



Headlines

Spring Term Week 1

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Good Morning and a Happy New Year to You.

I hope you have all enjoyed a restful and joyous Christmas break and I rather suspect that you were more than a little pleased once 8th January came round!

It has been wonderful to see the children again this week after what feels like a long winter break, and school has had a wonderful start to the new term.

Uniform

I would like to start the new term positively in all areas, please. Don't forget that we expect all children to wear their Meltham CE uniform on all non-PE and Forest School days. This includes school shoes (not fancy new Christmas trainers please) and one pair of silver or gold stud earrings (not two pairs, no danglies and no sparklies please.)

The School Car Park

The school car park is not for dropping off children at any time unless you have a blue permit badge. If you are a Meltham Schools Out parent, you must make sure you reduce your speed to a walking pace as you enter the car park. On two occasions this week, parents have entered the car park at speeds that are unsafe. The carpark is not sufficiently lit to be able to see the children and adults crossing the space. Please ensure you leave enough time to safely bring your children to club.

Absence and Punctuality

Whilst I know you are all aware of the difference in cost between school-time and holiday travel, can I please remind you that the Honley Partnership Attendance Policy requires all the Meltham schools to fine parents whose term-time trips qualify for fixed term penalties. All the evidence points to good attendance and punctuality helping improved attainment and progress. Please do not take children from school unless it is absolutely necessary.

Many of our learning sessions at school start promptly by 9:05am. From 8:45am there are a range of learning consolidation activities going on in classrooms. It is imperative children arrive on time to make the most of their day.

Year 1 Reading Books

The way we send home children's reading books in Key Stage 1 is evolving as we continue to follow our Little Wandle Phonics Scheme. Implementing this scheme has cost the school over ten thousand pounds so far and we are still not finished! Obviously, it a time of funding crisis, this in a very significant investment. When the new reading books come home, they are books the children have already

read with an adult. They contain words the children have covered in their phonics. They should, therefore, be able to read almost all of it. Do not worry that it seems to easy! The point is to read only words containing sounds the children have learned and to feel like they are an excellent reader!

Please see the extract from Year 1's Termly Newsletter:

The children have been taking part in Reading Practise sessions in school to develop their decoding, comprehension and prosody (expression in reading) skills. From (this week), the children are bringing home the reading book they have been reading this week in their group reading sessions. The children are encouraged to read this book fluently, sounding words out in their heads if needed to support this.

This book replaces the 2 colour-banded books we previously sent home, which we are no longer using.

Please look after the books and return them to school on the correct day - they are rather precious at the moment!

Signing In and Out

We have installed a new electronic signing in system at the school office. This should be used when bringing your child to school late or collecting them early. If you are visiting the school, please remember to sign in as a parent and add who you are visiting in the relevant section.

When you visit for school assemblies, we will provide a QR code on the front door which will allow you to sign in on your phone beforehand ready for entering the school. Please remember to sign yourselves out afterwards.

If you do not have a phone or are unable to use the QR code then you will need to sign in using the iPad at the front desk.

Talented Year 4 runners

Thursday 11th January saw two of our runners take part in the Kirklees cross country finals at Leeds Road playing fields. They both did our school proud, giving maximum effort with great results. Out of over 100 finalists, Madelyn from year 5 came a fantastic 7th. Gracie from year 4, came a spectacular 3rd. Well done to you both.

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Mobile phones

Only Year 6 children are allowed to bring mobile phones. Only Year 6 children with permission slips are permitted to bring mobile phones which will be kept in the main school office on behalf of the Headteacher. School cannot be held accountable for lost or damage to phones. In addition to this, any phone brought onto the premises must be fully turned off. This means children should power down the devices before they enter the playground and wait until they are through the school gate at the end of the day before powering them back on. This is not a right. Please encourage children to follow our rules around mobile phones in school.

Small Group Tutoring Classes

Mayall Maths is offering small group classes of up to five learners with their maths. Whether that be exam preparation for GCSE's, college re-sits or general help with maths. For more information please follow us on:
Instagram: @mayall_maths
Facebook: Mayall Maths.
You can also email us at: info@mayallmaths.co.uk

First classes to start on Saturday 20th January.
Location: Carlile Institute, Meltham (above the Post Office)

Dates For Your Diary

Please note that further dates will be added as the term progresses.

Mon 22nd Jan - Breakfast Week begins
Tues 23rd Jan - National Handwriting day in school
Wed 24th - Fri 26th Jan - Y6 residential to Robin Wood
Mon 5th Feb - Children's Mental Health Week in school
Thurs 8th Feb - PSA Discos in school (KSI 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
Wend 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

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](#)

