



Forthcoming dates

Please do check the website regularly

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| Friday 31st March | Race Night Leycett CC |
| Wednesday 5th April | Easter Service All Saints' Church |
| Thursday 6th April | Classes 1 and 2 trip to Gladstone Pottery Museum |
| Friday 7th April | Easter holidays Non -Uniform |
| Monday 24th April | Start of summer term |
| Monday 24th - Wednesday 26th April | Kingswood Residential Class 3 |
| Monday 1st May | Bank Holiday School closed |
| Thursday 11th May | Family Games Evening Leycett CC |
| Friday 9th June | Razzmatazz Victoria Hall Classes 3 and 4 6pm |
| Wednesday 21st June | Sports Day Keele Sports Hall 1:30 - 3:30pm |
| Wednesday 19th July | Leavers' Evening Madeley High School 6-9pm |
| Further dates to be confirmed | |

As we enter our last two weeks of the term, it is lovely to see the sunshine and the lighter evenings. Spring is certainly in the air. A reminder that we break up for Easter on Friday 7th April. I know many schools in Cheshire break up this Friday.



On Thursday we welcomed the mums of our Class 2 children to a special afternoon tea themed lunch. The sandwiches and cakes were delicious and were certainly enjoyed by all! Thank you for your kind comments and feedback for Stella from Mellors. She was very touched. The School Ambassadors are currently in the process of writing a blog for the website. It is extremely difficult to accommodate such events due to the lack of space. It was a tight squeeze, but we managed. Thank you to Mrs Cooper for her waitress skills.



I hope all our mums enjoyed their special day yesterday. I personally think being a Mum is the hardest job and the one that we get no training or instructions for. It is a constant learning curve, but of course we wouldn't change it for anything.

Easter Fundraising



During our last week, the School Council are running an Easter raffle. The tickets will be 20p each, with the winners being drawn on our last day. They would also like to invite all our children to dress in non-uniform on that day, Friday 7th April. The theme is spring sunshine. Let's hope that will encourage the sun to shine during our fortnight off. There will be a £1 donation with everyone being automatically entered into our raffle for a special Easter egg treat. All proceeds will go towards our school fundraising project.

Swimming

I have been so impressed with Class 2 over the last few weeks. Some children have really had to try something new and conquer fears about even splashing their face. They are so independent when getting changed – thanks for the practise at home, it really has made a big difference. Our last session this term will be this Friday and lessons will recommence on Friday 28th April. If you know your child is not confident in the water, please do take the opportunity over the Easter holidays to go swimming as a family. Their confidence and newly



acquired skills are soon lost.

Road Safety



Please do talk to your child about being safe whilst riding their bike. Even a short journey can involve navigating a busy junction and riding on the pavement is no guarantee of safety. I strongly urge all children to wear a helmet. Where concerns are alerted to me by members of our community, I will inform parents and discuss if the child concerned, is safe to continue riding to and from school. We will continue to offer the Y5 children Bikeability training early in the new academic year.

Well Done Y6

This term, pupils in Y6 are working exceptionally hard to be 'Secondary ready'. To help them Mrs Kuffour is currently running two revision clubs: Maths after school on Thursday and English before school on Wednesdays. The purpose of these clubs is to enable to children to be successful - both personally and academically. The sessions are revolved around enabling our children to be confident and resilient learners who take all challenges they are presented with in a positive manner (linking with our 'Secrets of Success'). As you are aware, in May the children will face the challenge of completing their SATs. At The Meadows, we recognise that the SATs are just a way in which the children can demonstrate how exceptionally hard they have been learning over the course of their time at our school. Therefore we

want them to approach the SATs in a positive way, confident in their own ability (their knowledge, skills and understanding).

We are exceptionally impressed with their attitudes - they certainly have a thirst for learning and want to do their best. That is all we ever ask from you children! Come on children, as I always say: 'Let's give it the umph'.

Assessments

This week the teachers will be finalising the assessments of your children. They will be using a combination of results from tests and the evidence of learning seen in books over a period of time. We do always keep you informed regarding the progress that your child is making and we will once again send home a mini assessment report, when we break up for Easter. (Y1-6) Please remember that our assessment policy can be read in full on our website which details our procedures and the use of standardised scores:

<http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/sites/default/files/Assessment%20policy%20final%20feb%202016.pdf>

Please note that when we return after Easter, we will be rapidly approaching that time of year when we have to complete statutory assessments.

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| Y1 – Phonics Screening | WB 12th June |
| Y2 – Key Stage 1 SATS | Throughout the month of May |
| Y6 – Key Stage 2 SATS | WB 8 th May |

Forthcoming Elections

A reminder that the Crewe Arms will be used as the Polling Station, rather than the school on 4th May. This follows lengthy communications, between the school, governors and the Council. In order for this alternative venue to be considered a success, it would help if the local community, at this end of the village showed their support by voting at the venue. Unfortunately the Council reserve the right to use the school in the future if they deem it necessary.

Toast Reminder



As we approach the end of the financial year, Mrs Boulton our part time school Bursar has been analysing the accounts for toast sales carefully. Unfortunately presently we are not currently covering the cost of the food and labour costs. (Please note we do purchase branded 50/50 bread and we use a high quality spreadable butter) **Therefore when we return after the Easter break the cost will increase to 25p per day, which is £1.25 per week. All payment must be made via ParentMail.** We will be unable to process any cash payments. The payment option for toast will not appear until Easter on your account.

Your child may of course bring their own morning snack into school. This however should be a cereal bar, fruit or similar.

Please note that we are unable to accept cash payments for school lunches. If your child only wishes to have a school lunch occasionally, that is absolutely fine but you will need to keep your account in credit.

Race night Reminder



We really would like more families to join us this Friday evening. Thank you for your kind donations of wine and chocolates for the prizes. If you are able to support us please let Mrs Cooper know by this Tuesday so we can organise the food.



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



