



Headlines

Summer Term Week 9

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Good morning

Good morning everyone—I hope you've had a great week and are looking forward to a lovely weekend. In school we have been blessed with more fine weather this week which has enabled us to keep breaking out and enjoying the wonderful space we have around our school. Year 5 have been treated to their *Staycation* in lieu of the cancelled Cliffe House trip. I sincerely hope that the efforts of the Year 5 team have in some way made up for the loss of the trip and I know the children have enjoyed a walk up on Royd Edge, a movie night, team games, a talent show (*extraordinary talents on show I can tell you!*) and Forest School. I have my fingers crossed for their Robin Wood trip next year!

But that's not all that's been happening. Year 3 have been learning all about road safety. Earlier on this year we all took part in the No Need to Speed campaign and as part of their PSHE, they have followed this up with some really valuable work on safe crossing; an important lesson for us all! Year 1 have been making greenhouses while Reception have been creating potions in their English work. Year 4 have made instruments as part of their sound work in Science and we've had the usual doses of reading, writing and maths in between. All this has made a great week in school. I can't believe there are only 5 weeks left!

Woven festival

As you know, many of the children in school have contributed to the woven festival and this weekend is the Biennale Finale! It's going on from 10am-4pm on June 19th (tomorrow!) and will give you the opportunity to see some of the work our children have done (and also to see the incredible Big Rainbow Knit at the train station!) I'm planning to take a sneaky peak this afternoon! Here's a link to the website so you know what's going on:

<https://woveninkirklees.co.uk/whats-on/>

<https://woveninkirklees.co.uk/event/our-biennale-finale/2021-06-19/>

New classes

Next week we will send home your child's new classes via email. As ever at Meltham we will mix up the children's classes. This year, more than any other year, it is crucial as the class bubbles have prevented almost all of the children's opportunities to see friends in other classes. Each class is a delicate balance of ability, friendships, SEND, and sex, taking into consideration the children's previous classes and history. Each child will have friends of course, but as always it's a very complicated exercise.

A new school cook

Our catering service appointed a new cook for Meltham CE last week. As you'll recall, Christine Walton had been our cook for over 20 years and she retired at half-term. I would like to offer a very warm welcome to Kimberly Walker who will join us in the coming weeks. We look forward working together in the coming years (*she makes a good score I can tell you that!*)

Next week is sports week

Next week is Sports week in school. It's such a shame that we have now lost two sports days in a row (although I have to say that the microphones and the announcements do make me nervous!) At least we are marking the event this year however, and the children will need to come fully dressed for sports on the following days:

Tuesday 22nd June—Reception, Year 3 and Year 5.

Thursday 24th June—Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6.

I'm sure there'll be a certificate or two!

Uniform

Please could you ensure that children come to school in their PE kit for PE days and sensible clothing appropriate for Forest School sessions when applicable. All other days children must wear their school uniform as it is an important part of our school's identity.

September Dinners & Milk

You have been sent a letter regarding dinner and milk options for September 2021, a copy of which can be found here: <https://www.melthamceschool.co.uk/page/dinners-and-milk/51639> Please note the deadline for changes is Tuesday 20th July.

Fell Race

You may know that the West Nab Fell Race went on over the half-term and the school was used for parking. It raised over £200 for school funds which is much needed and appreciated at the moment!

Summer Activities

As the summer holidays are approaching you maybe interested in some of the things happening in the community and around Huddersfield. Please see attached details of two programmes running in July and August.

Easy Fundraising

Help raise funds for Meltham C.E Primary School whenever you shop online! Use easyfundraising to shop with over 4,000 big name retailers including Amazon, Argos, John Lewis and ASOS – when you shop, you'll raise a free donation for Meltham C.E primary School every time, it's that easy! Help support us: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/melthamceprimary/>

Wellbeing

Last week was infant mental health awareness week. I was sent a *Five To Thrive* workout booklet on Friday last week and thought it was quite nice for those of you who have babies or toddlers (*or both!*). It's attached to *Headlines* this week. There are also a few links below with some helpful bits and bobs about supporting your toddler's early learning at home and dealing with the stress this exciting phase of development can often bring!:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/science-and-facts>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/parents-wellbeing-coping-strategies/zgwd96f>

As always, I want to take the opportunity to remind you about the wellbeing section of our website

- <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>