



# Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows  
Primary School  
Shaw Education Trust

## Forthcoming dates

**Please do check the website regularly**

<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Maths Parent Workshop Reception and Y1 9:00-10:30
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Half Term
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Return to School
<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>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

I am delighted to inform you that our academy conversion did go ahead on time and we are now part of The Shaw Education Trust. In our assembly on Monday, I explained to the children what this means for our school and why the governors have made this decision in a child friendly way. You can see our PowerPoint presentation on our website: <http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/academy-conversion-childs-guide>. They were very interested and understood a great deal. They asked some super questions which demonstrated their understanding and interest in their school. Their main concern was would they still have Mr Skellern? I reassured them we are all very happy with the provision that ASM sports provide, so yes it would continue. They also wanted to know if I would become a Principal rather than a Headteacher? I explained that this was something which was still being finalised, but whatever, I would still be the leader of The Meadows.

As parents, you will see very little change. We have discouraged cash payments for a long time now, but moving forward we will be unable to accept any cheques or cash, apart from fundraising donations, as we have a new bank account and procedures to follow. It is for this reason that we are no longer able to process cash payments for school lunches. Should your child wish to have a lunch as a one off, for example the Halloween lunch, then payment must be made via ParentMail. You can put the minimal amount of £5 onto your meal account, which can be carried over to another occasion, when your child wishes to have a cooked meal.



Thank you for your kind donations. We have received a lovely thank you letter which explains that our school collected enough food to provide 100 meals. That is absolutely tremendous!

## Attendance and Punctuality

You should have received via email, a letter from the Local Authority explaining their new procedures regarding holidays taken during term time and persistent lateness. Holidays can rarely be authorised. They must be absolutely unavoidable. I do get numerous requests for days to be taken either side of the school holiday periods. This is not unavoidable and will not be authorised. I am aware that there are occasions when children are reported to be ill when they are in fact, on holiday. This does put the children in a very difficult position and requires them to maintain the deception in front of their friends and teachers. The school is required to follow the requirements of the law and has to comply with the DfE's procedures. Please note that persistent lateness is classified as 10 late marks within a term. This will result in a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

## How are we doing so far this term?

Class	Attendance	Lateness
Class 1	98.46%	0.26%
Class 2	96.95%	0.29%
Class 3	98.34%	0.18%
Class 4	97.71%	0.79%

**Well done Class 4 for improving your Punctuality.**

We have noticed that an increasing number of pupils are going for medical appointments during the school day. Whilst there are times when this is unavoidable, such as with hospital appointments and emergency dental appointments, I would like to request that all routine appointments are not made during the school day. On instruction from the Education Welfare Worker, we will now be asking for an appointment card, letter or text to confirm such appointments, so we can record it as an authorised absence. We thank you for your support and compliance with this matter.

## Afternoon Tea with Mrs Procter



Currently it is necessary to reinforce our home learning expectations to a handful of children, which if applicable, you will be informed about via a letter. However we would like to acknowledge that the vast majority of our children really do take pride in their learning at home and are always well organised and prepared for each school day. Their learning completed at home is very evident

through their activities, exemplary reading records and improved scores in spelling and mental maths tests. Each month I will ask the class teachers, if anyone stands out for their exceptional efforts. This will not mean those children who do well because they are more able, but those children who demonstrate consistent effort and pride in their home learning. These children will be invited to come and have afternoon tea with myself. Each child will take home a card to share with their families. The first occasion will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Digital Resilience**

Today your child will have brought this publication home.

We hope you find it useful and informative. It provides lots of advice about keeping your child safe online. We recently reinforced important issues to our key stage 2 children in an assembly. You can find out what we talked about and see the resources using this link: <http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/online-safety-assembly-accepting-attachments-and-reliability>

A reminder that our website contains a wide variety of resources too.



### **Christmas Trips**

Yes it is nearly that time of year again .....

Thank you to all our families who responded regarding the proposed trip for classes 1 and 2. I am delighted to report that your feedback has been most supportive, so the trip will indeed go ahead. What is most delightful and totally unexpected, is a considerable donation received from a family who would like to offer a subsidy. Therefore the cost to parents for the "Santa and Steam" trip has now been reduced to £16.50 and the forthcoming key stage two trip, to the pantomime at the Lyceum, has been reduced to £13.00. A letter with more details will be sent home after half term. *It is not often I am speechless, but on this occasion I really was.*

### **A Musical Recording Experience**

On Sunday the 24th of September, the ukulele club went to Hollow-Floor Studios in Audlem. We met Jack Marshall (who recorded our song that Mrs Hollindshead-Bland wrote) Once all of our instruments were tuned, we sang and played the best that we have ever done. After a second attempt, we added in some percussion instruments to give it a beat. Then all was left to do was to leave the recordings with the professional, to decide which one would be the best to use on our album. Our front cover can be seen below.



What a tremendous opportunity for our very talented musicians. Our thanks to Mrs HB for organising this and supporting the children.

by Molly and Martha

### **School Clubs**

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.*



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



