



## Forthcoming dates

**Please do check the website regularly**

<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Half Term
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Return to School
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Influenza immunisations R - Y4  Parental fundraising meeting 9:30am
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	Class 4 visit to Keele University AM
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Pupil Progress Meetings
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Pupil Progress Meetings Class 2 only
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Class 3 Viking Activity Day
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Class 4 trip to Styal Mill
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Santa train ride Classes 1 and 2
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Disco Leycett CC
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Classes 3 and 4 Pantomime at Crewe Lyceum Theatre PM
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Classes 1 and 2 Nativity Madeley Centre 1:45 pm
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End of term

It is half term already and I know the children are looking forward to a rest and family time. They have do work tremendously hard each and every day and we do have high expectations regarding attitudes towards learning. I am sure you wouldn't want it any other way. The children and the staff are already taking delight in just how much progress has been made since September. You will be able to share their books at the forthcoming Parents' Consultation appointments next month.

Class One have made a great start to their school life and it has been a pleasure to get to know them. The real advantage of our small school is that we do soon get to understand each and every one of them. They have made really positive friendships and have settled so well to the routines of learning. Their hospital role play area is providing so many opportunities to apply their learning. One day this week I was their patient and the children took great delight in giving me several injections. Apparently I was so ill I needed to lie down and have a rest! Please do take a look at their blog which provides you with a summary of their routines and classroom environment: <http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/our-first-half-term-meadows>

### Afternoon Tea with Mrs Procter



Today was my first afternoon tea with a small number of children who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to their home learning tasks. It was a difficult choice and I did limit it to just 3 children per class in Y1 -6. I have enjoyed sharing their diaries and looking at some of their learning completed at home. We had a chat about their routines and why they think their work is of such a high standard.

Well done to Christi, Isla, Cody, Immy, Logan, Amelia, Ruby, Isabel and Charlie. I shall look forward to rewarding more children before we break up for Christmas. Look out for the blog on the website later with photographs.

### Attendance and Punctuality

How are we doing so far this term?

Class	Attendance	Lateness
<b>Class 1</b>	98.95%	0.18%
<b>Class 2</b>	97.07%	0.27%
<b>Class 3</b>	98.71%	0.13%
<b>Class 4</b>	96.17%	0.86%

Come on Class 4 - improvement required!

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.



### Maths lessons at Madeley School

This week a group of six Y6 pupils spent an afternoon at the high school being taught Maths by Mr Woodfine, alongside children from various other primary schools. These monthly sessions are aimed at our more able mathematicians who are working considerably above age related expectations. This week they enjoyed a shape treasure hunt and a very challenging arithmetic test set to music, which involved answering

100 questions in 100 seconds!

### Maths Focus

One of our school development priorities this year is to improve children's fluency and rapid recall of number facts. We have found that lots of our children take too long recalling times tables, number bonds etc. Our FUN maths session are already having a positive impact and it's very rewarding for the children to see at the end of a week how much they have improved with daily practise. Each morning we have a daily maths workout which is a fun and energized way of mastering these facts.

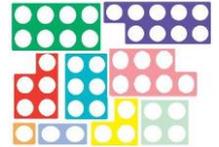
Last week, both Mrs Kuffour and I spent a morning in each classroom observing the teaching of Maths and how children responded to their learning. We were very impressed with the children's positive attitude towards Maths and how they

are able to apply their knowledge to a wide variety of problems. We have noticed though that some of our children are slipping into bad habits with presentation, so will be monitoring this carefully and have asked the children to raise expectations of themselves. We will also further develop the use of a maths tool kit, where children have to develop different strategies which they can rely on according to a question type. For example: odd one out, true or false, always, sometimes or never true. All of these skills will further equip our children to meet the increased expectations of the maths curriculum and see Maths as so much more than a page full of calculations.

It was highly evident, in all of the classrooms, that our behaviour policy is firmly embedded and understood by our children. There is a most positive learning environment and every single minute of the lesson is used to maximise learning. The amount of work recorded each lesson shows just how hard working and engaged our learners are. We really can evidence that the behaviour of our children is OUTSTANDING!!

### Numicon Workshop

On Thursday, parents and family members of pupils in Class One (Reception) and Y1 (Class 2) were invited in to school to participate in a Numicon Family Workshop. Here they had the opportunity to learn more about the resources we use in school to support learning in Maths.



It was so wonderful to see teachers, TAs, parents and children all engaged in their maths learning. I was so impressed with how brilliant the children were at communicating using mathematical language and showing great reasoning skills. They certainly seemed to enjoy sharing their learning with their family members: there was a demonstrable enthusiasm for Maths in the air and this was a joy to see - Mrs Kuffour. Photos can be viewed on the blog:

<http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/numicon-family-workshop-reception-and-y1-19th-october>

### **Bug Club**

May I remind all parents in Class 1 and 2 that the e-book is counted towards your child's reading expectations for the week. These books are so modern and engaging for the children. They also have lots of useful information for parents too. The school code is **tmcs** and your child should each have their own login details with books allocated. If you have lost these or feel that the allocation is incorrect please do get in touch, so we can investigate. The website is tablet friendly too. The reading of these books does need to be recorded into the diary in the same manner as the paper books.

### Toast

Please be advised that if your child wishes to order toast for the next half term, the cost will be £9.10. This must be paid using ParentMail as we no longer accept any cash payments whatsoever. We do use high quality 50/50 bread which is in compliance with the national school food standards, Your child is of course welcome to bring their own snack form home to eat at morning break. However this must be a healthy choice such as: crackers, yogurt, fruit or a cereal bar that does not contain chocolate. I have observed penguin bars recently!



It is approaching that time of year again and we know that the children do like to participate in this national fundraising campaign. This year it is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. I have asked our School Ambassadors this year to organise this event and they would very much like to hear your suggestions and ideas. Please do have a think about how The Meadows can get involved and then share this with your child. After half term, Molly and Eddie will be visiting the classrooms to listen to suggestions. We will let you know shortly.

### School Clubs - Reminder

Unfortunately we will have to cancel sewing club on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October due to staff training and also on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, due to Pupil Progress Meetings.

### 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.*

Finally I would like to wish you all a lovely half term holiday and we will look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.



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



