



Headlines

Summer Term Week 1

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Good morning

Good morning everyone and I hope you are well. It's been another super week in school, helped no end by the lovely weather. This week we have been busy inside and out with our learning and have also been blessed by a visit from Meltham's Mayor to a Year 3 assembly which was lovely to be a part of.

We are beginning preparations to record a series of class assemblies over the coming weeks. By the end of this term, each year group (except for Year 6 who are concocting something else!) will have created a video assembly which we will be sending home for you to enjoy. If you remember, we sought permission earlier in the year to do this, but if you have any reservations about allowing your child to be recorded and that recording being sent to parents in that year group, please contact your child's teacher to discuss it. I'm sure a role can be found for them which is either a technical one or which involves just their voice!

This week we have had the pleasure of taking time to look at the children's books and folders in school, taking a particular interest in their Maths. It's lovely to see the children progressing and look at some of their hard work (as well as chat to some of them about their learning). I spend so little time in classes at the moment because of the way the school operates under the COVID arrangements, that it's been a wonderful opportunity to see what goes on.

Staff news

I am equal parts sad and happy to tell you all that Shirley Harrison will be retiring at the end of this year to begin a long and happy retirement. Mrs. Harrison has taught alongside Mrs. Bartholet and delivered the school's fabulous art and dance provision in Key Stage 2 during recent years, and helped Meltham CE deliver what I believe to be primary art provision that is almost second to none. I know you will join me in wishing her all the best for the future. I will let you all know when we have managed to fill the post... it's going to be a hard one to do!

I am delighted to let you know that Emma Pyke, one of our fabulous Year 1 teachers will be staying with us as a permanent member of staff. She has been a wonderful addition to the team following Mr. Mosley's departure for fresh pastures last year. Next year, I am also happy to announce that Jonathan Davies will continue to work in Year 5 until Naomi Ellis returns after her maternity leave. This provides wonderful continuity for the school and for the children.

Class Photos

Your child will bring home their class photo today. Ideally, please complete your order online at www.tempest-

orders.co.uk using the reference number below the photo barcode. You will also need the school web access code which is GP619. Orders will be delivered back to school. Alternatively, please complete the order form and return it to school by Tuesday 4th May.

Parents introduction to children and young people's mental health

Don't forget that it's the parent mental health session on Thursday 6th May at 6:30pm organised by Mrs. Watson and the lovely people at Northorpe Hall. There is no charge and I hope lots of you will join. At the moment we are still awaiting confirmation on how the link to the meeting will be released to those of you who wish to join. I'll let you know as soon as I know.

It's still plant and share month

Don't forget to keep growing and to encourage your children to share their crops and send us a photo via twitter using the hashtags #plantandshare #ffgettogethers and #melthamgrowing. We've seen some lovely green-fingered children on Twitter!

Some Dates

Wed 28th April—Y3 author event in school

Tuesday 4th May—Year 2 and 3 author event in school, Class photo deadline.

Wed 5th May—Y5 virtual train safety

Thursday 6th May—Y5 Amazing Journeys RE day and parents mental health information meeting in the evening (more details to follow)

Tuesday 11th May—Y1 author visit

Wednesday 12th May—new starters Zoom meeting and Y6 Holmfirth High transition Zoom meeting.

Friday 14th May—Y5 Harry Potter Day

Monday 24th May—Y5 Bikeability begins (more details to follow)

Friday 28th May—School is closed for a training day

Maybe a Year 6 performance?

Last year we were unable to perform our annual end of year, Year 6 performance as a result of the school closures. This year we hope to put on a Covid-safe production. However, it's still possible that we cannot have an audience so we are wishing to record the performance so parents can purchase a copy. Our usual cameraman is no longer able to help. I wondered if there was anyone out there in parent land that can help? Are you (or do you know) someone who has expertise in this area? If you are, please contact Mrs. Kinsey in the school office.

Lawrence Batley Theatre

Lawrence Batley Theatre in Huddersfield are delighted to be able to start up their in-person Young Company sessions again for the Summer term. Spaces are available on the Saturday morning sessions, for ages 6-8, from 10:30am-12pm. This term they will be embracing Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' for a performance in the Courtyard at the LBT in July. Each Young Company group will have a different element of the play to focus on, which will be brought together for a full ensemble performance at the end of term. Term commences from this Saturday.

Registration is now open; you can find out further information and book here: <https://participation.thelbt.org/>.

Wellbeing

A big thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the child mental health charity Place2be during children's mental health week. We raised just over £160 which has been sent on to the charity this week.

We have a fantastic Wellbeing and Support section on our website. Take a look:

- <https://www.melthamceschool.co.uk/page/wellbeing/93763>
- <https://www.melthamceschool.co.uk/page/back-to-school/94156>
- <https://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk>
- <https://www.triplep-parenting.uk.net/uk/hot-parenting-topics/my-child/parenting-during-covid-19>
- <https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder>