



Headlines

Autumn Term Week 14

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Good afternoon everyone

I hope you are all well and that your Christmas planning is going as well as ours is in school. It has been a wonderful week in school with a perfect balance of learning and Christmas preparation. I am beginning to feel much more settled and informed as the weeks go on and it continues to be a real pleasure to be back! Have a great weekend and I'll see you all on Monday
Phil

Year 3 perform with singers from the Royal Opera House

On Wednesday this week, our Year 3 classes joined hundreds of other local children to perform songs from Mozart's opera, 'The Magic Flute'. The event was the culmination of six weeks' of learning songs using the excellent learning resources of The Royal Opera House. This was an exceptional opportunity for the children to sing with professional opera singers and to listen to their performances of songs in German too. The children were very impressed by the beautiful surroundings of the Town Hall and the live Kirklees orchestra. It was an experience to remember, as was being featured on ITV's Calendar programme yesterday evening!

Save the Date for a Year 6 leavers Ball

When our Year 6 children leave at the end of the academic year, we mark the occasion with a number of in school events, including our leavers' assembly, reward afternoons and a trip to the park! This year, the parents of the children are arranging a ball for the children outside of school time and I have been asked to let you know a few details:

When: Sunday 14th July from 6pm until 9pm

Where: Meltham Sports Complex

How much: £7.50 per child which includes drinks, food and photos.

There will be more details circulated about arrangements and payment amongst Year 6 parents after the February half-term, but please be aware that an accompanying adult (over the age of 18) will be required to accompany each child or small group of children.

Please note that this is not a school event and staff are not involved in arrangements or organisation.

Friday Hot Chocolates,

You may be aware that on a Friday some children are sent to see the Head Teacher or Mrs. Turner for a hot chocolate tea-party reward (all dietary needs catered for of course). This is a new addition to the rewards process at Meltham, begun in my absence. It is a popular reward for children who get it right or do things well consistently. Talking to the children, it's a popular one, so

we'll keep running with it for the time being and see if it makes the permanent list! I'm looking forward to this afternoon's event!

Brass extravaganza!

On Monday this week, children from our school's Brass Band had the honour of performing at Huddersfield Town Hall as part of the Kirklees Year of Music 2023. We were the only school to perform live on stage alongside professional musicians and we are fantastically proud of our young musicians. Brass music is incredibly important in West Yorkshire and I'm especially proud that it is alive and well (and at a high standard!) at Meltham CE Primary School. Well done to Jack, Hannah, Harry, Elizabeth, Evie, Samson, Maiya, Nathan, Luke, Alfie and Oscar. A massive thank you to Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Spittlehouse for taking the children to the event and for all the adults and children involved in our Monday morning bands.

First aid in school

Over the next few weeks, and the start of the Spring Term, we are taking the opportunity to review our First Aid procedures within school at all levels. Managing the bumps and bruises in a primary school is a big task and we want to ensure we are doing the best job we possibly can. We will be increasing the number of first aid trained staff across school and in addition to this, once the review is completed, we may make some minor changes to our procedures. I will let you know of any changes through the usual channels in the new calendar year.

Online Safety

In 2019, media titan Disney launched its own streaming platform, intending to challenge the likes of Netflix and Amazon Prime. Giving (often exclusive) access to shows and movies – such as the legendary studio's animated classics and the revered Star Wars back catalogue – Disney+ has been a colossal success, proving popular with viewers of all ages.

Despite Disney's reputation for wholesome, child-friendly content, however, there's far more material available on their platform – some of which is aimed exclusively at adults. This could easily fly under the radar, given the company's general image. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide has useful tips to help your family sit back, relax and enjoy what Disney+ has to offer.

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Christmas Parties

It is class parties in the last week of term and we ask for a £1 donation per child to go towards party food. This is available to pay via ParentPay.

Party dates are:

Tuesday 19th December - year 3 and year 4

Wednesday 20th December EYFS and KSI

THURSDAY 21 December—year 5 and year 6

Children can come in party clothes on the day of their party but please ensure they have suitable footwear for outside play and a warm coat. Further details will be sent out by your relevant year group closer to the time.

Professional learning photos (On the scrounge...)

I was wondering if there was a professional photographer, or perhaps a university photography student out there who would be willing to donate a few hours to help us take some professional learning photos that we can host on our website and on the screen in school. The price for these is prohibitively expensive for us in the current climate and I had hoped there may be someone out there who would like to help (I can offer a lovely couple of hours in your child's school, a cup of tea and a biscuit or two!). If you do have this capacity, please contact the office via email and a member of the leadership team will get back to you. Thank you.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2023

We raised an impressive £417.25 in this year's appeal. Thank you to everyone who donated and supported this very worthwhile cause.

Meltham CE Primary School PSA Christmas Fair 2023

Thank-you to everyone that donated, attended and helped at the Christmas Fair. It was a fabulous turn out, and we raised just over £1500 that will go towards the School. The School choir and Band sounded fantastic and we had a wonderful time.

We welcome any feedback you may have.
The PSA

Donations for Childrens Artwork

The children have been working hard to create a piece of artwork for the Christmas fair. They hope to support fund-raising for school by asking for a parent donation made payable through parent pay .

We are very thankful for your support .

Year 6 : Snowmen

Year 5 : Clothespin Elf's

Year 4 : Kings & Queen Pots

Year 3 : owls

Year 2: Clay Robins

Year 1: Clay Stars

FS: Hanging Stars

Celebrations

Please see attached for all our wonderful celebration winners this fortnight or visit the school [web-site](#) and view it in Headlines Attachments.

Cost of Living

Remember that if you would like regular updates and support on ways to help this winter in the face of the cost of living crisis, you can sign up for the latest information direct to your email at: www.kirklees.gov.uk/cost-of-living

Wellbeing Links

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

<https://www.nhs.uk>

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/mental-health/index.aspx>

<https://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk>

<https://www.triplep-parenting.uk.net/uk/hot-parenting-topics/my-child/parenting-during-covid-19>

<https://www.mind.org.uk>

<https://www.annafreud.org>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder>

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/cost-of-living/index.aspx>

<https://www.thewelcomecentre.org/articles/cost-of-living-support-from-kirklees-council>

www.kirklees.gov.uk/cost-of-living

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Dates For Your Diary

[Refreshments are available in all assemblies for a suggested donation of £1]

Tuesday 12th Dec - KSI Dress rehearsal to school—9:30am

Wednesday 13th Dec - KSI Performance to parents - 9:30am

Wednesday 13th Dec - Years 3 & 4 Christmas Service in Church

Thursday 14th Dec -KSI Performance to parents 9:30am

Thursday 14th Dec - KSI performance to parents 6:00pm

Friday 15th Dec - FS Dress rehearsal to school 9:30am

Monday 18th Dec - FS Nativity to parents - 2:00pm—to parents

Tuesday 19th Dec - FS Nativity to parents - 9:30am - to parents

Tuesday 19th Dec - Years 3 & 4 Christmas party

Wednesday 20th Dec - FS/KSI Christmas party

Thursday 21st Dec - Years 5 & 6 Christmas party

Thursday 21st Dec - Singing round the tree - TBC

Attachments

We attach flyers and information sent to us by external businesses promoting events and activities which you may find useful. All attachments can be found on the school website [here](#).

You can also find the newsletter online [here](#)

