



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School

Forthcoming dates

Please do check the website regularly

Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November	Half Term
Thursday 8th November	Flu Immunisations YR to Y5
Monday 12th November	Progress Meetings for parents and carers
Tuesday 13th November	Progress Meetings for parents and carers
Wednesday 14th November	Sponsored Dance Children In Need Fundraising event Parents invited from 3:20pm
Thursday 15th November	Whole School Trip to Chester Zoo
Friday 16th November	Children In Need Non-Uniform Day
Friday 7th December 9am	Class 1 Phonics/ Reading workshop for parents.
Monday 17th December	Classes 3 and 4 trip to Crewe Lyceum Dick Whittington
Friday 14th December	Christmas Disco Leycett Cricket Club
Wednesday 19th December	Nativity Performance The Madeley Centre 1:30pm Classes 1 and 2
Friday 21st December	End of Term

Half Term

We have already completed half a term in the new academic year and I can tell the children are ready for a break. They do work incredibly hard and rise to our high expectations. At this point in the year we can reflect upon how incredibly busy we have all been and how the children have settled into their new year groups. The Reception children who joined us in Class 1, have well and truly become part of the family and are well settled into their learning routines. It has been lovely to watch them grow in independence and allow us all to get to know their own unique personalities. They are already using their phonic skills to decode words and are so proud when they sound out their words in their writing. We hope you enjoy sharing their learning with them on a Friday and are as proud as we are of how far they have progressed already! We have also welcomed other children into our family in different classes and it always makes me so proud to see the whole community being so welcoming and supportive.



REMEMBRANCE DAY
Left We Forget

A reminder that this year the community will be gathering on our school playground on Sunday 11th from 10:45am. Thank you to those who have been able to donate an empty plastic bottle. We are using these to create our display at The Madeley Centre.

Children In Need

It is once again that time of year when we think about all those children who are facing difficult issues and how we can support all the charities who provide support. On Friday 16th November there will be an optional non uniform day, where Pudsey inspired clothing or children's own choice of clothing is encouraged. We are asking for a £1 donation.



We have in school been thinking how we can do something a little different this year and have decided to hold our very own special afternoon of dance on Wednesday 14th November. Miss Blake, our specialist dance teacher, will be teaching us all a variety of dances, both Latin and Ballroom. This will be a sponsored event with all money being directly passed onto the Children In Need Charity. I am sure we will all have a great time, push ourselves out of our comfort zones, try something new and raise money for such a worthwhile cause. The high school have been most accommodating in allowing us to use their facility, which means that we can invite parents and carers to join us from 3:20pm onwards, so we can demonstrate what we have been learning. A separate letter has been distributed to you with further details. It is most important that you take note of the variation to collection arrangements on that day.

Online Safety



I have been very encouraged to hear that our pupils in key stage 2 have been taking their learning beyond the classroom and enjoying this game at home. You can watch a short video which explains what it is and how to play it [here](#).

Interland is a fun and engaging online game that puts the key lessons of digital safety into hands-on practice with four challenging games. Players can explore Kind Kingdom, a place that teaches children how to avoid, report, and block cyberbullies, restoring kindness and respect to their online interactions. They can cross down Reality River, a water level laden with trivia about spotting phishing and scams. They can climb Mindful Mountain, a place that encourages smart and responsible social sharing. Lastly, they can visit the Tower of Treasure, which teaches how to create and remember strong passwords. Through each level of the game, children learn more of the critical skills needed to keep themselves safe and secure online.



There is a great YouTube video to share regarding children's screen time and use of their free time. This is presented by the popular vlogger SimplyLuke. It asks the children to reflect upon their Digital Five a Day. It reinforces that there are so



many creative and thoughtful uses of their screentime. We have shared this with class 4 and it certainly got them thinking. You can view it by clicking this link:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/2017/08/06/digital-5-a-day/>



Our Trust, the Shaw Education Trust are conducting surveys across all of their schools. The pupils are completing surveys in school, so are the staff and they have also designed a short survey for you. I know we conducted our own detailed survey in June, but this one is to provide feedback directly to the Trust. Pleased do take a few minutes to complete:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CM8DM67>

Y6 Parents

A reminder that the closing date for applications to secondary school is October 31st. The quickest and easiest way is to apply online. Parents will be notified of the outcome on March 1st 2019. Please see the Staffordshire website for more details: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/admissions/secondary/home.aspx>

Fundraising

We did have a very small response to our meeting; however I would like to thank the three parents who were able to join our meeting last week. We explained that this year we are hoping to raise funds to develop an outdoor reading area and also invest in science equipment that can be used by the children during investigations. The Christmas disco has now been organised for Friday 14th December at Leycett Cricket Club. Santa will be returning by popular demand. More details to follow.

