



# Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows  
Primary School

## Forthcoming dates

**Please do check the website regularly**

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| <b>Friday November 17<sup>th</sup></b><br><i>Letter sent home</i> | Children In need<br>Fundraising and non-uniform            |
| <b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>                          | Santa train ride<br>Classes 1 and 2                        |
| <b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>                            | Christmas Disco<br>Leycett CC                              |
| <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>                            | Classes 3 and 4<br>Pantomime at Crewe Lyceum Theatre<br>PM |
| <b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>                         | Classes 1 and 2<br>Nativity Madeley Centre<br>1:45 pm      |
| <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>                           | End of term  |
| <b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>                           | Return to school   |

I would like to thank you all for attending our Parent Consultation sessions earlier in the week. I know you found them to be informative and as a parent, I know it always delightful to share your child's learning and see their books. I am sure you are very impressed with the quantity of work that has already been produced and the high quality marking which the children respond to. The Class Dojo reports were very well received and it really does provide you with a summary of your child's typical learning behaviours at school. If we can develop these Secrets of Success right from the onset, then not only will children's experience at school be enjoyable but they will achieve our vision for each and every child: *"To be successful both personally and academically"*.



Please remember that nobody is perfect and we do all make mistakes. Our expectation is for all children to have a record of 97% positive behaviour or above. Should your child's behaviour fall below this expectation, it is monitored closely by senior leaders and if improvement isn't secured, you will be invited to a meeting to discuss the issues further.



## Football Competition

We know that the opportunity to participate in competitive events is something we need to develop further. This year we have signed up to numerous events throughout the year covering a range of sports. Obviously we are extremely limited by our facilities, as training on our very small, sloping playground is a challenge. Furthermore all our extra-curricular clubs are inclusive, so we do not have the opportunity to hold training sessions for particular teams. Nevertheless last night we entered a football tournament that was held at Chesterton High School. The children were immediately taken aback by the size of the pitches and the experience of some of the teams. We lost against Baldwins Gate, but after a very close match, drew against Friarswood. I was a very proud spectator and was thrilled to see the children's determination and wonderful sporting attitude. I know they absolutely loved it and gained a lot of experience from it. They can't wait until their next tournament at the beginning of December. Thank you also to the parents, who braved the cold and came along to support us.

## Astrophysics Visit to Keele University



Last week class 4 were privileged to participate in an Astrophysics workshop at Keele University arranged by Dr Taylor (a parent from our school). It was a wonderful opportunity for them to visit the university and understand the role of Scientists there. During the morning, the children were able to find out more about the Earth and our Solar System. They enjoyed looking at different types of telescopes and finding out about the role of Keele Observatory, in exploring what may lie beyond the planet earth. The whole morning was thoroughly enjoyable and has certainly helped to inspire our children as Scientists. Many of the children stated at the end of the session, when they were giving feedback to the lecturers that they would love to study Science at Keele and work at the observatory. I would like to express my sincere thanks to Dr Taylor for his support to the school and arranging funding for our coach. Please take a look at their blog page for more information and photographs:

<http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/class-4-trip-astrophysics-day-keele-university>

## Remembrance Day



The children have absolutely loved buying their various merchandise and I shall look forward to finding out how much money we have raised. In school we have devoted time to remind children about the meaning of the poppy and the slap bands, which are so popular. I have been very touched to share a special project carried out by Emily's Grandad who has researched the names that are written on the monument. He has collected photographs of the soldiers and their graves, which are all around the world. It is very informative and is a special tribute. Thank you for to the Bradshaw family for sharing this with our school.

A reminder that I shall be representing the school tomorrow, alongside some of our children at the monument. It would be lovely to see our families there. Thank you to the Parish Council for once again donating the poppy wreath, to The Meadows. It is a gesture that means we can continue to inform and educate our children about the suffering and sacrifices of so many local families.

## Attendance and Punctuality

How are we doing so far this term?

| Class   | Attendance | Lateness |
|---------|------------|----------|
| Class 1 | 98.52%     | 0.12%    |
| Class 2 | 96.57%     | 0.43%    |
| Class 3 | 98.53%     | 0.41%    |
| Class 4 | 97.05%     | 0.88%    |

Please note that you are asked to contact the school **each day** your child is off through illness and update us regarding your child's improving condition and expected date of return.

Thank you for your support in providing confirmation of essential medical appointments taken during the school day. We do understand that occasionally these are unavoidable.

## Viking Day



On Thursday class 3 were visited by a Viking... It began with a siege in the library! The children were very engaged from the off, although a little on their guard! The children began their learning with the Viking warrior. They learnt about the different weapons that the warriors used, as well as some other features of the weapon. The sword was the only weapon that had just one purpose (killing). The others could be used for hunting. The children then had the opportunity to examine the different items... and some of them were very heavy! The children had the chance to go outside and apply their understanding and safety skills about fire. They found out how the Vikings used fire, as well as the three things that all fires need.

The end of the day finished with how the Vikings dealt with death, from funerals to checking to making sure the chief was dead. They looked at the roles of slaves in society, too. These people would not have the chance to go to Asgard (Viking heaven) unless they volunteered themselves as a sacrifice when a chief died. They would go with the chief to the afterlife along with many important objects (aside from the swords and helmets as only the king took that).

It certainly did bring their historical understanding to life and provided the children with the opportunity to use evidence to ask questions and find answers to questions about the past. There are lots of photographs on their blog page for you to enjoy.

Thank you parents for your financial assistance, which enabled such an enjoyable day to take place.

## 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*

