Meadows Newsletter

The Meadows Primary School

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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

Today we break up for the half term holiday. Lots of children have been telling me all about their plans, both near and far away. I am hopeful that the rain will clear, so we can enjoy some time outdoors. A reminder of our Christmas Card competition which could win your child a £40 gift voucher. An ideal activity perhaps for those rainy days.

All entries must be received by Monday 4th November. It is important that the children do most of the work themselves, rather than with great assistance from the adults at home.

Uniform Reminders

It is important that the children wear their correct uniform each day to school. Please ensure that you have sufficient items to allow for those emergency washes!

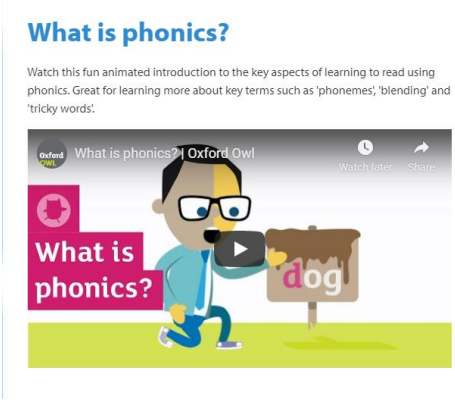
Home Reading Books

Miss Parry and I have been auditing our collection of books which are used for home reading. We concluded that we need to refresh the collection to align books to the phonics approach. Using phonics is our prime approach to early reading and it is best practice to ensure that books are fully decodable using the children's phonic knowledge. Therefore, we shall be saying goodbye to some of the traditional favourites which we have all come to love over many years. So, whilst it will be time to bid farewell to Floppy and his family, we will be shortly taking delivery of lots of new and engaging books for our early readers. In total we have spent £1000 on the new collections. We will be providing further information shortly on how these books can be used at home to reinforce the phonic skills that the children are learning in school.

I would like to stress how it is important that books are treated with respect at home, so that children over many years can enjoy them too. It is upsetting when we see books that have been ripped, drawn in or smell strongly of smoke. Where books are lost or damaged, we will ask for a £5 replacement fee.

A reminder that our Bug Club e-books are of the highest quality and are in complete alignment with phonics. The children absolutely love using them in school, so please do encourage the use of these at home. It is important that children develop the habit of using screen time for learning as well as for leisure.

Please let us know if you need the log in details resetting.



This is a useful video for parents wishing to find out more about how Phonics teaches your child to read and write.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=42jb6PopZCI

Attendance and Punctuality

	Attendance	Punctuality
Class 1	98.06%	6 late marks
Class 2	97.88%	7 late marks
Class 3	97.35%	8 late marks
Class 4	98.46%	3 late marks

Well done to each class who have all reached the school target of 97%.

Term dates for this academic year and next year are available both on our website and in the school office. Please do look at these before making future holiday bookings. Term time holidays will not be authorised. This is in accordance with the Department for Education's legislation. Unauthorised absences are referred to the LA who may decide to issue a fine.

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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