



Razzmatazz 2017

I must begin my newsletter by congratulating all the children who took part in the performances on Friday evening. I am so proud of each and every one of you children, as you all made a contribution and you should all share a great sense of pride. I know your families were proud of you and I am sure like me, they shed a tear as they watched you. For me it is the little things that create such a wonderful sense of achievement. There were many children who really did have to push themselves out of their comfort zone and conquer their nerves. It is true that such opportunities are easier for some children than others and as a staff we were extremely privileged to share your achievements with you. A few minutes on the stage is a showcase of many hours of hard work children. As a school we practise the least, as we don't have a hall to have a quick run through each day. You also demonstrated resilience being able to adapt the dances and change the routines at the last minute. Thank you also of course to all the parents and family members who were able to join us. I appreciate that for some families it wasn't an easy decision and your trust and faith in us was very much appreciated.

Forthcoming dates

Please do check the website regularly

Wednesday 21st June	Sports Day Keele Sports Hall 1:30 – 3:30pm
Tuesday 27th June NEW	First Aid session for Y6 pupils
Wednesday 28th June NEW	Class 4 to visit the Mayor's Parlour Newcastle
Monday and Tuesday 3rd/4th July	Y6 transition days at MHS
Wednesday 5th July NEW	Spelling Challenge Theme Day
Wednesday 5th July	Mrs HB's Music Concert St John's Keele 6pm
Monday 10th July	Y5 D and T afternoon at MHS
Friday 14th July	End of year reports
Monday 17th July	Parental Consultations 3:30-5:00pm
Monday 17th July NEW	Teddy Bears' Picnic Reception class and new intake
Wednesday 19th July	Celebration Assembly Madeley Centre 1:45 to 3pm
Wednesday 19th July	Leavers' Evening Madeley High School 6-9pm
Friday 21st July	End of term Pupils only
Monday and Tuesday 24th/25th July	Staff Training
Wednesday 6th September	Start of the new academic year

We kindly ask that you nominate The Meadows in this competition. It is really quick and easy to do.



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You will also receive £100 worth of book token for your own personal use.



Road Safety

It is really concerning to hear that a handful of our pupils are not keeping themselves safe on their way home from school. I am continuing to receive emails and phone calls from members of the community who are concerned that our pupils are putting their lives in danger by reckless acts. It seems as though children are lying in the road and deliberately running in between traffic. We have as you know recently done an assembly on road safety, but it appears that such dangerous behaviour still persists. I have once again spoken to the children concerned and reinforced the school's concerns. Furthermore I have arranged for the local PCSO to talk to Class 4 and remind the children of their responsibilities in keeping both themselves and others safe. I urge you to discuss the basic principles of road safety again with your child at home and if your child does walk home without adult supervision, please do ensure they know their route well and the safe crossing points.



A Message from Mrs HB

In September there will be places for private guitar or ukulele lessons. These are suitable for children in Y2 upwards. Both group and individual lessons are available.



One to one lessons 15 mins £8.25

One to one lessons 20 mins £11.00

One to one lessons 30 mins £16.00

Group lessons are priced at £5

Please contact Mrs Cooper if you are interested.



Contacting the School Office

Our office is not always manned due to our staffing resources; however we do have an answer phone, so you can leave messages. It is checked frequently, so do not worry that your messages will not be received. On a Friday afternoon Mrs Cooper is not in school and I teach Class 3, so we will be unable to answer the phone, but any messages are retrieved before 3:30pm.

Getting in touch with YOU

Please ensure that the school has at least two telephones numbers which are active **at all times** throughout the day. We sometimes find that we are unable to reach a parent due to the mobile phone number provided being switched off. It is essential that we are able to contact all parents immediately. Therefore if you do have to switch off your phone during the day, please ensure that we do have an alternative number on which to make contact. Thank you for your compliance with this important matter.

Online Safety



As you will be aware, we regularly signpost our parents to useful and relevant information, concerning the online world. The latest Ditto Newsletter has been uploaded on to our website. <http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/ditto-online-safety-magazine-june-2017>



This month the author Alan Mckenzie, who visited the school last year to lead a parental workshop, asks the question: Should parents remove all access to devices to keep children safe? It is a fascinating debate. Other highlights are the app Snapchat, which is now evolving so that posts no longer have to disappear after a few seconds, YouTube and how our digital footprint is created. It explains how companies use ever changing algorithms which are designed to deliver content, which may be of interest.



1. Check your child's YouTube history regularly. If you are not sure how to do this, then please see the instructions detailed in the DITTO publication.
2. It's wise to never share ANYTHING on line that you wouldn't want to pop up again in the future. This includes images, videos and comments.



Thursday 14th September

The NSPCC will be visiting the school to deliver their Stay Safe, Speak out programme. This will take the form of assemblies and a workshop for Class 4. They are also providing a Parent/Carer workshop 2 -3pm. An invitation email has been sent today. Everyone is welcome.



Break Time Snacks

Please note that if your child wishes to bring a snack from home to eat during playtime, then it must be in the form of fruit, toast or a cereal bar. Chocolate and cakes are not appropriate. This applies to all children. Please be aware that we do have children who are allergic to nuts and therefore the consumption of loose form nuts is only safe during lunchtime, where cross contamination can be minimised. Thank you

Democracy Assemblies



The recent General Election has provided a great opportunity in school to remind our children about democracy and our voting system in the UK. Democracy is one of the five British Values that are a compulsory aspect to our curriculum. Whilst these values are a continuous thread through our provision, we do also teach them through explicit opportunities such as the election. The children

have been so interested in national events and in a recent assembly, demonstrated a good grasp of the various manifestos. We have discussed the current issue of a Hung Parliament and how this uncertainty may evolve in weeks to come. Their knowledge of current affairs has certainly improved over the last year. If you would like to read more about the children's discussions and assemblies please visit our blog pages: <http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/hung-parliament-democracy>

Attendance and Punctuality

	Attendance	Late Marks
Reception	97.32%	0.5%
Class 2	97.08%	0.8%
Class 3	97.46%	2.18%
Class 4	97.19%	0.86%



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

