



The Meadows
Primary School

Meadows Newsletter

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Forthcoming dates

Mon 9 th May – Thurs 12 th May	Y6 SATs
Mon 9 th May	Class 3 Swimming Commences
Tue 17 th May	School Photos (Groups)
Mon 16 th - 26 th May	Y2 SATs
Mon 16 th May	Nursery Reading Workshop
Fri 27 th May	INSET
Mon 30 th May-3 rd June	Half Term
Mon 6 th June	Cl4 Standon Bowers
Thurs 23 rd June	Class 3 Music Concert at The Victoria Hall, Hanley
Wed 29 th June	Sports Day
Wed 6 th July	Sports Day Reserve
Wed 13 th July	Cl4's End of Year Performance

It has been a busy start to the Summer term for all pupils and staff at The Meadows. Having staff INSET on the first day of term, and then a bank holiday this week has meant a slight change to our usual weekly structure, but the children have dealt with this brilliantly and continue to work hard and try their best.



Celebrating the Life of Ann Spilsbury (Chair of Governors)

Last week, representatives from The Meadows staff, as well as Dawn Platt from the Shaw Education Trust, attended the funeral of our late Chair of Governors, Ann Spilsbury. It was a fitting celebration of the life of a very special member of our school community. Throughout her service, Ann was committed to ensuring the pupils in our school were provided with the very best education possible. Her challenge and support was instrumental in our school development during her time as chair. She was also an active member of many local groups and was dedicated to the Madeley community, so much so that donations from her funeral have been given both to our school and to Moss Lane Surgery. She will be greatly missed and our thoughts continue to be with her family and friends at this time.

We are currently exploring ways to honour her memory at school. If you have any suggestions about how we can do this, so that her legacy continues for years to come, please do get in touch.

Gillian Taylor, our Vice Chair, has now been appointed as our new Chair of Governors. We thank her for accepting this important role and know that she will do an excellent job to help our school continue to move forward in our development.

SATS

Next week, our oldest pupils in Y6 will be undertaking their SATs in school. Between the 16th-16th May, pupils in Y2 will be completing their SATs too. They have all been working exceptionally hard to prepare over the years, and this includes the past few weeks where the Y6 have been coming into school eagerly for their breakfast revision club. They have certainly enjoyed devouring a range of snacks! Their dedication to their learning has been phenomenal and we are so incredibly proud of them.

As with all children across the country, the last few years of schooling has been disrupted by the pandemic and we are so proud of the way our pupils have dealt with this and every challenge they have been presented with. As we say in school, life is not a straight line- there are bumps and hurdles along the way and it takes resilience and strength of character to keep going. Our children have certainly shown this character and we continued to be amazed by them! We wish our Y6 every success next week (and our Y2 in a few weeks) – we are all rooting for them all.

Whilst we know that tests are a natural part of the learning process (which pupils will experience in secondary school and real life) we also know that they are a mere snapshot of how brilliant our pupils are. We remain committed to continuing to prepare them, both personally and academically, for the next phase of their learning journey.



Warmer Weather



So far this term we have experienced a range of weather (as is always the case in Great Britain), including some lovely sunny days. As a result, please try to be prepared by ensuring the following:

1. Water bottles should be brought into school each day. Children are actively reminded to take regular drinks and to refill their bottles during the day.
2. Bring in sun cream, to be kept in your child's book bag.
3. Sunhats are encouraged for breaktimes, lunchtimes and outdoor learning activities.
4. Light raincoats could be brought into school in case of a shower. It is always best to be prepared so that our children can get out in the fresh air each day.

Covid-19 Guidance Reminder

I would like to remind you of the current government guidance regarding Covid-19:

- 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.**



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please note that on **Wednesday 25th May** there will be no after school clubs running. Please put this date in your diary.

Class 4 Residential to Standon Bowers

Class 4's residential to Standon Bowers on the 6th-10th June is fast approaching. The pupils (and staff!) are thoroughly looking forward to their visit and have already discussed briefly what the visit will entail.

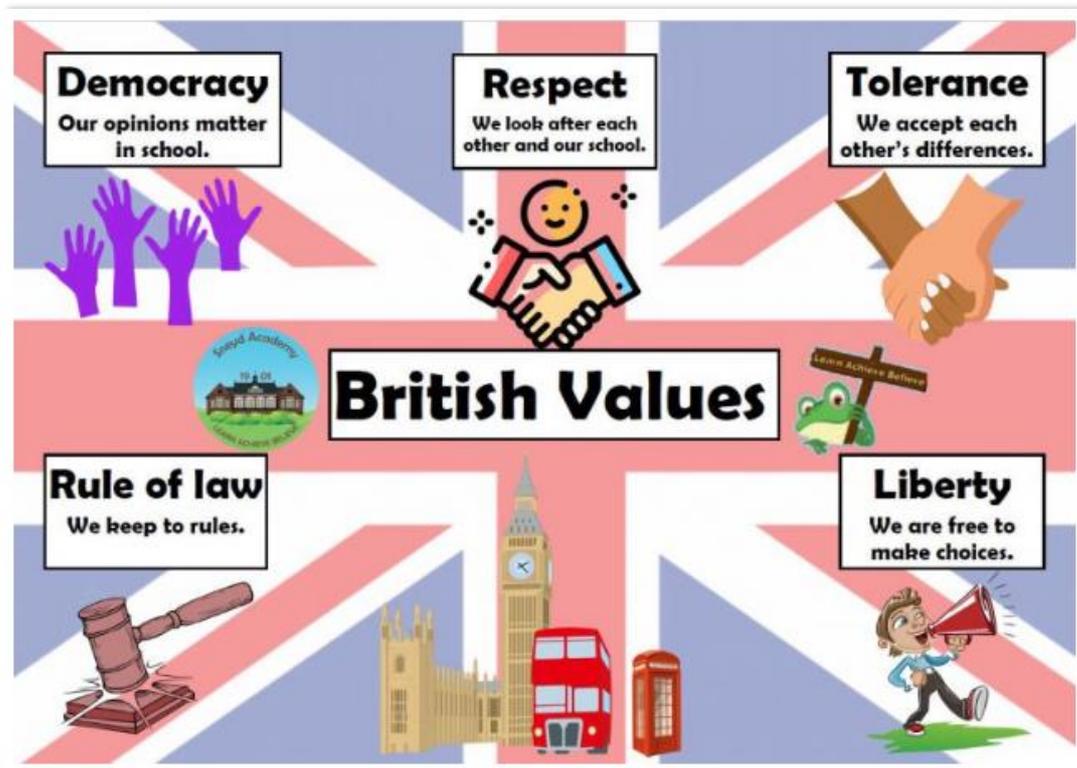
We have now had confirmation of the activity plan for the week, as well as our sleeping arrangements. Therefore, I will be holding a short meeting at 3pm on Thursday 19th May. It will be an opportunity for us to discuss the week's arrangements and activity programme as well as for you to ask any questions you have. I will also give our equipment recommendations as well as any additional forms that are required. If you are unable to attend, please do get in touch with the office. Your child will still take part in the meeting and will bring home any forms required.



Promoting British Values - Jubilee Celebrations

As you will be aware, in a few weeks' time our country will be recognising a momentous event in our history – the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Education Secretary Nadim Zahawi said: "Queen Elizabeth II is the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee and Her Majesty's dignity, commitment and grace continues to inspire people all over the world."

As a school, one of our roles is to help our pupils develop as global citizens, prepared to thrive in the world. This includes promoting our British Values:



Whilst we recognise and accept that people have differing political views, we will be taking the opportunity to explore the Queen's role in our society and reflect on the way our country has changed during her reign. Miss Parry and Miss Farrand will be sending a letter out today via email to tell you some of the ways we will be marking this historic occasion.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Our search for a Parent Academy Councillor continues...

As you will be aware from past communications, 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. This role is an excellent way to have the parent voice heard in whole school developments. 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.



If you would like to find out more, then please get in touch.

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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