



Headlines

Spring Term 2 Week 3

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Good morning everyone. This week I have added a few key events to the *Dates for your diary* section of Headlines, so please make sure you take a look. In school we have been especially busy with school trips for our Year 2 and Reception classes, World Book Day and the book fair to look at, drumming and samba in years 4 and 5, the Year 6 assembly (the last class assembly one before the Year 6 performance and their leavers event at the end of the school year!) and all the usual trimmings. Today is of course International Women's Day (and I know this is being marked in various places around the school) and of course, it's a big weekend for all you mothers out there! Happy Mother's Day for Sunday, I hope you all get the pampering you deserve.

The importance of Free School Meals to your school

What does receiving a free school meal mean for school?

It's simple and it's so much more than the meal put in front of a child. If you are in receipt of a free school meal and eligible, our school receives an award of £1480 per year per eligible child to help with the costing of our staff and resources and helping to improve the offer we have here at Meltham CE for all the children.

Why is it doubly important now?

Last year, over £20,000 of funding left school when the last Year 6 moved to high school. At the end of this year, approximately £11,100 of extra funding will leave the school followed by around £14,00 the following year. The number of children currently receiving free school meals which entitles school to this pupil premium and far, far fewer. This means that at a time when costs are spiraling and budgets are therefore falling in real terms, our school is significantly affected by this drop in funding.

Are your children eligible?

All children in Reception and Key Stage 1 get free school meals, but this does not bring money to the school. From year 3 onwards you need to apply to receive the meal using the link below. If you feel you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please don't wait until your child reached Year 3! Children are eligible if they are in full-time education and their parents/carers receive certain benefits. Application forms only take around 10 minutes to complete so, why not check if you're eligible? [Find out more here](#). Thank you.

SCRAPtastic Holiday Club (a message from them...)

We will be running a SCRAPtastic Holiday Club for 4 days during the Easter Holidays at Holmfirth Tech as part of the Kirklees HAF program. We have a number of free places available for children on Free School Meals, but we do also

have a handful of paid places available. For more information see *Headlines Attachments*.

Year 2's trip to the Colne Valley Museum

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed travelling back in time to the Victorian era this week on their trip to Colne Valley Museum. They had to work really hard in the Victorian house preparing their own lunch; doing the washing and ironing; polishing the shoes and the brass; and making corn favours, toy balls and lavender bags. They also learnt about the wool trade and carded their own wool. We are very grateful to all the adults who supported the children to look so fabulous in their costumes and to all the volunteers who made the trip possible. It was certainly a day to remember.



Reception visit to Cannon Hall

This half term, Foundation Stage have been busy learning about farms, new life and baby animals. This week we enjoyed our very first school trip! We went to Cannon Hall Farm to learn about life on the farm. Our farmer Andy took us on a tour around the barns, showed us some of the cute new additions to the farm and taught us lots of facts about each animal. Highlights were seeing the baby alpaca and tiny piglets, the mammal and reptile houses and of course having our picnic lunch! We are very proud of the children's fantastic behaviour and thank you to all the grown ups who helped everything run smoothly. Ewe were amazing!



Parents Evening

Parents Evening is on the 11th & 13th March. If you have not booked an appointment and would like to please speak to your class teacher as the booking system has now closed. If you make an appointment on these evenings, children's books will be on show in the hall or outside class.

News from Meltham School's Out

The opportunity has arisen for our before and after school wrap-around provision, Meltham School's Out, to build on their bank of casual relief staff. If you have a few hours spare during the week between 7.30am and 8.45am and/or between 3.00pm and 6.00pm, then please contact the club on: 0 07745 476491 or email us on: melthamschoolsout@outlook.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

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Dance extravaganza!

On the afternoon of Wednesday 28th February, I was delighted to accompany the KSI dance group 'Dance Stars' to the Lawrence Batley Theatre. Here, they performed, along with nine other schools, as part of the Strictly Pennine Festival to an audience of hundreds. Their performance was absolutely fabulous - they all knew the moves and just where they needed to be on the stage. Their behaviour before and after their dance was impeccable and I was so proud to be the teacher who went along to support them. A great big thank you to Mrs Charlton, who came along too, and of course Miss Faye for her wonderful choreography. Hopefully we'll be back next year! Mrs Turner.

Next Friday is Red Nose Day

The theme (as usual) is 'Do Something Funny For Money.' The School Council have decided that during the week, all classes will be choosing their best joke teller who will then perform their joke to the whole school on Friday. This won't be a competition - just a showcase of laughter (hopefully!). -Sorry, no 'Dad Jokes' allowed!! On Friday 15th March, children may wear their own clothes and bring a donation (suggested £1) for this worthy charity.

Battery Recycling Hub

The Eco Committee, plus Years 5 and 6, have been looking at battery recycling and how important it is. Did you know that over 600 million batteries are thrown away each year in the UK? You can now recycle them by bringing them into school. We ask that you have a small collection jar/box at home, then bring them to school when it is full. We will do the rest.

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.

Dates For Your Diary

Further dates will be added as term progresses.

Mon 11th Mar - Parents Evening

Tues 12th Mar - Year 2 Welly day

Wed 13th Mar - Parents Evening

Fri 15th Mar - Year 5 assembly to parents

Fri 15th Mar - Red Nose Day

Tues 19th Mar—Year 3 Great Yorkshire Show

Thurs 21st Mar - Shining Stars at 2:30pm in school

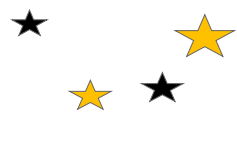
Thurs 21st Mar—PSA School Disco 6pm-7pm (year FS-2)
7:15pm—8:15pm (year 3-6)

Fri 22nd Mar - Last day of term

Mon 8th Apr - School reopens for Summer Term

Mon 8th Apr - Year 5 Bikeability programme begins

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



From little sparkles to shining stars, we Stand Out, Break Out and Shout Out to give us the confidence and skills to grow our Christian values and make a difference.



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

Mon 13th May - Key Stage 2 GPS 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 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

Wed 3rd July - Class 7 school trip

Thurs 4th July—Class 8 school trip

Tuesday 11th June - Science sound workshop (class 10)

Thursday 13th June—Sports Day

Tuesday 18th June - Science sound workshop (class 9)

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

Week Beginning 24th June—Year 6 performance nights

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

Friday 12th July—School reports published

Fri 19th July—Year 6 leavers' assembly to parents (9:30am)

Fri 19th July - school closes for the summer holiday

Wed 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

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