



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School

Forthcoming dates

Please do check the website regularly

Wednesday 19th September Individual and Siblings Photographs

Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November Half Term

Thursday 15th November Whole School Trip to Chester Zoo

Monday 17th December Classes 3 and 4 trip to Crewe Lyceum Dick Whittington

Wednesday 19th December Nativity Performance The Madeley Centre 1:30pm Classes 1 and 2

Friday 21st December End of Term

A New School Year

We are already settled into the autumn term and the long summer holiday seems a distant memory. I am very proud of our younger children who are new to our school. They have all pushed themselves out of their comfort zones and are settling in well. They are already well adjusted to our routines and are delighting us with their smiles and enthusiasm. I must say a particular thank you to some of our older pupils in Class 4 who have proved themselves as tremendous buddies. I can see one or two potential teachers amongst them!

At this time of year it is always lovely to see all of the children so smart and taking pride in their uniform. The bright yellow polo shirts certainly do shine out in assembly. I know from personal experience how expensive uniform is and how frustrating it is when items are lost. This week I have found lots of jumpers and cardigans left around the school and have managed to reunite them with their owners thanks to clear labelling. Marker pen does however quickly wash off so please do invest in a more permanent way of marking clothes. We introduced "meet the teacher" meetings this year in the first week of term which were very well attended. It was an ideal opportunity to share expectations, routines and how we can work in partnership with you. We do welcome dialogue with our parental community throughout the year. Should at any time you have a question or a concern, please do share these with us. You can either pop in to see the class teacher before school in the morning (before 8:45 am) or after school. Alternatively you can email the school office and this will be brought to the class teacher's attention promptly.

Contact Details

Please do let us know if your email or mobile details have changed. It is a safeguarding requirement for the school to have a minimum of two contact numbers, **both of which must accept calls during school hours.**



Remember that the school is committed to being paper light, which means most of our letters will be sent home electronically. In order to be informed you will need to engage in ParentMail. The app is very easy to download on all phones.

A Reminder About Passports

Many of you will know that in the past I have been only too happy to countersign passport applications. However I have been informed that teachers and headteachers are now only eligible if they know the child/family personally, rather than just through professional circumstances. This clearly makes the school staff unable to assist with your applications.

Holiday Dates

Term dates for this academic 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.



News From The Shaw Education Trust

We recognise the need for early year's provision in the area and this is something we've always wanted to offer at The Meadows. As a result we are working with SET on the viability of offering Nursery and wrap around care provision, potentially in another setting within our locality. We will be conducting a survey shortly with yourselves and the local community to assess the need of this kind of provision. So please look out for any communication or events regarding this and please do your best to respond.

Communication



Our Twitter account went live during the summer holidays and it has been great to see many of our parents engage in this additional form of communication. You should have received an email in the holidays detailing our policy which makes the purpose of the account very clear. It can also be viewed on our [website](#). We are using Twitter to provide timely reminders of events in school and also to capture those special moments in our school that happen on a daily basis. Please do take a look: @primary_meadows



Sports Celebration

The School Games Mark awards schools and other educational establishments for their commitment to and development of competition, school sport, physical education and physical activity. It stipulates criteria to help all institutions assess themselves across bronze, silver and gold levels of the award.

In order to achieve a School Games Make award, schools must show that they provide pupils with a broad and balanced curriculum which actively encourages pupils to engage with physical activity through lessons, extra-curricular activities and sporting competitions. In 2017-18 The Meadows ran 11 after school sports clubs and participated in 7 competitions with other schools.

We are so proud of the commitment shown by all staff members and pupils in promoting physical activity and competitions within school. What a remarkable achievement for such a small school with only a handful of teachers and no mini bus! We narrowly missed out on a Silver award since we were unable to provide a B team at some competitions. This is something we will work on this year as we continue to be committed to providing our pupils with the very best of learning opportunities. We are aiming for Gold this year!

PE Kits

A reminder of PE days this year:

Wednesday	Classes 2 and 4	Madeley School
Thursday	Classes 2 and 4	School
	Class 3 (Autumn term only) Commences 27.9.18	Swimming Chesterton Community Sports College
Friday	Classes 1 and 3	School

Please do ensure your child's kit is in school. Children who forget kits are required to complete work in a different class and a letter is sent home.

Science Crest Award

On Wednesday a group of children who attended Science club last year, were awarded a prestigious Crest Award in honour of their Science research and studies. This was part of a celebration of Science across our Multi Academy Trust. It was held at Wolstanton High School and the children were presented their awards by a representative from both STEM and Keele University. The children enjoyed greatly a science demonstration and were impressed by the rocket launch. I was so proud of each one of them and their confidence in accepting their certificate in such an unfamiliar environment. Many of our Science Superstars are pictured below.



A Message From The School Ambassadors

Today in assembly the Ambassadors: Gracie and Sky presented their own certificates to a child from each year group. This is a very important responsibility as it requires communication with each of the class teachers during the week and careful observation around school. It is very much their decision and a duty which they have shown to take very seriously. "We like being Ambassadors because we are able to help Mrs Procter a lot and can be a role model to the younger children. We enjoy making our own certificates and helping to prepare events. We think awarding these certificates gives people something to keep forever and is a special memory of their time at The Meadows." Gracie and Sky.

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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