



The Meadows
Primary School

Meadows Newsletter

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Forthcoming dates

Mon 4 th April	Class 3 Parents' Consultation
Tues 5 th April	Rev Tim's Easter Assembly for the pupils
Thurs 7 th April	Class 3's Trip to Apedale Mine
Fri 8 th April	End of term
Mon 25 th April	INSET
Tue 26 th April	Start of the Summer term
Mon 9 th May – Thurs 12 th May	Y6 SATs
Tue 17 th May	School Photos (Groups)
Mon 6 th June	Cl4 Standon Bowers
Wed 13 th July	Cl4's End of Year Performance

The past few weeks seem to have certainly flown by at The Meadows. The children have been busily completing their end of term assessments, in order for us to measure the progress they have made this term. Later next week, you will receive your child's end of term report, indicating their attainment and progress in Maths, Reading and Writing, as well as their overall percentage of positive behaviour accrued this term. We look forward to celebrating their success with you.

The report will also indicate their attendance and punctuality for the term. Every minute does matter at The Meadows and is used to help our children thrive, both personally and academically. Whilst we know that attendance has been impacted nationally as a result of the pandemic over the past few years, now that restrictions have been lifted and guidance has changed again, we do expect that attendance will continue to improve. We want to all work together to ensure the very best outcomes for our pupils and in order to do so, positive attendance vital. Just a reminder that our school target is 97% attendance.



Fond Farewell

It is with sadness that I must inform you that Mrs Silvester has resigned from her post of teaching assistant. She has been a valuable member of our school community for many years, helping so many pupils develop both personally and academically. We wish her every success in her future endeavours.

Interviews will be held for the new teaching assistant vacancy on Wednesday 6th April.

Covid-19 Guidance Update

I would like to bring to your attention the latest government guidance regarding Covid-19. From today (Friday 1st April), the



following advice is given:

- Free universal testing ends.
- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. **They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature**, and they are well enough to attend.
- Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. **For children and young people aged 18 and under who have tested positive, the advice will be 3 days.**



Changes in Reading at The Meadows

At The Meadows, we are dedicated to ensuring our pupils receive the very best possible education. Since December, we have tweaked our approach to Reading across the school, as shared in previous newsletters. As Miss Parry, our English Lead, states:

This term our SIP focus has moved from SPAG towards introducing and embedding a new whole-class guided reading approach. Due to this, there is clear evidence of discrete teaching time of the individual reading skills (our Canine Companions) across all year groups. Fluency has been a focus for all children.

It has been wonderful to witness the positive impact our changes have made on our pupils as readers. In lessons, they have demonstrated improved fluency and confidence when

reading aloud using expression. Their oral and written responses also indicate super progress, particularly in their depth of answers in each reading skill. Miss Parry enjoyed visiting our relatively new EYFS provision this week to read with our pupils and explore how successful they are being in their learning. It was such a positive visit, and she was incredibly proud of the youngest members of our Meadows family.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

All clubs will still be run next week, our last week of term. You will receive a new club form next week too, in order to sign up for clubs that will commence on the second week of the Summer term.

Collaboration with Madeley School

One of the many benefits of being a part of the Shaw Education Trust family of schools is that we get to work in collaboration with Madeley School in so many different ways. This has had such a positive impact on our school community. From shared staff CPD, and using Madeley's Sports Barn for indoor PE (something we will be recommencing again soon), to basing our EYFS provision on their site, we really value the strong relationship we have. One example of this was seen this week, when the youngest members of our school went to visit the High School to attend an animal workshop with some of Madeley's students. The children had so much fun learning about different animals, as well as meeting them in person. They were so incredibly brave!



A huge thank you to the fabulous Ms Boustead from Madeley, who is also on our Academy Council, for organising the visit, as well as the older pupils for being such excellent support for our pupils.

We continue to look for ways to collaborate in order to benefit our schools; being innovative is one of our trust values after all. Today we welcomed Y10 photography students to our EYFS provision. They used their fantastic skills to help us take candid photos for our new Nursery brochure. Again, many thanks to Miss Stockdale, one of the wonderful art teachers at Madeley for facilitating this visit and for her support for our school.

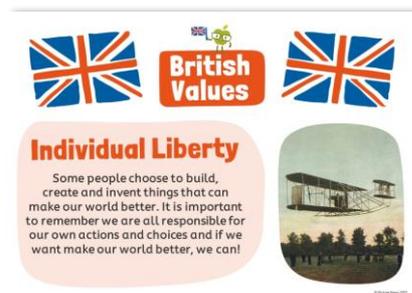


Easter Raffle

Next week we will be selling raffle tickets for our Easter Egg raffle. Staff have again been very generous and donated these for us to raffle. Tickets will be sold before school on the playground at £1 per strip. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday afternoon.

Promoting British Values

To help our children develop as global citizens, each week we have an assembly which explores events in the news and promotes British Values. Next week, we have focusing on 'Individual Liberty', exploring the question: **Do all inventions have a positive impact on the world?**



In order to explore this question, we will be discussing how a £16 billion proposal to build a solar power station in space is being explored by the government, the Minister for science, research, and innovation, George Freeman, has said.

Please take the opportunity to discuss this at home with your child, and feel free to share any interesting conversations that you have with your children via our class email address. We would love to hear from you!

Parent Governor Vacancy

As you may be aware, there is currently a vacancy for a parent Academy Councillor on the school governing body and I am writing to encourage you to put your name forward. Becoming a Parent AC offers you the opportunity to make a real contribution to the life and work of our school. The governing body plays a key role in the leadership of the academy and work together with the Headteacher, the Shaw Education Trust, staff and other governors to ensure that our school provides a challenging and supportive environment for its pupils.



Whilst the role does invariably require commitment, it is not as extensive as it sounds. We ask that you prepare for and make an active contribution at two or three meetings a term

(approximately 1-2 hours each), make yourself familiar with the school and our policies and champion our school in the local community.

If you are interested and feel like you would like to contribute to our school community in this way, or you would like to find out more, then please get in touch. We look forward to hearing from you.

A few of our recent Twitter highlights:



If you are not yet a follower of our Twitter account, I urge you to do so. It is a great way of keeping informed and seeing snapshots of learning and activities in school. Our two accounts are:

@primary_meadows
@TheMeadows_EYFS

Please help us to promote our wonderful school in our local community too by: following our accounts, liking our posts and sharing them further afield.

Have a lovely weekend.
All the best,

Mrs Kuffour

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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