



Headlines

Summer Term Week 13

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One week to go...

Good morning everyone. I hope you are well and looking forward to the summer? It's almost the end of a funny old year and we have just five school days to go after today. We are busy making preparations for next year and are excited to welcome back Class 1 from their isolation period this morning and Class 12 (as well as the children in all the other classes) next week! And we've been so busy!

I'm just about finished planning for September's return to school and I will write to you in the early part of next week detailing what we plan to change next year. Of course with such a rapidly altering political climate, who knows whether the plans will go ahead, but I truly hope I won't need to contact you during the summer with a change of plans!

Construction in the playground next week

Next week we are having a canopy installed in the Key Stage 2 playground. Once complete, it will enable us to increase our working space for groups, whole classes and give a little shade too! Part of the playground will be cordoned off so please be aware when children come into school in the morning and leave in the afternoon.

Reports

Your child's school report will come home with them today if they are at school. The pack contains a letter from me explaining this year's format, their class teacher's report and a sheet of teacher assessments (not Foundation Stage). Please read the accompanying letter carefully and should you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

If your child is absent or isolating, we will give their report to a sibling, if they have one in school, otherwise they will be given their reports when they return. Should anyone not return before the end of term, and you cannot arrange for anyone to collect the report on your behalf, we will arrange for the reports to come home at the end of term.

Year 6 return from Kingswood

A small note to celebrate the fact that our Year 6 children finally got the send off they deserve and were able to have their residential trip to Kingswood. I'm delighted that the perseverance of the Year 6 team (and of Mrs. Stier in particular) meant we could go ahead. Lots of photos can be found on the Year 6 Twitter feed.

Extra Inset Day

As part of the celebrations for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, schools have been given an extra bank holiday. Meltham CE will therefore be closed on Friday 1st July 2022.

Reading Books

With one week left, please can you return all children's reading books to school. This means we can ensure our stock is present and correct and fill any gaps. Thank you.

Any brass instruments still out there?

Many children began learning brass instruments last school year (before the pandemic arrived) and we are yet to get all of them back in. The instruments do not belong to school but to local bands and to some of our parents. If you still have a cornet or a trombone lurking at home, please return it to school. We hope to begin our sessions again next year and will keep you updated on this.

Year 6 leavers

Next week is Year 6's very last week. I had hoped to invite parents to a final outdoor assembly as the 19th July marks a relaxation in restrictions. However, with infection rates rising, three classes in isolation and more children than at any point this year currently COVID positive, I have decided to mark the occasion behind closed doors. The children will enjoy lots of activities to celebrate the end of their time here and Miss Drake and Mrs. Mitchell will send your children home with photos, a year book and hopefully some great memories of the last week, the leavers day and their whole time here at Meltham CE. I hope you understand. Please keep an eye on the Y6 Twitter feed to be updated throughout the last day.

RHS Gardening

Great news for the children involved with our gardening work in school. Mrs. Pearson and her groups have been awarded the RHS Level 3 school gardening award. This gets us £50 towards our school gardening and we will push on for level 4 next year. In order to achieve the award, the children have recycled household waste (into bees!), have established a wormery and have been busily creating signage in the Butterfly Garden.

Easy Fundraising

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Next week's blended learning

Next week is the last week of term. The children will still be learning, but they will also be taking part in other end of term activities (like extra outdoor session or drawer tidying!) The remote learning should mirror as close as possible what is happening in school. As a result, if your child is isolating, you will find in part, a different type of activity and less set work than would normally be the case.

Final milk reminder

Please remember to sort your milk and dinner choices for next year. You can find it here: <https://www.melthamceschool.co.uk/page/dinners-and-milk/51639>
The deadline for changes is Tuesday 20th July.

Summer Fun

The local hub have sent me another flyer detailing activities that can be accessed over the summer. It's attached to this week's newsletter.

Let's get double jabbed

COVID-19 community POP up and Mobile sessions:

- Meltham Sports Complex: Friday 16th July 3pm—6:30pm
- Greenhead Park: Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th July from 12pm—7pm

Planned WALK IN sessions at Honley Vaccination Centre:

- Friday 16th July 9am—12pm
- Monday 19th July 9am—1pm and 2pm—5pm
- Saturday 24th July 9am—12pm

Children and young people's Coronavirus Survey

Kirklees Council's Public Health team is asking young people aged 9-16 to tell them about their experiences of Coronavirus and how it has affected their life and the way they feel. This will help the council and schools plan how much (and what type of) support young people may need. All questions are optional, and your child can leave out any question they don't want to answer. The information given by your child will not allow them to be identified and the survey closes on Monday 26th July 2021. If you would like your child to contribute, please follow the QR code below:



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

<https://www.honleyhigh.co.uk/year-6>
<https://holmfirthhigh.co.uk/about-us/admissions/#year-6-transition>
https://newsomehigh.co.uk/?page_id=4270

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Wellbeing links

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<https://www.triplep-parenting.uk.net/uk/hot-parenting-topics/my-child/parenting-during-covid-19>
<https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder>

In addition to our usual links, Mrs. Watson (Our Mental Health Lead) has asked me to include the link below:

[How to take part - Rugby League Cares](#)

Offload is a men's mental health program from Rugby League Cares run over 10 weeks and designed to equip men with practical tips and tools to look after their own emotional wellbeing and mindsets and to recognize when they, or others might need further support. They are run by former rugby league players. We all know that men in particular are disinclined to talk, so if you know anyone, follow the link...