



The Meadows
Primary School

Meadows Newsletter

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Forthcoming dates

24/7/23	Last day of term
morning	Class Parties
2-3pm	Celebrations Assembly at The Madeley Centre
25/7/23	INSET
4-5 th September	INSET
6/9/23	First day of school

Dear parents/carers,

I can hardly believe that we have reached the end of the academic year! Whilst I know that the children (and staff) are certainly in need of a good rest, it does not seem real that the summer holidays have arrived. The weather certainly isn't reminding me of summer! Despite this, what a successful year it has been for the life of our school, with some much fantastic learning that has occurred and so many special memories made.



This time of year is always one that brings reflection. It is a time where we think about the changes that have occurred. We have welcomed so many new faces into our school

family, who have made such a positive contribution to their classes and to our community. We have seen changes in staffing, where we have said a fond farewell to Ms Bebbington, excited for her new adventure, and been thrilled to welcome our wonderful new staff Miss Sutcliffe in CI3, Mrs Tideswell in Nursery and Mrs Sheehan our lunchtime supervisor. I have embraced my new role of headteacher and am incredibly proud of the achievements of our school community and the way it has adapted to change. Thank you for your support and encouragement – it has been much appreciated.

We have also refined our curriculum to ensure that all children are provided with an ambitious and inclusive curriculum that will enable them to thrive and retain what they have learnt. The children have loved their first year learning our new language Spanish and it is wonderful to see pupils across the school, including our younger children in CI2, relishing greeting each other and staff in Spanish. Their rapid progress has been remarkable! In addition, we have embedded our new approach to whole class reading across the school, the impact of which has been phenomenal on pupil progress and attainment. We have successfully implemented a new humanities curriculum, 'Opening Worlds' to further enhance teaching and learning in History, Geography and RE and promote reading skills and vocabulary across the curriculum. The quality of work the children have produced is fantastic and their enthusiasm for learning is strong.

This is also a time to celebrate all of the wonderful achievements of our school community throughout the academic year. We are so proud of the way our children have approach their end of year statutory assessments with confidence and enthusiasm and their personal achievements have been fantastic! The recent end of year reports sent out should hopefully have given you a good understanding of your child's attitude towards their learning and the progress they have made. A huge thank you to all the staff who have put many hours over the past few months to create such personalised reports and celebrate the wonderful children we have in our school.

Another achievement we have recently celebrated is achieving a School Games Gold award too, for the way we actively promote sports throughout the school. Mr Skellern has worked hard to instil in the children a healthy sense of competitive spirit and we are very lucky to have him teach our PE each week. He is looking forward to seeing many of our children who attend the ASM summer sports clubs too at Madeley School. It has also been amazing to have so many of our past pupils come back to support our sporting events such as helping to run our Sports day, or PE after school clubs, or through work experience. This is a testimony to the family ethos of the school, that even when our children leave us for their next phase of learning, they will continue to be valued members of our school family.



I am so looking forward to seeing our school family gather, once again, for our end of year Celebrations Assembly, where we will celebrate individual and collective successes. This will be a wonderful opportunity for us to mark the end of the year in style. We hope that you will be able to join us on Monday at 2pm at The Madeley Centre. 😊



As we reach the end of another busy year, I would like to take this opportunity to say a thank you. Thank you to our wonderful pupils for working incredibly hard all year and being an absolute pleasure to teacher. We are so proud of all your achievements.

Thank you to our parents for all you do to support your child/ren to be successful: by promoting positive attendance, by helping children to be organised for the events of each day, for supporting your child with their home learning and for supporting our small school with community events or fundraisers so that we can ensure our children are given the best.



Thank you to all that have volunteered during the year to support our children: to parent/family members that come in regularly to read with our children, for parent helpers who help guide children on trips, for individuals who use their time and talents to serve our community for example by serving on our Academy Council. It is greatly appreciated.

And finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to our dedicated and caring staff that go above and beyond each day to make sure that our children thrive. We are such a small team, with so many roles to juggle, but the staff always do so with such passion, enthusiasm and good humour. Their commitment to our children, our school and our community is second to none.

