



Headlines

Summer Term Week 11

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Good morning

Good morning everyone. I hope you've all had as good a week as we have in school and are looking forward to an exciting weekend (whether you are football fans or not!). There is lots going on across school at the moment, from outdoor Art projects in Years 2 and 5 to educational police visits in the school hall. Lots of creativity at every turn. But the most important thing this week has been...

Transition sessions

The children have had the opportunity to meet their new teachers this week. Yesterday afternoon, the teachers sought out a place in the shade to meet their new classes and the children had the opportunity to ask questions, play games and the teachers shared a little secret or two about the upcoming year. Having the chance to meet new teachers really gives the opportunity for children to address any anxieties and see who will be in their class next year. We have another session next week to look forward to. Just to put people's minds at ease, Miss. Varley and Mrs. Myers are both away from school at the moment, but please rest assured that I am expecting them both back next year.

Sports day 2.0

Weather permitting, Years 1, 2 and 4 will enjoy their delayed Sports Day activities on Tuesday 6th July. If your children are in these year groups, they'll need to come in full PE kit on those days.

Year 6 show

I've been in trouble with the Year 6 team (and some of the children too). By all accounts, when I write about what's happening in school, I have not been as inclusive as I should have been! So Year 6, I'm sorry. This bit's about you...

The adults in Year 6 have worked very hard to create an opportunity for the children to perform this year. Covid has created many problems in terms of casting and stage sharing, but after a great deal of planning, we have managed it! Over the last few weeks, the children have learned lines, practiced scenes in bubbles and cross-bubble scenes at distance and have finally performed to the children year group by year group over the last week or so. Obviously (and very sadly) there have been no evening performances or grandeur this year, but the opportunity to STAND OUT and SHOUT OUT has gone ahead none the less. And wow they've been nothing short of amazing! The dedication to learning lines, practising songs, bringing in costumes and the sheer enjoyment has been a ray of light in school. Watching

them perform this week has given me time to pause and remember these children in Reception! They have grown not just in size, but in character and in presence. It's been an absolute pleasure to be with them and more than any other year, I feel they have relished the chance to perform. We are all incredibly proud of them and what they've achieved.

We've been let down by film makers, so whilst we have no official video, we hope to send you a lo-fi school video and some photographs (all free of charge) in the near future so you can at least get a little feel for what the children have achieved.

Assessment and reports

It will soon be report time and the teachers have been working their socks off to write them over the last few weeks since half-term. It's been an interesting year to write about and I am currently in the midst of reading them all. With all things considered over this unusual year, the children have done wonderfully well and I know you are going to be just as proud of them as we are.

Like last year, you will receive a written report, but this year there will also be assessment information. When you get the envelope on Friday 16th July, it will contain the assessment breakdown, your child's self-report and the teacher's report. There will also be a letter from me with an explanation of what the assessment means this year. It is very important that you read this letter along with your child's report.

Whatever the teacher assessment may be this year, it is so important to put everything into clear perspective. When we look back at this crazy time in future years, we will be remembering what we did during the lockdowns; how the roads sounded with no cars on them; how we spent endless days just walking and how we were **all** teachers for so long! We probably won't be reflecting on everything our children missed. However, what they missed will have an effect on their attainment this year, as will the reduced opportunities for children to practise their skills and demonstrate the all important knowledge they have acquired this year.

As I've said before, catch-up will take time, but the reports will show you just how hard your child has tried this year, what their successes have been and hopefully, despite all of this chaos, just how proud we are of them all.

Parking

Please be considerate where you park! The staggered times don't help I know, but often the children have to walk around cars parked across drives and junctions to get home. Some of our older children walk home alone and I have seen them needing to walk into the road in order to get home! I know it's difficult, but please make efforts to walk when you can or perhaps park a little further away and walk on to school to meet your children.

September dinners & milk reminder

Our new cook Kimberly has now started in school and the response from the children so far has been very positive, thank you Kimberly.

Please remember to sort your milk and dinner choices for next year. You can find it here: [https://](https://www.melthamceschool.co.uk/page/dinners-and-milk/51639)

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The deadline for changes is Tuesday 20th July.

Button batteries

The community Hub have asked me to circulate some information highlighting the dangers of button batteries and where they can be found in the home. I've attached the information to this week's ramblings. There's also a link below to the Child Accident Prevention Trust website:

<https://www.capt.org.uk/button-battery-safety>.

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/>

Transition links for our Year 6 leavers attending Honley, Newsome and Holmfirth High Schools

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

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

https://newsomehigh.co.uk/?page_id=4270

PSA fundraiser

Thank you so much for taking part in the PSA fundraiser from which we have raised an invaluable £462 pounds for improvements in school. If anyone has missing items or problems, please contact us as soon as possible as time is running out!

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>