



Headlines

Autumn Term Week 16

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Happy Christmas

The end is nigh (until we start again of course!), and what a half-term we have had. I want to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to all the children and the staff for a very hard-working half-term and for their wonderful Christmas performances. Well done to our Reception children for their outstanding Nativity; to our Year 1 and Year 2 children for their amazing musical Christmas Production; and to our Year 3 and 4 children for their heart-warming carol service at the church in the village.

Thank you for your kind gifts and cards for the teachers and staff. These are never necessary, but always welcomed. Thank you also for your support over the course of the half-term. Having the privilege to work in a primary school at this time of year is very special and very enjoyable, and I am already looking forward to seeing everyone again in the new year.

Happy Christmas, stay safe and have fun with your friends and families - I will see you all in the New Year.

With love

Mr Gibbins and all the staff at Meltham CE Primary School

Dates For Your Diary

Please note that further dates will be added at the start of the new term.

Mon 8th Jan - School reopens for the Spring Term

Mon 22nd Jan - Breakfast Week begins

Tues 23rd Jan - National Handwriting day in school

Wed 24th - Fri 25th Jan - Y6 residential to Robin Wood

Mon 5th Feb - Children's Mental Health Week in school

Thurs 8th Feb - PSA Discos in school (KS1 and EYFA from 6-7pm. KS2 from 7:15-8:15pm. Details to follow)

Mon 12th - Fri 16th Feb - Half-term holiday

Mon 19th Feb - Class 11 Road Safety Training day

Wed 21st Feb - Class 12 Road Safety Training day

Thurs Mar 7th - World Book Day in School (details TBC)

Mon 11th Mar - Parents Evening

Wed 13th Mar - Parents Evening

Fri 22nd Mar - Last day of term

Mon 8th Apr - School reopens for Summer Term

Wed 24th Apr - 1st Neiley Race (Key Stage 2—details TBC)

Mon 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday (school is closed)

Mon 13th May - Key Stage 2 English Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling tests

Tues 14th May - Key Stage 2 Reading SAT

Wed 15th May - Key Stage 2 Maths SAT (papers 1 & 2)

Thurs 16th May - Key Stage 2 Maths STA (paper 3)

Wed 22nd May - Class photographs in school

Thurs 23rd May - Year 4 trip to Chester Zoo

Mon 27th - Fri 31st May - half term holiday

Thurs 20th Jun - Year 4 visit the Sports Barn all day

Fri 5th July - School Summer Fair (details and times TBC)

Fri 19th July - school closes for the summer holiday

Wednesday 4th September 2024 - School reopens

Kitchen rating

The school kitchen was inspected by environmental health last week. These inspections are very much a last minute affair and I am delighted to tell you that the kitchen was awarded a 5 star rating! Congratulations to all the staff - we are very proud of your achievements.

Staffing in Y5 and Y2

As I have already informed parents in years two and five, I have needed to make some staffing changes mid-year which will see Miss. Ellis move into Year 5 and Mrs. Myers move into Year 2. Unfortunately these changes cannot be avoided and I understand that there may be some concern amongst parents. I have tried to keep this unavoidable change to a minimum and am reassured by Miss Ellis' experience in Year 5 and by Mrs. Myers knowledge of the children in Year 2.

Cars Parked

Please continue to be as considerate as you possibly can when parking near to school. Try to avoid blocking roads and driveways as we have had some upset neighbours in recent weeks. I know it is nobody's intention to cause inconvenience or upset, but I have been asked to kindly request that we all try our hardest to be as considerate as possible.

On a related note. A car was hit in our carpark at pick-up time this week causing damage. The car park is only for school staff members and for parents with disability badges. The carpark is not to be used as a turning point for parents collecting children unless they attend Meltham School's Out. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sausage and Biscuit Thanks

A big thanks to Haigh's Butchers for supplying some of our classes with discount sausage rates for their Christmas Party food. Money is tight for schools and families at the moment, so this generosity is very much appreciated (I'm told they tasted good too!)

Thanks to the kind parent who donated biscuits for our class parties this week. It was incredibly generous and I know staff are extremely thankful.

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Shining Stars

Please see attached for all our wonderful Shining Stars winners this fortnight or visit the school [website](#) and view it in Headlines Attachments:

Reception—Ethan & Hunter

Year 1 - Olive & Jack

Year 2 - Lauren & Harriet

Year 3 - Evelyn & Freya

Year 4 - Gracie & Sam

Year 5 - Oscar & Oliver

Year 6 - William & Noah

Christian Values Award

In addition to our end of term Shining Stars Award, we also present our Meltham CE Primary Christian Values Awards to two children (one from Key Stage 1 and one from Key Stage 2) who are the epitome of our six Christian Values: Friendship, Forgiveness, Courage, Thankfulness, Compassion and Hope. This term, the winners are **Florence** from Year 2 and **James** from Year 5. We are very proud of you both and you are certainly deserving of your medals.

Online Safety this Christmas

At this time of year, it's highly possible that you have a new phone, games console or other digital device stashed somewhere at home, ready to be unwrapped. Many parents also prefer to place some protective measures on those gifts – to keep their child shielded from potential #OnlineSafety risks – while others would like to, but aren't sure where to begin.

Our guide shepherds you through the process of establishing parental controls on new internet-enabled devices, from smartphones to laptops to consoles. Simply find the device in question and read on to find out what options you have and how to enable them – letting children enjoy their shiny new gadget, without so much of the worry over where it might lead them.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for contributing to our Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day in school. The children looked amazing and we raised an impressive £280 for this year's appeal.

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

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](#)

