



# Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows  
Primary School

The sunshine is once again back with us and I am sure you agree that it makes us all feel more energised in the mornings. Let's hope that the heatwave forecast for the end of the week continues into the half term break. We do ask that ALL the



## Forthcoming dates

**Please do check the website regularly**

<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Half Term
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Razzmatazz Victoria Hall Classes 3 and 4 6pm
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Sports Day Keele Sports Hall 1:30 – 3:30pm
<b>Monday and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 transition days at MHS
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Mrs HB's Music Concert St John's Keele 6pm
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y5 D and T afternoon at MHS
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of year reports
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Parental Consultations 3:30-5:00pm
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Celebration Assembly Madeley Centre 1:45 to 3pm
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Leavers' Evening Madeley High School 6-9pm
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	End of term <i>Pupils only</i>
<b>Monday and Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Staff Training

children bring to school a water bottle and a sun hat. On days where there is prolonged sunshine, children should have long acting sun protection applied when they get dressed. School staff are unable to assist with this during the day. We do talk to the children about sun protection in our curriculum and encourage children to keep themselves safe not just whilst at school but also whilst enjoying the outdoors beyond the school gate. Please also reinforce this message at home as it is upsetting to children with sun burn.



The year 6 children completed their SATS on 11<sup>th</sup> May. However Mrs Kuffour has reminded the children; learning continues and normal routines have very much resumed. In order to be "secondary ready" there is still lots of hard work ahead.

The Y2 children will be completing their SATS this week and are approaching these tests with confidence. They really do face such challenges calmly, which is a credit to them.

### A message from Miss Spilsbury – Chair of Governors

You will undoubtedly be aware that school funding is a considerable issue in the forthcoming election. A revised funding formula is proposed which will significantly reduce the funding for schools across Staffordshire and Cheshire. There has recently been extensive media coverage of this very emotive issue. The Meadows is certainly facing reduced funding, which is of course intensified by the unique circumstances of the school building. The private ownership of the building means that the rent has to be paid from a reducing budget. We have been informed that the annual rent has now been increased to £9,600. This obviously places our school under even greater pressure. Consequently, the governing body has been actively researching alternatives for the strategic future of the school. We believe that conversion to an academy will strengthen the school's resilience to such financial pressures and enable the school to grow and build upon our existing success. We will be in a position to provide further information and begin the consultation process after the half term holiday.

*Miss A Spilsbury*

### Rounders Fundraising Evening



On Thursday 11th May we held a 'Rounders Family Fun Night'; this was an opportunity for children in key stage two to enjoy playing sports with their parents. The weather was glorious, the pressure of SATs was over and the company was fantastic. Over 50 children and adults participated in a huge tournament where two teams competed against each other. The evening proved to be a excellent opportunity for both the children, parents, staff and even governors to enjoy participating in a sporting event together. Everyone displayed excellent sportsmanship, congratulating each other on excellent catching, bowling, and of course, scoring rounders irrespective of what team the player was on. There was certainly an attitude of 'healthy' competition on display too, particularly from the parents!

During our intervals, there was the opportunity to have something to eat from the delicious BBQ cooked by Mr Gething, or the tuck shop provided by Mrs Cooper. Face paints, tattoos, the raffle and the bar also proved to be popular as well.

Everyone appeared to have a wonderful evening, including the younger children in KS1 and Reception who were able to play in their own football tournament umpired by Ross.

So many of our 'Secrets of Success' were on display, both from pupils, parents and members of staff particularly: try new things, understand others, push yourself and don't give up. This event really demonstrated how embedded these characteristics are within all of our school community.

A huge thank you to all who helped to make the evening such a success, including Mr Skellern our PE coach, who had driven all the way from Biddulph to support us in our fundraising. In total we raised £273.81.

### **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.

### **Morning Routines**

As you know we very much have an open door policy here, and realise that concerns are best dealt with straight away. However please do understand that learning does begin at 8:45am and we do employ a large number of support staff to provide interventions and bespoke individualised support during registration. We are finding that these are being delayed or even abandoned due to staff being called upon to talk to parents even after at 8:55am. Due to our limited space, we also do not have anywhere for private conversations with parents. The Hayward Room is timetabled for small group learning from the onset of the school day. The member of staff who welcomes the children through the door in a morning (usually Mrs Procter) can relay messages easily. We do understand there are times when parents do need to talk to the teacher in person, but politely ask that this is done before the first bell rings at 8:45am. Parents can enter school early via the office from 8:30am onwards. Alternatively staff are on hand at the end of the day. The teacher concerned will then be able to give their time to your urgent concern without interruption, or having to request the assistance of an additional adult, who should be otherwise engaged. Thank you

Mrs Davies would like to remind parents that Reception does have an open morning each Friday until 9:15am. This is an opportunity for you to contribute to your child's Learning Journey and provide valuable feedback about your child's development at home.



After half term we will be trialling a new fundraising initiative. During the first week back, your child can purchase a bingo ticket from the office for £2. Then over the next few weeks, we will pick numbers daily for a line and a full house. Claims must be made on the day and then prizes will be awarded. These will be in the form of sweets and confectionary. The numbers will be displayed in the window. Mrs Cooper will be able to ask answer any queries regarding this.



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



