



**The Meadows**  
Primary School

# Meadows Newsletter

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## Forthcoming dates

**Please do check the website regularly**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December** Santa train ride  
Classes 1 and 2

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December** Non uniform-  
Chocolate tombola donations

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** Classes 1 and 2  
Nativity Madeley Centre  
1:45 pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas  
Disco Leycett CC

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** Classes 3 and 4  
Pantomime at Crewe Lyceum Theatre  
PM

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** Christmas Parties  
Non-Uniform  
End of term

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January** Return to school

I would like to begin by thanking you all for supporting the school's fundraising efforts for Children In Need. As you know this year the School Ambassadors were in charge of the organisation. They were also very well supported by the Behaviour and Learning Mentors. This called on a variety of their skills and qualities. One aspect that did challenge them was being given action points and deadlines. I was very proud of them for turning their ideas into reality. The following message is from them:

We would like to say thank you for your donations. We raised £103.00 from the non-uniform day and Pudsey competition. A further £54.00 was raised from the toy sale. All this has now been paid into the dedicated bank account and will help those children who have problems and difficulties in the UK.  
Molly and Eddie.



## Academy News

On Monday we were visited by two members of The Shaw Education's Executive Team. Their job was to conduct an initial assessment of the school now that we have joined their trust. They spent time in each of the classrooms, scrutinised a variety of school documentation and met with senior leaders. As the headteacher, I am confident in the strengths of the school, but I do always welcome an external perspective. We are certainly not complacent and strive to provide the highest quality provision. We were delighted with our highly positive feedback and it has quality assured our own judgements. Behaviour of the children and their attitudes towards their learning was once again judged to be outstanding. So well done to all the children and of course to you as parents. for supporting our high expectations. It was also confirmed that my job title will remain as Headteacher rather than Principal, which I am very pleased about.

Our Governing Body has now been renamed as an Academy Council, and governors are now known as Academy Councillors. Last week we were visited by three members who came to observe school practice and gain first-hand experience. You can find out more about their visits and their findings by reading their blogs: <http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blogs/academy-council>

## Swimming Update

This term, Class 3 has been having weekly swimming lessons at Chesterton High School. Next week will be their final lesson. They have all absolutely loved the longer 45 minute session and having the pool to themselves. Each and every one of them, regardless of their abilities have challenged themselves and shown a positive attitude. We shall be presenting their certificates at the end of the term.

Next term Class 2 will be going and their lessons will run right up until the end of the summer term. For those children who have not had experience in a swimming pool, I ask that over the next few weeks you do take them swimming, so that they will feel comfortable when we go as a school. The most useful skill to practise would be drying themselves with a towel after a shower or bath.

## Trip to Quarry Bank Mill

Over the course of the first half term, Class 4 has been exploring what life would have been like for children during the Victorian era. They have done this by exploring the text 'Street Child' in English as well as during their History lessons. To enhance learning, on Friday 10th November, they had the wonderful opportunity to visit Quarry Bank Mill, which was a cotton mill close to Manchester. Here the children had the opportunity to explore what life would have been like as a child apprentice in the Victorian era.



Well done Class 4. As ever, your behaviour was exemplary (as stated by the tour guide in the apprentice house) and I was very proud to be your teacher. Mrs Kuffour

A detailed recount and photographs can be found on the blog pages: <http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/class-4-trip-quarry-bank-mill-0>

### **Christmas Disco and Fundraising**



This year we are going to combine the children's disco with a fundraising opportunity. Tickets will shortly go on sale for £2 and we shall of course be welcoming Santa. This year however we have asked him to visit Leycett Cricket Club where his grotto will await. A letter with more information will be sent next week. However please make a note of our next non-uniform day on the 8<sup>th</sup> Decemehr. We ask that children donate a chocolate prize that can be used in a tombola.

We are also hoping to run a sweet jar stall, where we sell decorated jars of sweets. Look out for the letter next week, but in the meantime you will find a poster attached to this email.

### **Winter Weather and Closure Procedure**

It is **most unlikely** that we would need to close the school due to snow. However as the weather has certainly turned colder and there may be snow over the weekend I want to remind you of our procedure. You will always be notified by a text. The closure will also appear on the Staffordshire County Council website:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/schoolclosurelist/schoolclosurelist.aspx> Here you can sign up for email alerts. Please do not rely on the radio, as you may recall that last year Signal Radio read out our school name on the closure list. They had mixed us up with another school of the same name!



### **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*

