



# Headlines

The last week

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## Thank you

Good afternoon everyone. I hope you're well and that you are looking forward to summer, whatever your plans may be? The children have had a long, varied and colourful year and I hope that through everything that has changed and had to adapt, that they have enjoyed their year. It's certainly had its ups and downs, but as it draws to a close, I feel I am able to say that we have pulled together both as a school and as a community and made the absolute best of a year laden with challenges.

I want to thank you all again for your continued support—for when school has had to close its doors and you became teachers yourselves back in January; for the times we have had to send children home to isolate; for joining Zoom sessions and the hundred other things you have had to do to support the children whilst juggling your own work and lives. I also want to pay tribute to the staff in school. The work involved here has been greater and more challenging than ever before; with new and increasingly difficult challenges - all this with the uncertainty of working through the pandemic, waiting for vaccinations and working with our own families too! The staff have done an outstanding job and I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

And then there's the children... What can I say. The enthusiasm and resilience they have shown has amazed me. Through a changing year they have remained positive and hard working, even when the *troubles of bubbles*, with their separate play areas and play times, have made it hard. But that is the joy of working with children. When things are hard or at times seemingly insurmountable, it is always a real privilege to be able to talk and work with primary school children (*often tiring, but always a joy*). I can't wait for September and the opportunity, God willing, to relax the restrictions and take the chance to allow the children to work and play together across classes—the thing that has been so sadly missing this year.

At the end of this year, as always we say goodbye to our year six children, but it's laced not only with the usual proud sadness, but by the disappointment of having to say goodbye to Mrs. Mitchell's class who are currently isolating at home. The closure of this bubble is the hardest thing I have had to do this year and I don't quite have the words to say how it makes me feel. We are very proud of all our Year 6 leavers and I know that the resilience and resourcefulness they have shown this year will make them stronger as they go on to new challenges next year. Good luck everyone! In addition, we will be bidding farewell to

some of our staff—Mrs. Harrison who has worked as part of our Key Stage 2 Art team, Mrs. Baum who leaves us to have a baby and two of our lunchtime team—Christine Anderson and Jan Hughes all move on to new chapters. We will miss them all, but wish them all the best for the future.

So thank you. Have an amazing summer and come back safe, well and rested. We'll see you all again in September!

Mr. Gibbins and the staff of Meltham CE Primary

## Contact tracing responsibilities next week

My responsibility as a Headteacher within Kirklees is to *continue with the existing measures until the end of our summer term* concludes this afternoon. I will be available to help NHS track and trace for the next six days. As you will be aware, it has been my responsibility to trace close contacts and to issue the isolation notices, a responsibility that, whilst I understand its importance, has brought me no pleasure. As a school we have not, and have at no point, informed NHS track and trace of the names of children and families we have asked to isolate from school. I hope that under the new regulations, that begin on 16th August, the hundreds of thousands of largescale school closures that have occurred across the country this year, will be reduced to an absolute minimum in the new year. This must surely enable us to function more freely, more successfully and have a positive impact on children's learning and on the emotional wellbeing of children and parents alike.

## A few dates

- Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th September are teacher training days.
- The children in Years 1—6 return on Wednesday 8th September
- Wednesday 8th—Friday 10th September are new starter parents meetings
- Author visits in Reception and Year 3 during the week beginning 20th September.
- Year 4 author events for Year 4 on Thursday 30th September and Year 2 on 6th October.
- Individual photography on 7th October
- Half term begins on Monday 25th October
- Parents Evenings are scheduled for the week beginning 29th November this year—the format is still to be decided.
- Friday 26th November is a teacher training day
- School closes for Christmas on 19th December.

## Next year

I attach a further copy of the letter I sent earlier in the week about September arrangements. In the event of any new government or local restrictions, impositions or innovations (!) I will contact you about changes during the summer.

## School Spider

School Spider is being updated which will require you to reset your log in details. Please see the help sheet attached to Headlines for guidance.

## 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/>

## KYA

I attach information flyers for parents of older children detailing some offers for the summer.

Parents / carers just need to register on this app [Kirklees School's Out! \(schoolsout.app\)](#) then once they've set up an account, they can register their children on the holiday clubs listed on the web app.

Project Communities are providing sessions for the older children at Robert Ashton Memorial Park 2-4pm, Monday to Thursday for the first 4 weeks of the holidays. The registration for that is on the web app.

Project Communities are also doing some open access sessions for younger children at Robert Ashton Memorial Park, but families book directly with them for those sessions, and there's a copy of the posters attached, which you've already had.

Legacy Sport (Kirk) still have places available at their holiday club at Meltham Moor School, and parents can book that via the app as well.

## Let's get double jabbed

Planned WALK IN sessions at Honley Vaccination Centre:

- 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](https://newsomehigh.co.uk/?page_id=4270)

## 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>