



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School

Forthcoming dates

Please do check the website regularly

Thursday 12th March Science Trip
Classes 3 and 4

Monday 23rd March Pupil Progress Meetings for Parents

Thursday 2nd April End of Term
Easter Holidays

3rd April Staff INSET

Monday 20th April Start of New Term

Friday 8th May Bank Holiday
School Closed

WB Monday 11th May Y6 SATS

WB Monday 25th May Half Term Holiday

WB Monday June 1st Class 4 Residential
Standon Bowers

WB 8th June Phonics Screening Test Y1

Tuesday 14th July End of Year Celebration Awards
Madeley Centre
1:30pm

Thursday 16th July Leavers' Evening
Class 4 Madeley High School
6pm

We hope you all enjoyed the half term and had the opportunity for some leisure time with your family. It's been lovely to hear from the children about their exciting adventures over the holiday, both local and abroad. I think we all feel relieved to see the sunshine this morning – Spring is on its way at last hopefully.

Coronavirus Information

We have shared with you today, via ParentMail the Department for Education's guidance to schools. Should any of the advice change, we will keep you updated.

School Crossing Patrol



I am sure you will recall that over the last couple of years, there has been concerns regarding the sustainability of this service in Staffordshire.

Recently the Local Authority abandoned their plans to cut this service after a consultation period.

I share the concerns of some parents who have expressed their alarm as they observe families running across the road between Hillwood Road and the car park, rather than use the pedestrian gate and the school crossing, further up the road. During a survey of the road conditions, the Police advised us that typically there is only a 4 second gap in which to cross the road. My main concern here is the danger that some parents are putting themselves and their child in and how as adults we need to model safe actions. Additionally, if we don't use the service – we will lose it.

Staffing News

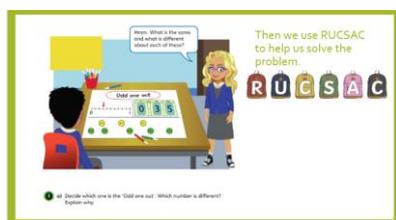
Mr Maydew will be leaving his lunchtime supervisor role shortly. I would like to thank him for braving the weather conditions over recent years and helping to make sure our lunchtimes run smoothly. Mr Magee, who is also now our new cleaner will be taking up this position.

World Book Day

A reminder that this Thursday we shall once again be celebrating the enjoyment that books bring to our lives. A reminder to refer to the letter sent out via ParentMail for the details. We are looking forward to sharing the children's decorated pebbles and being able to hide them in the local community.

This year we have chosen a very special book as a stimulus for cross curricular learning across the school. Beautiful artwork accompanies acrostic spells which interweave both literacy and the natural world. More details on Thursday

Maths Family Learning Workshops



It has been delightful to welcome so many family members into our workshops; the children have thoroughly enjoyed completing the activities with you and sharing their learning. A huge thank you to all who have been able to attend. During the sessions, all pupils and their family members have had the opportunity to sing songs, play games (showing great competitive spirit) and solve problems. It has been a wonderful opportunity share our school priority in Maths with parents, which is about using a clear strategy to solve problems.

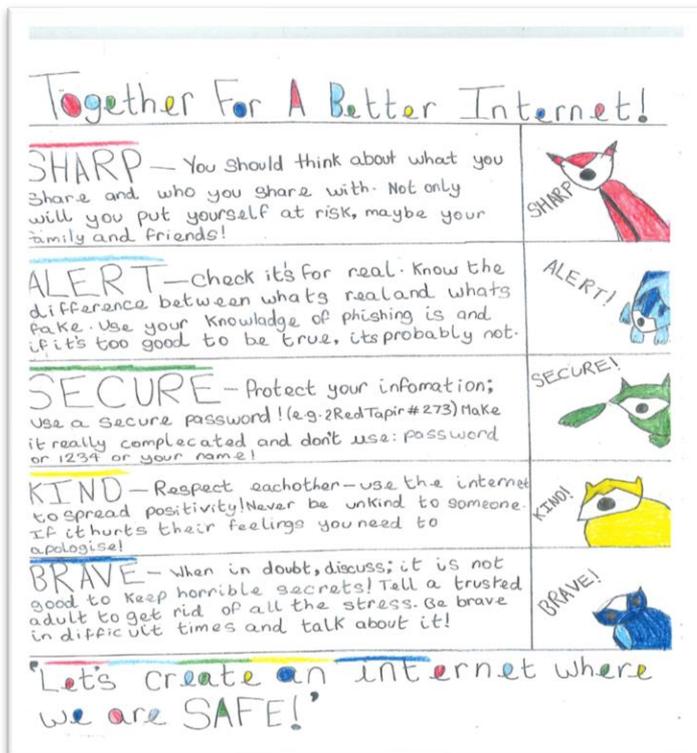
Parent and Pupil Surveys

The recent survey results have been summarised and are now available to view on our website. Thank you to those parents who contributed and showed such strong support to the school.

Early Reading

Over the last couple of weeks, I have enjoyed reading individually to many children who are developing their early reading skills. My focus was to measure the impact of our recent investments in new phonetically decodable books. I have thoroughly enjoyed listening to each and every child and it has reminded me of what a special time reading to children is. I have been so impressed with the amount of reading that is being done at home and how the children are able to apply their phonic knowledge. I would like to ask parents to encourage their child to say the word on sight, if they can, rather than blending the sounds together unnecessarily. This is why rereading is so worthwhile as it develops children's fluency and understanding. Thank you for supporting your child's reading- it really is making a difference.

Online Safety Competition



Recently Shaw Education Trust held a poster competition across all of their schools.

Congratulations to Annabelle in Y6 for winning the 7-11 age group across all the primary schools! We are delighted with not only her presentation, but also how she has used the stimulus of our Internet Legends to structure the important information.

The Trust will shortly be presenting her with a certificate and prize.

Sports Day

We are currently communicating with Leycett Cricket Club, so hope to be able to publish the date and reserved date shortly.



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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