Attendance and Punctuality

The term dates for the academic year 2019-2020 have now been agreed by the Academy Council. You can view them on [the website](#) and as always paper copies are available from the office. I urge you to take note of the dates before you book holidays in advance, as holidays during term time will not be authorised and are highly likely to incur a Penalty Notice issued by the LA.

As you are aware we have high expectations regarding attendance and punctuality and expect ALL of our children to have an attendance of at least 97%. This means that only 5 days can be missed across the year. This of course does allow for the odd day here and there to recover from genuine illness. Please do remember to let the school know via telephone or email if your child is going to absent from school every day they are absent. If by 10:00am we haven't heard from you, we will telephone you and we may even make a home visit if we have any concerns.

So far this term our attendance data is:

Class	Attendance	Punctuality
1	99.46%	100%
2	97.00%	99.93%
3	95.76%	99.94%
4	97.20%	99.76%

Well done to Class 1 who for most weeks has had 100%. What a great start to The Meadows.

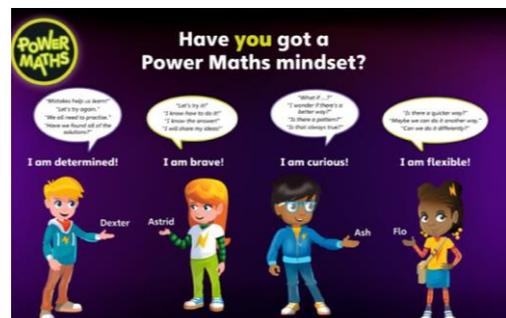


Family Learning

We are so excited by our new approach to Maths. We have shared glimpses on our Twitter page and on our blog pages, however we would really like to share some more information with you and provide you with the opportunity to have a go yourself alongside your child. This will enable you to see how all year groups now use physical resources to deepen their understanding and how the various strategies are now taught.

We are therefore holding family workshops where we are opening our classrooms to you on different occasions. Please note that due to space limitations, we can only accommodate one parent per child. The times and dates are:

Class 1	Wednesday 14 th November 9:00am
Class 2	Tuesday 20 th November 9:00am
Class 3	Thursday 6 th December 2:15 pm
Class 4	Thursday 22 nd November 9:00am





ASMA Sports

HALLOWEEN SPORTS CLUBS
OCT 29-NOV 2

Come and join the area's longest established Sports Club (est 2007). Our fun packed courses are open to boys and girls between 4-12 years old. They give children the chance to take part in lots of sports and activities, develop friendships and have plenty of fun.

To book or for more information!
01782 366 332
or email: asm@sports.co.uk

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NEWCASTLE RD (M6 8D)

20 SPORTS
Archery • Basketball • Cricket
Dance • Football • Golf • Tennis
Plus many more...

In addition to our regular programme we are also offering variety of special events, competitions and Halloween themed games. We're going to be highly busy!

10% OFF
Available to all Half Week bookings that are paid before October 26th.

DBS Checked
Fully Insured
Safeguarded
First Aid

Water Cannon
Secret Skills
Inflatables
Zorb Football
Laser Tag

Early Rise	Half Day*	Full Day	Late Leave
£3.00	£8.50	£15.00	£3.00

* After 4.30pm on Oct 29th & 11.00 on Oct 30th

Half Term Holiday Club

Bookings are quite low for next week, so we hope that our community will support the provision and ensure that it can be a regular event. We know that the children all enjoyed themselves during the summer and a wide range of activities were provided. The photographs looked so much fun. I asked our Ambassadors and Sports Mentor to gather some pupil voice today regarding their experiences of the club. Here are some of the children's quotes:

"I liked how you could sometimes choose what to do and that Mr Skellern was there. It wasn't just sport activities, it is fun for everyone."

"Bubble football was my favourite day, it was hilarious."

"I liked the competitions and the certificates that we were awarded."

"I enjoyed the bouncy castle and the scoot skills."

I know the children are very excited by the Halloween laser tag activity that is planned. I hope it is a great success once again.

Finally I would like to thank you all for your continued support and helping to make The Meadows such a warm, thriving and successful school family. I wish you all a lovely half term break with your families. We look forward to welcoming everyone on Monday 5th November.



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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