaviour mentors help children to go through where they have made a mistake and how explore how we can put it right.

We really enjoyed talking to them and having the opportunity put our ideas forward. This is important because we are representing the pupils in our school.

Christi and Finlay
School Ambassadors

They displayed such maturity and articulated their views with confidence. Thank you, Christi and Finlay, for fulfilling your role with such enthusiasm.

Later in the term we have arranged for the Academy Councillors to meet with the Behaviour Mentors to discuss our Secrets of Success and restorative justice.

E Platform Reading Books

Unfortunately, we have had to make the decision to not renew our school subscription. Although it is a fantastic resource and added huge breadth to our KS2 reading resources, it is not being widely used. It is important that we spend our limited finances on resources which impact positively.

It has been lovely chatting to the children today and hearing about their excitement for their half term break plans. Our children certainly lead eventful lives and travel far!

We hope you all enjoy next week and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 24th February.



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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