



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School

Forthcoming dates

Please do check the website regularly

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November	Half Term
Friday 15th November	Class 4 trip to Quarry Mill Styal
Friday 15th November	Children In Need Fundraising (Non uniform)
Monday 18th November	Pupil Progress Meetings with Parents 1:30 – 6:30pm
Wednesday 11th December	Flu Immunisation All year groups
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Disco Leycett Cricket Club
Tuesday 17th December	Classes 1 and 2 Trip to Hawkstone Park Santa Safari
Wednesday 18th December	Classes 3 and 4 Trip to Crewe Lyceum Peter Pan
Wednesday 18th December	Nativity Performance The Madeley Centre 1:30pm Classes 1 and 2
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 20th December	End of Term
Tuesday 7th January	Start of New Term

With half term quickly approaching, we are reflecting in school on how children have settled into their new year groups and how they are progressing on their own, individual learning journeys. We can already see so much progress in their books and as always, our children are so articulate about their learning. Next week I am looking forward to spending a morning in each of the classes to find out even more.

Uniform Reminders

A reminder that we ask that socks are kept to the usual colours of: white, grey, black or green. We have noticed some very brightly coloured ones coming into school recently. You can find out more about our uniform requirements on the website:

<https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/school-uniform>

I have spoken to several parents recently about missing uniform items. As a parent I empathise with your frustration! I know I keep saying it, but we still have lots of items that come into school with no name identified in them. We really do try and reunite left items with their owners, but with no name in them, it is so difficult. Marker pen does wash off quite quickly, so it is worth investing in a more permanent label. I know that after PE or clubs, there is a particular issue with uniform being left. We do remind children to look and check they have everything, but we do often find bags left underneath tables. We will continue as always to try to develop children's ability to take responsibility for their own things.

Before and After School Club

A reminder that the school does not run this provision or employ the staff. It is managed by Roosters Nursery. Enquiries regarding availability should be directed to their direct mobile number: 07950717559. If Mrs Fowler is unable to answer the phone, do leave a message or text and she will get back to you shortly. Unfortunately, places are restricted due to the size of the room and staffing levels.

Website Updates

We have now uploaded lots of new candid photographs taken by Tempest. We did have quite a few we couldn't use because of image consent, but are hoping to use these in some new display boards for the corridor.

Class 1 Spotlight

It is hard to believe that we are approaching half term already! Our youngest children in our school family have already developed so much since those early days in September. They have adjusted to new routines and made new friendships. They have developed positive relationships with lots of new adults and I do enjoy visiting their class for such a lovely welcome and lots of smiles. It has been fabulous to review their learning this week in their books and see such progress already! You can read more about what they have been learning on their blog:

[https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/our-](https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/our-first-half-term-meadows-0)

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Christmas Card Competition

Although feeling tentative at mentioning Christmas already, I would like to remind you of the competition that is being held across our family of schools. I look forward to proudly showing off the creative and imaginative talents from The Meadows.

Mental Health



I am sure you are aware that there was considerable media coverage yesterday of this event. As a school we made a conscious decision not to celebrate this in school. We don't want this to be a tokenistic approach. Mental health and emotional wellbeing are very much high profile issues for the school, considering both staff and pupils. Our PSHE curriculum has been designed carefully. Through the explicit teaching of mental and emotional



CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION 2019



The Rules!

All entries must be original. Entries must be no bigger than A5 size. One entry only per applicant. All mediums that can be reproduced at scale are welcome.

We will select 5 winners across the following categories:

- ▲ Primary KS1
- ▲ Primary KS2
- ▲ Secondary KS3
- ▲ Secondary KS4
- ▲ Specialist provisions

Winners in each category will receive a £40 voucher

All winners will have their cards made professionally, printed and distributed across the Trust and beyond! Or digitalised as appropriate!
All entries should be submitted to Mrs Cooper by **Monday 4 November 2019** GOOD LUCK!

health, we promote pupils' wellbeing through an understanding of their own and others' emotions and the development of healthy coping strategies. It also contributes to safeguarding, providing pupils with knowledge, understanding and strategies to keep themselves healthy and safe, as well as equipping them to support others who are facing challenges.

If you are ever concerned about your child's mental health, you will find this page on our website very useful. It signposts lots of services available: <https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/supporting-your-childs-mental-health>
The School Nurse service is also available to support you.



Meadows Mindfulness Club

This is a new club and has already exceeded our expectations. The children are extremely engaged and are showing a mature understanding of emotions and feelings. We are in the process of making physical resources to promote mental wellbeing and mindfulness throughout the school. Each child has their own journal which they take ownership of and can continue with at home. Even the teachers are feeling chilled after the sessions.



Parental Communications

We pride ourselves here at The Meadows on being approachable and understanding of families' and children's varying needs or circumstances. However, staff will not enter into any form of dialogue when parents or carers show any form of aggression or intimidation. In our policy such behaviours are described as:

- shouting at members of the school staff, either in person or over the telephone;
- physically intimidating a member of staff, e.g. standing very close to her/him;
- the use of aggressive hand gestures;
- threatening behaviour;
- shaking or holding a fist towards another person;
- swearing;
- pushing;
- hitting, e.g. slapping, punching and kicking;
- spitting;
- breaching the school's security procedures.

Such behaviours are not acceptable and will not be tolerated. As headteacher, I do reserve the right to ban parents and visitors from the school premises. You can find the full policy on our website.

We are all here to help and always have the children's best interests at heart. Pupils benefit when the relationship between home and school is a positive one. Please do talk to us, not about us!

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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