



Headlines

Summer Term Week 8

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Good morning

Hello everyone, and welcome back to the final half term of the school year. For us it's an exciting one: we find out who our new teachers are going to be; we get the chance to meet our new class; we have sports week and we meet our new starters for Reception next September! But it's also a very busy one for both children and teachers: we are undergoing our final assessments for this year which will tell us just what the impact of the COVID school closures has been in 2020-21; teachers have begun writing reports and compiling class lists as well as doing their very best to make sure the summer term is as exciting as it possibly can be in line with the restrictions still in place on schools.

It has been a delightful week to be back in school. The sunshine has made all the difference and there have been children *BREAKING OUT* each day. I've seen phonics sessions under the shade of the trees and maths lessons sprawling out across the playgrounds; outdoor writing in Reception and making bug hotels in the Butterfly Garden. It was busy on the inside too! Indian pasties have been made in Year 1, and we had another one of our popular author visits in Year 4 when Anne Miller talked about and showcased her books. We've been visited by a sound workshop, worked hard through our usual allocation of reading and writing and let's not forget a whole lot of empathy across the whole school (*yesterday was Empathy Day and children were getting in touch with their own, and others' feelings*).

It's been a pleasure to be back and I hope the rest of the year goes as well as this week has.

Just a few dates

In any other Summer Term, we would be inviting you in for sports day and celebrations assemblies. We would be choosing half term achievers and inviting parents in to celebrate with us as well as opening the doors for the summer fair and the Year 6 performance evenings and leavers assembly. This year, we will still be having a sports week and a Year 6/5 performance, but unfortunately we are still unable to invite you all in. However, just so you know what's going on in school over the next few weeks...

- Monday and Tuesday next week sees Year 5's *Staycation* event which Mrs. Watson and Mr. Davies have arranged after the Cliffe House residential trip was cancelled. The children will get lots of outdoor activities, walks in the area, Forest School activities and the traditional talent show (*all in school; sadly not in Shepley...*)
- Sports week begins on Monday 21st June (*Your children's teachers will let you know which days kit is needed and as always these days, they can come to school ready in their PE kits*)
- You will be informed of your child's new class on Friday 25th June
- Following Friday 25th June, the children will have the opportunity to meet their new teachers in their new classes. This will be outside and weather dependent so I can't give an exact date (*but I'm sure they will tell you when they've met their new class*)

- Children are currently undergoing their end of year assessments
- The reports will come to you on Friday 16th July

Meltham Scarecrow Festival

Like many aspects of life, this year's Meltham Memories will not go ahead this year, however the Scarecrow Festival is possible to do with social distancing and will be held over the weekend of the 3rd and 4th July from 11am—5pm. As families you are invited to make scarecrows or to come along and join the trail! There will be a social event in the centre of the village and all the details can be found at www.melthammemories.co.uk

Timings

Thank you for remembering the new times for starting and finishing school. Reception, Year 2 and Year 5 now start at 8:40 and finish at 3:05. I would ask however, that if you have older children in Years 6 (*or even 5*) who walk to school on their own, that they please come on time. Lots are very early and are left waiting on the playground for up to 20 minutes. I'm sure they wouldn't mind a few more minutes in bed in a morning! I know I wouldn't.

Adult Learning

If you're mulling over a change of direction or just fancy learning something new, I have attached a program of adult learning courses covering anything from Zoom workshops to handling children's behavior; from Reading Friends Refreshers to confidence and assertiveness; or from first aid to understanding the menopause. There is a blue link to the application forms on the program and almost all the courses are virtual and online.

Wellbeing

As always, I want to take the opportunity to remind you about the wellbeing section of our website which offers signposts to all manner of support resources for you, your children and anyone you may know who is feeling the challenge of life either COVID or otherwise.

- <https://www.melthamceschool.co.uk/page/wellbeing/93763>
- <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>

PSA Fundraiser

As you know, we have been very limited with the fundraising we have been able to do over the past 18 months. A really easy way to support your school (and have a chance of winning up to £5000) is The Big PTA Summer Raffle 2021. Click the icon below to purchase tickets, raise funds for school and fingers crossed for a big win for you!

Also remember to activate the Easyfundraising facility and raise funds every time you shop:

