



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School

Forthcoming dates

Fri 20 th May	All extra-curricular clubs end
Thurs 26 th May	Jubilee Tea Party
Fri 27 th May	INSET
Mon 30 th May-3 rd June	Half Term
Mon 6 th June	Cl4 Standon Bowers
Week beginning Monday 6 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening
7 th June	EYFS trip to Amerton Farm
Week beginning Mon 13 th June	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
Thurs 23 rd June	Class 3 Music Concert at The Victoria Hall, Hanley
Wed 29 th June	Sports Day
Mon 4 th /Tue 5 th July	Y6 Transition Days at Madeley School
Wed 6 th July	Sports Day Reserve
Wed 13 th July	Cl4's End of Year Performance



Life at the Meadows is always busy. During the last two weeks, our pupils have been immersed in such a range of super learning. From cooking their own delicious three course meals in Class 4, completing fantastic observation sketches in Class 3, to coding on Scratch in Class 2 and making a messy Gruffalo crumble in the EYFS, our children continue to demonstrate such enthusiasm for, and dedication towards, their learning.

The last two weeks has also seen pupils in Year 2 and Year 6 completing their SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests). We are so incredibly proud of the way they have approached these assessments. They have worked so hard, come in early for revision sessions, demonstrated great concentration skills as well as shown such resilience. Well done! You have faced such a challenging and uncertain time over the past two years, as a result of the pandemic. We are phenomenally proud of you.

Other statutory assessments that will be occurring soon are:

- **Y1 Phonics Screening** – week beginning Monday 6th June
- **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check** - week beginning Monday 13th June.

Arrangements for Next Week

As we have only one week left before half term, with some special arrangements in place, I want to take the opportunity to remind you of a few important details. Firstly, throughout next week, as a school, we will be reflecting on and celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

In addition, as you have been informed via Parentmail, we have unique arrangements on **Wednesday 25th May**. A polite reminder that we will not be providing hot meals on this day. Pupils can order packed lunches from our caterers, including those pupils who are in receipt of free school meals. Orders must be placed the day before, on **Tuesday 24th May**. In addition, please can your child come to school **wearing their PE kit**.

On **Thursday 26th May**, we will be holding our 'Jubilee Street Party'. We have invited the children to dress up for this event in a style from the 1950s – the decade of the Queen's Coronation. If children would prefer to dress in nice party clothes (no football kits) then this is also an option. Parents have been invited to join our Street Party during designated timeslots. A form has been sent out.

Alongside this event, we are running the competition, 'A Pudding Fit For A Queen'. The children will be able to enter by creating a dessert of their choosing at home and bringing it to the party on Thursday 26th May. As these will be tasted in school, please remind the children of basic hygiene rules. A member of the Academy Council will be judging this event and there will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize.

ASM Half Term Club

ASM will once again be running their very popular half term club at Madeley School. This is for children aged 4-12. Please contact them on info@asmports.co.uk for more information. Prices have been sent out on Parentmail.

Pricing
Our pricing considers the introduction of additional safety procedures in order to ensure that we can provide a secure environment.

First Half 09:00 - 12:15 £12.50	Full Day 09:00 - 15:30 £20.00	Second Half 15:15 - 18:30 £12.50
Kick Off 08:00 - 09:00 £4.00	Extra Time 15:30 - 17:00 £4.50	

10% Sibling discount
*4 year olds eligible for half days only

School Survey

As a school, we recognise the importance of hearing the voice of the whole community so that we can continue to ensure that we provide the highest quality of education for our pupils. We regularly ask the pupils for their thoughts on our school and their experiences of learning, because they are the centre of every decision we make. We are committed to ensuring that we do all that we can to help them fulfil their potential and be both personally and academically successful. The pupils will be completing a survey for the trust in school over the next month, to give their view. We welcome you to do the same by completing the short survey, clicking here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XRVJ27M>

Reading Workshop for Nursery Pupils

Yesterday, Miss Parry (English lead) and Miss Crooks welcomed parents from the Nursery to come in and see our school approach to Reading. They discussed the importance of pre-reading skills within phase one of phonics, strategies that can be used at home for day-to-day life (for example listening out for sounds that they can hear) as well as introducing the new Rocket Phonics scheme for Nursery. It was lovely to have family members in our setting sharing reading with the children. Thank you to those who were able to attend. If you were unable to join the session, information is being distributed by Miss Crooks. Please get in touch if you would like any further support – we are always here to help.



Class 3 Music Concert

We are delighted that pupils in Class 3 have the opportunity to participate in a Whole Class Ensemble Teaching (WCET) Concert at Victoria Hall, Hanley on Thursday 23rd June 2022. This is going to be a wonderful opportunity for them to be able to perform as part of an ensemble with children from across the county. It will also be a brilliant chance for them to experience performing in a popular local concert hall, applying the skills and knowledge they have acquired whilst learning the ukulele in Class 3.

The children will be taken by coach, leaving school at 8.55am and will be back at school 12.30pm, ready for their usual school lunch. Parents are cordially invited to come and watch the concert, which starts at 10.45am. Ticket prices are £5 for adults. Free tickets can be ordered for younger children. Please complete the form on Parentmail to book your ticket.

Sports Day

Traditionally, our annual Sports Day is always an event that the school community look forward to. It is a great opportunity for our pupils to be able to demonstrate their athletic ability, applying the skills they have developed in their PE lessons, in a range of sporting activities. It is a day where all pupils participate in every event, helping to develop a healthy sense of competitive spirit.



Over the past two years, we have tried to do our best to ensure that our pupils continue to have this opportunity to compete, whilst always adhering to the restrictions placed upon us by the government as a result of the pandemic. We have held virtual competitions (with medals for the top three positions in each year group) and last year we held individual class sports days.

This year, we have been reflecting on how we should hold the event considering the removal of all restrictions. Whilst we have set the date on Wednesday 29th June (with a reserve date of Wednesday 6th July), we would like your views on whether to hold one big event, with all pupils competing, as we have done in the past, or two separate events – a EYFS and Key Stage 1 event in the morning and a Key Stage 2 event in the afternoon. We recognise there are pros and cons about both ideas. Whilst it is wonderful to celebrate the occasion all together, and helps to develop a sense of school community, we recognise that it can sometimes be difficult to see all of the pupils participate in every event because they occur at the same time. This issue would be solved by running

two events. However, we also recognise that if you have children in different key stages, holding two events may cause added complications for parents who work.

As a result, we will be sending out a short form next week for you to express your preference before we make a decision.

A few of our recent Twitter highlights:



Please help us to raise the school's profile in the local community by **liking** and **retweeting** our posts.

Our two accounts are:

- @primary_meadows
- @TheMeadows_EYFS

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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