



# Headlines

Spring Term Week 5

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Good afternoon,

At the end of what seems like an impossibly short half-term, we have certainly managed to pack lots in! School closes for half-term this afternoon and reopens on Monday 19th February. From all the staff at Meltham CE Primary, I wish you a happy holiday. We'll see you all again (for another strangely short half term) in just over a week's time.

## Snow

Asking parents to collect when it's snowing, or deciding whether to close or keep a school open in adverse weather conditions is always a tricky decision to make. I wanted to take a moment to thank our fabulous Year 6 helpers who worked their socks off yesterday afternoon answering the telephone and fetching children who were being collected. They were absolutely amazing! Well done Maisie, Elias and Mylie!

## New Speed Bumps

You may have noticed some new speed bumps as you drive into school. We hope this will slow down some of the traffic, making it safer for you and your children to cross.

## Mobile Phone Clarification

Year 6 children are the only children allowed to bring mobile phones to school. If you would like your child to bring their phone to school, you must sign an acceptable use form. All phones must be fully switched off and handed to school each morning. Phones must not be switched on until children have left the school gates. School will confiscate any phones that are brought without permission, and any children found to be using phones in school will have the right to bring one removed.

## School Dinners

Please make sure that you pre-pay your child's dinner money on Parent Pay to avoid going into arrears. Please be reminded that there's a maximum arrears of £20 which should only be used in exceptional circumstances. Once this limit is reached, your child will not be able to order a school dinner until the debt has been cleared.

## Staying Safe Online

For many companies who operate in the online space, attention and engagement are the holy grail. Social media sites in particular make deliberate creative choices to keep people scrolling, reading, watching and clicking. This phenomenon is known as 'persuasive design' and it's being employed in the vast majority of the digital world's most popular destinations.

A study by the charity 5Rights Foundation concluded that "...the brain's response to rewards and punishments can be

leveraged through persuasive design to keep children online."

To tie in with Safer Internet Day 2024, our #WakeUpWednesday guide can help to educate youngsters on the effects of persuasive design – and suggests ways to insulate themselves from its influence. An information page detailing what parents and carers need to know about persuasive design is attached to the newsletter.

## Our Shining Stars!

At the end of a short, but very productive half-term, our wonderful Shining Stars are:

- Millie and Olivia in Reception
- Sophie and Preston in Year 1
- Lily and Betsy in Year 2
- Dylan and Arthur in Year 3
- Jacob and Darcie in Year 4
- Ella and Carmine in Year 5
- Oscar and Alice in Year 6

An outstanding effort and consistent effort for these children. We're very proud of them indeed.

## Fierce Dance

Fierce dance is the passion of Rosie and Nell who are professionally trained dancers and are keen to share their love of dance and all the benefits it brings with local children.

Fierce dance is based at Slaithwaite Community Centre and offer classes in ballet, commercial, modern, jazz, contemporary, strength & flexibility and acro. Classes are for all ages and abilities. Please get in touch through Facebook @Fierce dance or Instagram @ fierce.dance23 for times and prices.

## Clubs

We have the following clubs running after school until w/c 18th March. All clubs finish at 4:15pm. If you'd like to book a place for your child, please book by logging into your ParentPay account and paying the fee required.

Monday - Footy Tots (Years 1&2)

Wednesday - Football Academy & Sports Club (Years 3 - 6)

Thursday - Go Girls! Football (KS2 Girls)

Friday - Dance Stars (Years 1 & 2)

Friday - Football Strikers (Years 3 - 6)

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## Dates For Your Diary

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

**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  
**Tues 5th and Wed 6th March** - Colne Valley Museum trip Year 2  
**Thurs 7th March** - Cannon Hall Farm trip - FS Year  
**Thurs Mar 7th** - World Book Day in School (details TBC)  
**Fri 8th March** - Year 6 assembly to parents (9:10 am)  
**Mon 11th March** - Parents Evening  
**Tues 12th March** - Year 2 Welly day  
**Wed 13th Mar** - Parents Evening  
**Fri 15th Mar** - Year 5 assembly to parents  
**Thurs 21st Mar** - Shining Stars at 2:30pm in school  
**Fri 22nd Mar** - Last day of term  
**Mon 8th Apr** - School reopens for Summer Term  
**Mon 8th Apr** - Year 5 Bikeability programme begins (details for Year 5 parents will be communicated by class teachers in due course)  
**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 SAT (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  
**Tuesday 11th June** - Science of sound workshop (class 10)  
**Tuesday 18th June** - Science of sound workshop (class 9)  
**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](http://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](http://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](#).

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