



# Headlines

Summer Term Week 10

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## Good morning

Good morning everyone. It's Friday again (only four more left until the summer—I can't believe the whole year has almost gone) and it's been another busy week in school.

This week has been all about leavers and new starters. Yesterday we met the first group of new starters for next September. Like everything else, it's been a different experience this year, but some of the new starters were able to visit our out door area in the Foundation Stage playground and meet their new teachers. It was wonderful to say hello and next week we will be meeting more of them.

For our lovely leavers, the Year 6 team have been moving mountains to create a COVID-safe Year 6 performance that the children have thoroughly enjoyed doing. Of course we've been working hard in class too, but this is a wonderful reward at the end of an arduous year. I'm so sorry we can't invite you and enjoy the traditional festivities of the evening performances, but the children are getting to #melthamshoutout and perform and that's what matters most.

## New classes

Today you will (or already will have) received the name of your child's new teacher in September. In school over the coming two weeks, we will be working hard to make sure the children have opportunities to spend time with their new teacher and get the opportunity to learn a little bit about them and ask the questions that are important to them. I'm sure there will be a little bit of fun too. The pandemic and the class bubbles this year have been hard for some of our children, and lots of them will be getting extra little visits from their teachers and extra opportunity to visit their classrooms before the start of the summer.

## New starters and a window to the school

All our new starter families for September 2021 will receive a link via email for our transition video which shows our wonderful Foundation Stage in action. If you would like to have a look at it, it will hopefully be on the website by the end of the day. Don't forget that by following your child's Year group Twitter feed (and the school feed) you can see some of the things the children have been up to in school.

## Transition for our Year 6 leavers

All the information from both Honley and Holmfirth high schools regarding transition is on their website. Obviously

the common transition day that was scheduled for 6th July, where children would visit the schools, has again been prevented from happening. You should have received information about summer or September 21 events and where you and your children can find out more about their exciting next step directly from the high schools themselves. I have attached links to both school's transition pages below:

<https://www.honleyhigh.co.uk/year-6>

<https://holmfirthhigh.co.uk/about-us/admissions/#year-6-transition>

## Sports days

Well, we got half of it done in fine weather and postponed the other half. It's a shame really, as after the horrid start to yesterday's weather, it picked up and we could probably have gone ahead. But never mind, we have rescheduled the fun for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 on Tuesday 6th July. If your children are in the above year groups, they will need to come in full PE kit on those days.

## COVID

I've buried this bit in the middle... I have had lots of very polite enquiries about letting classes mix outdoors, but just as many of thanks for continuing to work hard to maintain social distance in school. I've had lots of polite questions about when we can dispense with face masks outside, but equally, lots of thanks for continuing to ask that you wear them. The message from Kirklees remains one of continuing mitigation measures in order to prevent the transmission of the Delta variant which is prevalent in Kirklees. I'm sure you can appreciate this is an impossible situation for schools. We are still being asked to maintain distance, enhanced hygiene and bubbles whilst all around us, restrictions are being loosened. I, like you, wait for some semblance of plan and guidance from government...

All we can do (for the time being) is make sure we access tests and isolate if we have symptoms, maintain our distance, continue to wear face coverings, take a lot of deep breaths, encourage each other to get vaccinations and who knows what we can change in the last week of term and in September? I've popped on a link to the Kirklees Council pop-up vaccination clinics in the near future:

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/health-and-well-being/covid19-vaccination-programme.aspx>

## September Dinners & Milk reminder

Don't forget that we have sent a letter about dinner and milk options for September 2021. You can find it here: <https://www.melthamceschool.co.uk/page/dinners-and-milk/51639> Please note the deadline for changes is Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

## Wellbeing links

<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>

## Wellbeing PSA Fundraiser

A huge thank you for your support with the Wellbeing PSA fundraiser this year. Many of the items you have ordered have now been sent home, however there is another consignment that is due to go out so please don't worry if your order has not arrived home as yet. Hopefully this will be with us sometime next week.

## Holmfirth Harriers

Please see attached to this weeks Headlines details on Holmfirth Harriers Stars on Track 2021. Included is a registration form for those who are interested.

## Additional Bank Holiday?

As you will be aware, there is an additional bank holiday in Summer 2022 when the nation is set to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The extra date will fall in the half-term holiday and the Department for Education has reduced the number of teaching days next year from 190 + 5 INSET days to 189 + 5 INSET days. This means that there may be an additional day to add to next year's school calendar when the children will not be in school. Once Kirklees have confirmed how this will work for our schools, I will let you know when the day is.

## Easy Fundraising

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<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/melthamceprimary/>