



# Meadowbank Primary School

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Friday 20th October 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians.

School closes today for the October half term break and so I am sharing my half-termly letter with a school news update. As always, it has been a very busy start to the school year and your children continue to be experts in themselves and know the best ways to learn. I am so pleased with their progress so far. Our Foundation Stage children, who have only been in school for a few weeks, look as though they have been with us for at least a year, leading their learning and confidently showing adults in school all that they know.

Thank you all so much for your contribution to our Harvest festival this week. We held a celebration assembly and the display of foods was heart-warming. The much needed food will now be delivered to a nearby foodbank.

On the Wednesday and Thursday of the first week following our return from the October break, we will be holding our Autumn term parent/teacher consultation evenings. We always look forward to celebrating the successes that your children have achieved. You should have received the information to enable you to book an appointment so that you can select a time that works for you. If you are unable to attend on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> November or the timings do not work for you do not worry. As always, we will work to accommodate your needs and we strive to see every parent. If the times available are not convenient for you please just contact your child's teacher via class dojo and they will arrange an alternative time to meet with you. We look forward to seeing for these positive conversations.

This week we welcomed into school families who are considering Meadowbank Primary as the school for their child who will begin their learning in Foundation Stage in September 2024. We understand that this is a big decision and we appreciate families taking the time to look around our lovely school. Those of you who have taken this school tour with us previously will remember that we do not present any special 'show' activities but allow our children in their classes to represent school by continuing with their learning as usual. We were, as always, extremely proud of the wonderful view of learning that was given.

We have additional prospective 2024 parents' tours of school on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 am and 1.30 pm. If you know a family that are thinking about September 2024 please let them know about these dates and ask them to contact the office. We would love to meet them. It was affirming to hear our visitors this week sharing that they were visiting due to recommendations from our current families. Thank you.

Your involvement in our school is very important to us and there are many ways in which we gather your thoughts and views. Our termly Parent Forum meetings are one of these ways. Our Autumn term meeting is on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am. So why not join us when you have completed the drop off. We can have a coffee and talk about making Meadowbank the best it can be.

Dare I mention the C word? We are planning the Christmas activities that will take place in school. Not everything is completely in place yet and further information will follow but some key dates are below.



Finally, as the weather is growing colder remember that the school gates open at 8.45 am in the morning and 3.15 pm in the afternoon. Please do not arrive before these times and queue. Aim to arrive, as the gates open and everyone will be through in a few minutes, we really do not want to see anyone waiting. Also, please remember to keep your phones out of sight whilst on school grounds to ensure that our safeguarding culture is always high priority.



The children are so funny. There was a conversation held this week between the year six children and their teachers. The children were outraged that they will be in school on the 31<sup>st</sup> October as they assumed that it was a National Holiday! They took some convincing that it was a school day.

Have a great half term break, whatever you are doing and we will see you back in school on 31<sup>st</sup> October, year six included!

Kind regards

Janine Appleton



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## Dates for this half term Autumn 2 (Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023)

### Whole School events

School reopens after the October break	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> November 2023	8.55 am
	(Gates open at 8.45am & close at 8.55am)	
Parent teacher consultation evenings – 3.30 – 5.50	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November & Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023 – 3.30 – 5.50	
Parents Forum meeting	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 9-10am	
Prospective 2024 new parents tour of school	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 9.30 am or 1.30 pm	
Children in Need'. Wear your uniform and something spotty or stripy.	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	
'Save the Children'. Christmas Jumper Day. Wear your uniform and a Christmas jumper – led by FS1 as their chosen charity.	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	
School closes for the Christmas break	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	3.20 pm
	(Gates open at 3.15pm & close at 3.25pm)	

### Class events in school –children only

Class / Year	Event	Date
FS1	Local Musicians performing during the half term.	Dates across the weeks.
FS2	AWAD Global workshop – Tie dying	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023
Yr1	Traffic Survey in Cheadle Aviva Studios Visit to see 'Lost and Found'	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Yr2	Visit to Menorah Synagogue	TBC
Yr3	Visit to Saint Cuthbert's Church	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Yr4	British Museum Virtual Visit – Touring Greek Temples	4D Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023 4T Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023
Yr5	Christmas Bauble Workshop at The Kingsway School	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Yr 6	Crime and Punishment Workshop in school Visit from a Tribunal Judge in school	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Meadow Room	Twinkle Twinkle Theatre visit	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
Whole School	Bible encounter visit	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
	World Kindness Day	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
	Meadowbank Team Member for the Day	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Class events with parents

Please join us to find out about how we teach and foster a love of reading in school. The session will start in the hall where we will share some information with you about our reading strategy. This will be followed by an opportunity to join your child in their classroom to see reading opportunities in practice.

Foundation Stage 2 (Reception)	Early Reading and Phonics	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 9.00-10.15 2.00-3.15
Foundation Stage 1 (Nursery)	Early Reading and Phonics	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 9.00-10.00 (Beginning of Week/Full time children) 2.00-3.00 (End of the Week/Full time children)
Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2)	Reading, Fluency and Phonics	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2023 9.00-10.15
Key Stage 2 (Years 3 – 6)	Reading, Fluency and Literature	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2023 9.00-10.15
Meadow Room	Get into the Christmas spirit with the Meadow Room	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2023



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## Christmas Events - Autumn 23

Class / Year	Event	Date	Time
All School	Friends of Meadowbank Fundraising event - Christmas Chocolate Hamper raffles	Ticket on sale from 1 <sup>st</sup> December	
All School	Christmas Lunch for children – packed lunch children will be able to book a hot Christmas lunch for the day	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Lunch time
FS1&2	Christmas Performance	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30 2.30
Key Stage One – Yr1&2	Christmas Performance	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15 9.30
Lower Key Stage Two – Yr 3&4	Christmas Performance	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	2.15 9.30
All School	Friends of Meadowbank Fundraising event - Whole School Sponsored Santa Dash.	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023	All day
Christmas Parties	Wear your party clothes.	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023	1.30