



The Meadows
Primary School

Meadows Newsletter

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Forthcoming dates

Please do check the website regularly

Monday 28th May Half Term

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

Tuesday June 5th 9am Phonics Screening Meeting Y1 parents

Tuesday 12th June Reception to Y1 transition meeting Class 1 parents

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

Thursday 28th June Class 3 trip Mining Museum Matlock

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 have reached the end of a very important week in our school calendar. Our Y6 children have taken their SATS. They really are most challenging indeed, both in academic and emotional terms. The expectations have risen dramatically over recent years and I am sure you would be shocked to see children at this age being asked such challenging questions. However we are so impressed with the resilience and motivation shown by the children. Whilst observing the administration of the tests, I could see such determination on each child's face, right up until the last second. Well done children and thank you to you as parents for your support and encouragement.



We hope the Y6 children now enjoy all of their activities in their last few weeks with us. I have seen the scripts this week for the leavers' play and I know there is lots of excitement as they begin their rehearsals. This will be a lovely evening for all of Class 4 and their parents to enjoy. The date is Wednesday 18th July and will be held at the high school. More details regarding tickets to follow.



ParentMail

Communication

I would like to remind everyone that we do communicate electronically through ParentMail. We do send lots of communications now through online forms, which allows you to make an immediate response. I am aware that not all of these are even opened. We don't want you to miss out on information, so please do engage with our systems.

After School Clubs

You will be receiving a letter both electronically and in paper form, detailing clubs for next half term. As mentioned previously the Zumba and Rounders clubs were oversubscribed and therefore priority will be given to those children who missed out last time.

Rounders Evening

It was with regret that we had to cancel the planned evening, which was due to be held last night. We only received responses from 12 families, so obviously the evening just wasn't possible. If you have any other fundraising activities, which may be more appealing to our community, please do let us know either in person or to the school office.



French Trip

Thank you for your feedback. I am pleased to say that we do have lots of interest, so have decided to take things a little further. Mrs Mitchell who is the Executive Headteacher at Seabridge Primary school will be leading a meeting after half term, for those parents who wish to find out more. Date to be confirmed next week. A reminder that this is open to all those children who are currently in Class 3.

Uniform

At this time of year, I appreciate that children do outgrow their uniform and it can become rather worn if purchased back in September. However we do have high standards here at The Meadows and I am noticing quite a few jumpers with holes and fraying edges. We do ask that all our children are dressed smartly wearing the correct uniform. Please note that trainers are not permitted to be worn unless there is an emergency, such as a lost shoe or a hole appearing. In which case please do let us know the reason and the anticipated time until they can be replaced. Thank you for your compliance with this matter.



Before and After School Provision

The recent report has now been published and is available for you to read:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/CARE/EY316466>

Although run by an external provider, the report does acknowledge the effective partnership between the school and the setting.

"The manager maintains strong links with teachers at the host school. This helps to promote seamless care for children and continuity in their development."

"Children's behaviour is very good. Staff use the host school's behaviour management procedures to help manage and reward children's behaviour. This helps children to understand and follow consistent rules. "

On behalf of all the staff at the school, I would like to congratulate Mrs Fowler and her team for such a positive report. A reminder that for all enquiries please contact Mrs Fowler on : 07950717559



Holiday Clubs

The uptake has been rather slow, so it is also now being advertised in other local schools. Mr Skellern will be leading the club where there will be a wide variety of activities such as: Tennis, Hockey, Football, Rugby, Scoot Skills, Team games, Sumo Wrestling and a Disco to name just a few. We really do want to make this a success as it is a facility requested by many parents and has taken a great deal of organising and discussion with the high school. It would be such a shame if we had to cancel due to low uptake. We need a few more bookings to ensure this can still go ahead. Bookings should be made directly to ASM by either DM to their Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/asmsportsuk/> or via email: sam@asmsports.co.uk. Half day bookings are available for those parents who may wish for a few hours to themselves.

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 .



We are all enjoying the warm and sunny weather. You will notice that we have purchased a large canopy for the playground for the younger children and we have new ones ordered for the other playground. Please do ensure your child has a hat in school, a water bottle and sun cream applied before they come to school. The long acting one is best, so the children do not need to worry about reapplying.

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](#).

Our Figures for the year so far

Class	Attendance	Lateness
Class 1	98.06%	0.17%
Class 2	96.96%	0.41%
Class 3	97.83%	0.54%
Class 4	97.16%	0.63%

I am really delighted with the improved punctuality in Class 4. Well done children.

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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