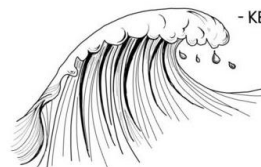


Lastly, I would like to say farewell to our fantastic Year 6 pupils, who are leaving us to transition to high school. You have been a joy to teach. You have been incredibly hard working, and this is demonstrated by your fantastic achievement and progress. We know that you are more than ready for the excitement and challenge that high school brings. We will miss you greatly but hope that you will go to high school and continue to reflect our school motto, 'Learning by caring and sharing'. Never underestimate the power of kindness and the positive contribution you can make even at such a young age.



"NO ACT OF KINDNESS IS TOO SMALL.
THE GIFT OF KINDNESS MAY START AS A
SMALL RIPPLE THAT OVER TIME CAN
TURN INTO A TIDAL WAVE AFFECTING
THE LIVES OF MANY."

- KEVIN HEATH



Here is a round up of memorable moments from the last few weeks:

Y3/4/5/6 Trip to The National Space Centre, Leicester

Whilst the children had rather a long coach journey due to the traffic, it was wonderful to hear how much they enjoyed their visit to the space centre. Many of you had never been there at all and this was a new experience. You asked some fantastic questions and demonstrated a keen interest in space. Well done children.



Madeley Carnival

A huge thank you to all that came out to support our community by joining in with the parade at the Madeley Carnival last Saturday. The children from KS1 and KS2 were fantastic on the float and really embraced the importance of celebrating our school within the community. One of our aims for our pupils is to help them to develop into responsible, respectful and reflective citizens and they certainly demonstrated this on the day. It was wonderful to be a part of this event – a huge thank you to all from the parish council who arranged this, in particular, Mr Stevens, who was a great help to us too. 😊



Foxes and Badgers at Amerton Farm

Our youngest members had a blast at the farm this week. They loved riding the tractor and see the animals up close. They also loved the play barn – particularly watching some of the adult encourage them down the slide! They displayed fantastic learning behaviours: we are so proud of you.



Leavers' Performance

Well done to all children in the Hawks class (Y5/6) for their fantastic performance on Wednesday. Your alternative performance of 'Toy Story' was very entertaining – even lots of the parents got involved in the action on stage. 😊 I was so impressed with the acting demonstrated. Well done for learning your lines so brilliantly.



Exciting Building News

I am thrilled to share that over the summer, work will commence on the main site to improve the internal environment. The classrooms and corridors are being thoroughly decorated. All of the internal fire doors are being replaced. The external door onto the playground is being replaced. Alarm systems are being replaced and refined. This will take the contractors most of the holiday to complete. In the October half term, further work will commence to replace all lights to LED ones and to replace all ceiling tiles. Hopefully the school will have a lighter, brighter feel and this will be a great way to start our academic year afresh.

Start of the New Academic Year

The first day of our new term will be **Wednesday 6th September**. We look forward to seeing all children back at school on this day, dressed smartly in their uniforms. Please ensure that new uniforms adhere to our guidance, which can be found here: <https://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/school-uniform>. Please encourage your child, from the very first day of the term, to take pride in their presentation including the way they dress.

Please also encourage positive attendance next year. Whilst our attendance has been consistently above national for the academic year, our collective aim is to **at least exceed our school target of 97%**. Students whose attendance in school is strong are more likely to succeed (both personally and academically) because they will not fall behind in their learning. We are here to support you every step of the way to ensure that our children exceed their potential, and positive attendance is part of this.

DFE Guidance on the Importance of Vaccinations

Schools have been asked to remind parent to check that their children's vaccines are up to date. You can catch up on your MMR vaccine through your GP whatever your age. Measles can be very serious and spreads easily. Children and adults who contract measles can end up in hospital or suffer long term health consequences. In rare cases, it can be fatal.

Measles is completely preventable with the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. The first dose is offered to children at 1 year of age and the second dose at 3 years and 4 months. Measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated and can be very disruptive in educational settings.

Safeguarding Child in our Local Community

If you are concerned about the safety of a child in immediate danger, please dial 999. If you need Early Help support or have a concern about a child, please call Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support Service on 03001118007 or out of hours 03456042886.

And Finally...

On behalf of all the staff, I want to thank you for the lovely gifts we have received. Your generosity and thoughtfulness is appreciated. We hope that you will have a fantastic summer holidays and look forward to hearing all about them, when we return to school in September.

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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