



Headlines

Summer Term 1, Week 1

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Welcome back

A warm welcome back to all children and parents after the Easter Holidays. I hope all of you have enjoyed the rest and any celebrations in which you have been involved. Equally, I hope those families who have been celebrating Eid and the end of Ramadan have also had a wonderful week.

It's a busy and exciting term (perhaps the best of the three) and one which will slip away towards summer before you know it. This term we will have the Key Stage 2 Neiley Races; class assemblies for Reception and Years 1, 2 and 4; Sports Day; transition days for our new September 24 classes; the summer performance from Years 6 and 5; Key Stage 2 SATs; and our end of year Year 6 farewell assembly amongst many other things! We will also (fingers crossed) get some warmer weather too, which is always welcome! A comprehensive list of dates can be found on page 2 of the newsletter. Please check it each time as some are subject to change or confirmation.

Have a lovely weekend,
Phil

Eco Committee

The Eco Committee has organised litter picking around Meltham. Year 3 became this week's #litterheroes collecting 8 bags of litter from Meltham. We hope that our litter picking efforts encourage more people to pick up their litter or, even better, not drop litter at all! So far we have collected 60 bags of rubbish.

Monday 22nd April is Earth Day. This year we are celebrating by carrying out more litter picking, an eco themed quiz and sharing the book "Somebody Crunched Colin" by Sarah Roberts. We will also have an assembly by Fair and Funky.

Uniform

Over the course of the last term in school we have seen a rise in the amount of jewellery children are bringing into school. Please make sure your children bring only gold or silver stud earrings and a watch. There should be no other jewellery other than that which celebrates faith. Watches must have no cellular or camera capabilities and staff will be making a greater effort to remove any rings, bracelets or chains from children this term. Any jewellery, hair charms, SMART watches that we do take from children will of course be returned at the end of the day to bring home.

Make-up

In addition to jewellery, we have also noticed that a small number of children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are coming to school wearing make-up and also false eye-lashes. None of these

are part of the school uniform nor needed in school. Please make sure your child does not attend school wearing make-up, and staff may request that it is washed off. Thank you for your cooperation.

After School Clubs

Just a reminder that there is still availability for the After School Clubs. If you would like to sign up to any of them please login to ParentPay and book a space before the 15th April 2024. The clubs we have available are listed below and all cost £3.50 per session. For full details please visit our website.

Monday - Footy Tots - Years 1 - 2

Wednesday - Football academy & Sports Club - Years 3 - 6

Thursday - Go Girls! Football - Years 3 - 6

Friday - Dance Stars - Years 1 - 2

Friday - Football Strikers - Years 3- 6

Revised Date for Sports Day

Sports Day is now scheduled for Friday 14th June. EYFS and Key Stage 1 in the morning and Key Stage 2 in the afternoon. Further details about timings will be published soon.

Bookmark Competition

During World Book week before the Easter break, the children were involved in a *design a bookmark* competition with Read bookshop in Holmfirth. We're pleased to say that the overall winner was Anis in Class 14! Well done Anis who has won the school £100 to spend on books and you will be able to see her marvelous design on bookmarks from the shop next time you visit!

Language, Behavior, Vaping and Smoking.

The vast majority of parents and children are remarkably well mannered each and every day on their way to and from school. However, there have been a few occasions over the week where parents on school grounds have not set the example we all need for our children. Please can I remind everyone that adults should not use coarse or profane language on school premises; and that vaping and smoking is not allowed anywhere on school property either within the gates, on the paths or at the front of school. Thank you.

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Are you a parent of a child with SEND or a child with sensory needs?

Attached to Headlines this week are flyers for The Zone's new sensory room which may be of interest to you or someone you know.

Meltham Junior Football Academy

Meltham Junior Football Academy are looking for girls and boys aged between four and eight of all abilities from beginners to more advanced to join us at the Meltham Sports Complex to start or continue their footballing journey. Our training sessions are coached by UEFA and FA qualified coaches. If your little ones are starting to show an interest in football or looking for a new club to join please get in touch. The details are on the flier attachment for this week's Headlines.

Online Safety

Cultural and technological changes have made the experiences of today's children vastly different to our own childhoods; it can be challenging to engage youngsters in open, honest conversation – especially about more sensitive topics. This, combined with many children's instinct to avoid "rocking the boat", can make it difficult to stay up to date with the goings on in their lives. Children's online life is far more complex and a bigger part of their lives than it ever used to be. Being able to talk with children about it is becoming increasingly important.

However, it's hugely important that trusted adults still offer an empathetic ear and feel able to encourage young people to open up about their day-to-day activities including those online. This #WakeUpWednesday guide provides ten top tips for promoting open conversations with children – helping to make sure there's someone they know they can turn to in times of need.

Dates For Your Diary

Further dates will be added as term progresses.

Mon 15th Apr - Year 5 Bikeability programme continues

Wed 24th Apr - 1st Neiley Race (KS2 - details TBC)

Fri 3rd May - Year 2 assembly to parents, 9:10am

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

Fri 10th May - EYFS assembly to parents, 9:10am

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)

Wed 15th May - 2nd Neiley Race (KS2 - details TBC)

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

Wed 22nd May - 3rd Neiley Race (KS2 - details TBC)

Wed 22nd May - Class photographs in school

Wed 22nd May - New Sept. starters meeting 6:00pm

Thurs 23rd May - Year 4 trip to Chester Zoo, 8:30am

Thurs 23rd May - Sing up assembly, 2:30pm

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

Fri 7th June - Year 1 assembly to parents, 9:10am

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

Thurs 13th June - Year 4 assembly to parents, 2:30pm

Friday 14th June - Sports Day

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

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

Weds 26th June - Year 6 performance 1, 7:00pm

Thurs 27th June - Year 6 performance 2, 7:00pm

Wed 3rd July - Class 7 school trip to Tolson Museum

Thurs 4th July - Class 8 school trip to Tolson Museum

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

Sat 6th July - Meltham Memories

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, 08:45am

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](#).

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