



The Meadows
Primary School

Meadows Newsletter

Issue 2

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Forthcoming dates

Please do check the website regularly

Friday 4th October Y6 SATS Information meeting for parents 3pm

Friday 15th October Class 4 trip to Quarry Mill Styal
Revised Date

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November Half Term

Monday 18th November Pupil Progress Meetings with Parents 1:30 – 6:30pm
Revised Date

Wednesday 11th December Flu Immunisation All year groups

Thursday 12th December Christmas Disco
Leycect 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

Class 3 History Trip



Last week, Class 3 went on a very immersive Viking experience at Tatton Park. We were extremely lucky to secure a slot here because it has become a very popular place to visit for educational purposes. We were also very lucky with the weather! The children had the opportunity to experience a typical Viking longhouse and meet Harold Bloodaxe! In the afternoon, warrior training began. It was quite gruelling as Harold did not give much mercy! The children learned two

shielding techniques: The Turtle and Shield Wall. There was a bit of a competition between the boys and girls. Shield Maidens came out on top! It was a fantastic experience and the children's behaviour was exemplary. The children certainly found such a hands on experience, a meaningful way to develop their characteristics as historians.

You can read more about their trip and see more photographs on the blog pages:

<https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/class-3-tatton-park-history-trip>



Science Crest Awards

We are so proud of our Scientists who attended Science Club last year and have gained their awards. They attended an awards ceremony at Wolstanton High School, where they met the Science Director for The Shaw Education Trust and once again witnessed an inspiring demonstration by Scott Walker from Keele University. The children came back full of excitement about liquid nitrogen! Thanks to Mrs Farrand for running the extra curricular club last year and also to all the families who were able to join us and congratulate the children.



Remember to update your child's image consent details, if you want to see them on our website, Twitter account or newsletters.

Foodbank Collection

We have received a lovely letter thanking us for your Harvest donations. We collected enough food to support 150 families, which is tremendous. Thank you for your generosity. We feel it is so important that children understand how they can help their own community. Families who are in receipt of free school meals are entitled to use the foodbanks during school holidays. Please contact the office in confidence for more information.

Holiday Dates

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.

Please note that if parents inform the school that their child is off school due to illness, but the school has good reason to believe this is incorrect and the child is off due to holiday, the school will make further enquires. It is at the headteacher's discretion that absences for illness are authorised. Being dishonest really does put the child in a very difficult position when they return to school and tell us a completely different story.

Uniform Reminders

A reminder that shorts displaying football team badges are not appropriate for PE lessons or after school clubs. Children require a dark green t-shirt to wear for PE, rather than wearing their yellow polo shirt. We also ask that tracksuit bottoms are dark in colour and not patterned. You can find more information about our uniform expectations on our website:

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

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 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.

Online Safety

Some of our children who are so aware of their digital resilience, shared a new resource with us this week. The BBC have launched their own digital wellbeing app called "Own It". Is it specifically aimed at children. It monitors how young people interact with friends and family online and through messaging apps. The app is designed to offer help and support, especially if children are about to share sensitive data or send an upsetting message.



Website Updates

We shall very shortly be uploading lots of new images to the website that have been taken by Tempest Photography as candid shots. In the meantime, I wanted to make you aware of several updates that you will find informative. We have reviewed our curriculum over recent months to ensure that learning is sequential, and children vertically accumulate knowledge as they progress through the school. We have developed **three curriculum drivers** that shape our curriculum, bring about the aims and values of our school, and to respond to the particular needs of our community. Our drivers are designed to ensure that our children are personally successful, independent thinkers ready for their journey of lifelong learning. Life is not a straight line; therefore we want our pupils to be prepared to overcome their challenges and embrace new opportunities.

You can find all the information within our new Curriculum section on the website: <https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/curriculum-0>



Safeguarding

Below is an extract from our reviewed policy:

The child's welfare is of paramount importance, we are a child centred school.

We all have a statutory duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and to maintain a professional attitude of it could happen here where safeguarding is concerned. Our school is committed to safeguarding children and promoting children's welfare and expects all staff, governors, volunteers and visitors to share this commitment and maintain a vigilant and safe environment.

Everyone has a responsibility to act without delay to protect children by reporting anything that might suggest a child is being abused or neglected. It is our willingness to work safely and challenge inappropriate behaviours that underpins this commitment.

The school seeks to work in partnership with families and other agencies to improve the outcomes for children who are vulnerable or in need. 'Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is everyone's responsibility. Everyone who comes into contact with children and their families and carers has a role to play. In order to fulfil this responsibility effectively, all professionals should make sure their approach is child-centred. This means that they should consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of the child.'

(Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019)

You can read the full policy on our website.

School Ambassadors

As School Ambassadors, one of our roles is to set a good example of excellent behaviour to all pupils in our school and to represent them and their ideas, so that we can improve.

We have been sharing in learning throughout the school to find evidence of children using their 'Secrets of Success'. We have been looking for children who: try new things, understand others, improve, imagine, work hard, concentrate, don't give up, push themselves and compete. We have watched children participating in their lessons and have spoken to the them about their learning and how they are doing in class. You can read our full report on our blog page:

<https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/secrets-success-ambassadors>

Christi and Michelle

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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