



Headlines

Summer Term Week 4

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Hello from Mrs T

Mr G has handed the reins to me this morning so this week it's my turn to write to you on Headlines! Even though it's been a short week it's certainly been a busy one. As the term goes by (and hopefully COVID restrictions continue to lessen) it's evident that more and more normal (but certainly interesting and fun) activities are happening in school – both virtually and in real life. After being so bare for so long, the school diary is now getting fuller and fuller. This week I've been lucky enough to see and hear so much music around the school. Year 4 were taken out of the studio (so that something else exciting could take place) and so African Drumming was held in the hall. It was loud, very loud, but my goodness those kids are brilliant! It's been lovely to hear singing coming from year 1 and year 2 about India and dinosaurs (not at the same time) and foundation stage singing along to Mrs Osborne on the piano. Year 3 are looking forward to a visit from Mrs Kelly this afternoon, our strings teacher, who will demonstrate various instruments and hopefully spark some interest in the children to begin to learn. And last but not least, year 6 are belting out their songs for their end of year performance. I sincerely hope you get to see and hear some of your fabulous children's talents soon.

Please be on time

Due to our staggered starts, we know it's sometimes difficult to ensure all your children arrive at school at their designated start times. However, please try your best to adhere to the times and encourage your children to arrive at school promptly if they make their own way. The start of the day is an extremely important time for learning and a prompt arrival ensures all children are settled, comfortable and ready to start the day together.

Also this week...

Children in year 2 and 3 have enjoyed virtual sessions with real life author and illustrator partners Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre. They learned how to draw and write comic strips - and Florence in year 3 had her brilliant work retweeted by Sarah who has 20,000 followers apparently! Well done Florence. Year 5 have all had a chance to take part in the Hand To Mouth Journey where they had a chance to think spiritually and reflect on themselves. Behaviour and engagement by the children was exemplary, I heard.

Fidget or not?

We have one or two children who are bringing fidget toys to school and these are causing arguments and fallouts. If you think your child would benefit from a fidget toy in school due to a specific need, please speak directly to your class teacher. Otherwise, please leave at home. Thanks.

Lunchtimes

Due to COVID restrictions, each class bubble is looked after by their own lunchtime supervisor. This can cause problems if a member of the team is absent as one supervisor can't be in

charge of 2 bubbles. I am pleased to announce that we have appointed 2 more lunchtime supervisors this week enabling us to be more flexible and continue to keep your children safe.

Bye bye Christine

Our wonderful school cook, Christine Walton, is retiring at half term. She has provided your children (and maybe you!) with lovely lunches for over 20 years, here at Meltham CE. We will all miss her and wish her all the very best for the future.

Mental Health Evening

Thank you to Mrs Watson and Rosa from Northorpe Hall for organising and presenting the mental health zoom session last night. If you took part, we hope you found it useful. A link to the presentation can be found here: <https://www.northorpehall.co.uk/parents-workshops-learn-about-mental-health>

Remember, our school website has a fantastic well being and support section, should you need it.

Training Day

We are shut on Friday 28th May for staff training.

Transition

Mrs Wimpenny and Mrs Osborne are busy visiting the new children at their pre-school settings this week and next. We can't wait to meet them all.

If you have a child due to start in September, you will shortly be receiving a welcome pack from us, via your child's preschool. Mrs W, Mrs O and I will be virtually meeting new parents next week.

Covid Testing Letter

A letter was sent out from Mr G this Thursday detailing school policy on Covid testing. Please could you ensure that you have familiarised yourself with the details.

2021 Wellbeing Fundraiser

Please remember to have all designs and orders back to your child's class teacher no later than Thursday 13th May.

Home Start Volunteer

Please see attached flyer for details on how to become a Home Start Volunteer and help make a difference to the lives of parents and children.

Kirklees Local Offer

Kirklees Local Offer have recently relaunched their website for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), their families and the professionals who support them. Please find further information in this link <https://youtu.be/XBz27W4rmYc>