



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School

Forthcoming dates

Please do check the website regularly

Friday 26th January Disco at Leycett Cricket Club

Monday 5th February 9-9:30 am Maths Workshop Class 3

Monday 19th February Half Term

Friday 16th March Quiz Night Leycett Cricket Club

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th March Parental Pupil Progress Meetings

Thursday 29th March End of Term

Tuesday 17th April School re-opens

Term Dates

Please be advised that there is a variation to our summer term dates. The school will re-open now on Tuesday 17th rather than the Monday, as all the staff here at The Meadows, will be joining a shared training day across The Shaw Education Trust. We apologise if this amendment causes any inconvenience. For those of you who have already looked at our term dates for the next academic year, you will see that staff training days have yet to be set. This is so that we can align our dates with those of other schools in our Trust.

Term dates can be found on our website using this link:

<http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/term-dates>



Road Safety

Earlier this week, I attended a community meeting led by Helen Jarvie, who is an Academy Councillor at Madeley School. She has been leading a funding bid to the Staffordshire Safer Roads partnership. I am pleased to report that the bid has been successful and £1700 has been awarded for the community action group. This is in response to the growing concerns surrounding the safety of our pedestrians in Madeley. After the very serious accident last summer, involving a pupil from the high school, the issues have very much been high profile in the village.

During the week of 26th March, all three schools will be involved in various activities and there will be a targeted campaign to slow down the traffic surrounding our schools. More details will follow nearer to the time.

Contact details for Funk Monkeys Before and After School Provision

This provision is not operated by the school. It is run by Roosters Day Nursery in Wrinehill. They lease the room and as such it is run as a commercial business. Mrs Fowler is obviously also one of our employees, but her management of this provision is not within her duties as our employee. If you need to enquire regarding places, pass on messages or have a billing enquiry, there is a dedicated number: 07950717559. Whilst Mrs Fowler does try to be flexible and accommodating, there are very strict staffing ratios which must be adhered to.

School Lunches

Our new meals are proving to be greatly enjoyed by the children and indeed the staff. They are presented so well and I must say that I have been fortunate to sample all of their dishes. My personal favourites are: the fish pie, salmon tagliatelle and the beef nacho bake. The children are particularly enjoying the baguettes, but I have been very impressed with the younger children's willingness to try new dishes. I can certainly say that it is most evident that the food ingredients are of the highest quality, the burgers looked amazing! We will shortly be moving over to plates and dishes, rather than the trays, which I know will improve the children's dining experience further.

AiP

Reading For Pleasure

As part of our drive to increase children's reading for pleasure, rather than as a learning task, we have given the library a mini- makeover. We have cleared out texts that are no longer suitable, to make room for the new additions. I would like to thank everyone who made book donations. It has really helped to fill our collection with modern texts. The shelves have now been organised to specific genres

We have an area where new books are showcased. Tom Gates, Wonder and The Scarecrow's Wedding are new texts purchased that we thought the children would find engaging.



We have even created our very own seat in Narnia

Your child will be bringing home new resources to help you support your child's reading at home. Developing the children's understanding of the text is something which we would really like your support with. We have revamped the AF comments and thanks to Amy in Y6, have devised our Canine Comments. Please see the letter from Mrs Edwards for more details.

Y6 Sats Preparation



I would like to congratulate our year six children who are now preparing for the SATS in May. They are already attending a breakfast and an afterschool revision club. It is so impressive to see such motivated and resilient learning behaviours. I would like to publically thank Mrs Kuffour for providing such additional learning opportunities for her class.

Online Safety

We continue to provide you with relevant information regarding the latest apps and games, which could potentially cause a threat to children's safety.

 *Yubo, formerly Yellow, is a social media app encouraging teens to find new friends on Instagram by allowing them to swipe left or right to connect and live stream.*

With over 15 million users, some have called it 'Tinder for Teens' and its lack of safety features have raised concerns

What is Yubo?

Yubo is a social media app available for Apple and Android smartphones.

Who is using it?

It's growing in popularity among school-age teens who use it to chat and send pictures to friends and strangers on Instagram.

How it works

Similar to dating app Tinder, it allows people to connect with others on based on their location, with users 'swiping' to accept or decline to talk to someone based on their profile picture. It is linked to photo-sharing app Instagram.

If you swipe right on a person who has swiped right on your profile, you can then chat and automatically follow them on Instagram. This means that they can begin sending each other photos right away — even if they don't know each other. You can also live stream with friends or 'Anyone' on the app.

For more information please follow this link: <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/yubo-formerly-yellow-dating-app-teens/>

School Uniform Expectations

I would like to remind you that nail varnish and eye make up on pupils is not permitted, with the exception of dress up days. Could you kindly ensure that all nail varnish is removed over the weekend please?

Curriculum Updates

Please take a look at the class pages on our website, to find out more about your child's topics and learning this term.

A Message From Our School Ambassadors



Every Friday, we have the job of choosing children out of each year group to be awarded a special certificate. Sometimes we choose pupils based on teacher's recommendations or we use our own observations from playtimes and behaviours observed whilst we eat our lunch. Every week it is a very hard decision, as there are so many pupils worthy of a special mention.



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.

Please do contact me if you would like my assistance at any time, Mrs. Procter



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