



# Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows  
Primary School

## Forthcoming dates

**Please do check the website regularly**

<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	3pm Y6 Parents' Meeting
<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
<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

We have now been back at school for three weeks already! The children are firmly settled into their new classes and the children in key stage two have adjusted so smoothly to the new afternoon arrangements. Already I can see that our refreshed approach to teaching number, fluency and recall is having a positive impact. The children are all up and about moving and singing, during their F.U.N (fluency and understanding of number) maths sessions. Their energy and engagement can be heard all around the school each morning. I hope they are telling you about their songs and actions at home too! You will have noticed a different approach to their maths homework, as they practise these key number facts at home.

### Governor News

Many of you will know that Mr Andy Gething served on the governing body for a number of years. He was a very active member of our school community and continues to support the school through his links with Leycett Cricket Club. We are delighted that he has once again joined our governing body, but this time not as a parent, but as a co-opted member.

### Bikeability

This week the majority of the year five children enjoyed two days outside of the classroom, learning how to keep themselves safe on their bikes. The main focus of the course is to encourage them to make good observations about what is around them including any hazards, other road users and making judgements about time and space on the road.

Their teacher was extremely complimentary about the behaviour and attitude of our children. She said they were delightful and the very best she had ever had! It is always wonderful to hear such comments. Well done to all our children, however a special mention to those children who did lack confidence and experience. Therefore over the summer holidays, they did go out of their way with their families to get in extra practise, so they would be ready for the challenge.

Unfortunately due to the current road safety issues in our community and the previous incidents we had last year, I am unable to allow our pupils to ride to school, unless they are accompanied and supervised by an adult.

You can read more about their activities and view photographs on our blog pages.

<http://www.meadowsprimary.co.uk/blog/bikeability-year-5>



### P.E. Kits

It is very frustrating when children do not have their P.E. kit in school. I know also that it is inconvenient to parents when we ring up during the day and ask you to bring it in. However this is a statutory subject and the school does put a great deal of financial resources into providing high quality sessions with a specialised coach. Children who do not have kits can't participate and will be asked to go and complete work in another class. We do need to

monitor this more carefully and raise our expectations. Therefore if children do not bring their kit into school, or it is not compliant, you will be notified by a letter. We may also have to issue a sanction in the form of a negative dojo to the child, if this is an ongoing issue. You are asked to ensure your child does have their kit in school. As it is now getting colder, leggings or jogging bottoms are best for outdoor sessions on a Friday. These do need to be a darker colour, such as: grey, black or navy please. Thank you for your support in this important matter.

This year we have worked alongside several other smaller schools to organise competitive events throughout the year. More details to follow shortly.

### Academy Conversion

Our consultation period has now closed. Thank you to the six parents who did attend the meeting. Your questions were much appreciated and I hope you found it to be very informative and more importantly reassuring. The governing body will be providing you with an update regarding our next steps early next week

### **Online Safety**

If you have visited our website recently, you will have noticed that there is a wealth of tools and information to help you keep your children safe on our homepage.

It has come to my attention that some of our younger pupils are playing on a game called “Five Nights at Freddy’s” at home. They have been talking about this in school, which has caused the staff to be concerned. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that this is rated 12+, because of its horror and fear content. I urge you to review your child’s access to such material.

### **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.*

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

Class	Attendance	Lateness
Class 1	100%	0.48%
Class 2	97.17%	0.33%
Class 3	98.54%	0.16%
Class 4	97.99%	1.08%

What a terrific start for Class 1. All our classes are above our 97% expectation which is very encouraging. However as you can see, we have already have incidents of lateness, which is concerning. A reminder that the registers are taken at 8:55am. Minutes late are recorded and monitored for persistent lateness.

### **A Message From Our School Ambassadors**

We are the school ambassadors and we have already begun our roles and carried out some duties. We have written certificates for the celebration assembly following discussions with school staff and have written blogs for the website. We have enjoyed helping Class 1 settle in and it has been a great pleasure to help. We have also worked with Mrs Cooper in designing a special Halloween menu and agree that it will be delicious. We have met with Mrs Procter and discussed our work so far and discussed what is happening over the next couple of weeks. On Monday we will be welcoming representatives from the Foodbank charity who will be talking to the children in assembly. We will be in charge of organising a collection at The Meadows. We have also been invited to a Remembrance service which will be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November at the monument. This is a great opportunity for us both and it has been very exciting. Molly and Eddie.



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

