



Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians.

We close school at the end of today for the two week Christmas break and reopen on Monday 6th January. We have had a very exciting few weeks in school celebrating the festive season; the children's performances were a joy to watch and the Santa Dash was fun every step of the way, to name just two of our recent events. One of my favourite memories was when the children burst into impromptu Christmas song during their Christmas lunch. We are ending the year with our parties this afternoon. The children look wonderful and ready to enjoy themselves; I think that the adults in school will be ready for a lie down!



Below you will find the dates that you need for the coming half term

Dates for this half term Spring 1 (Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February 2025)

School reopens after the Christmas break	M 06.01.25	8.55
	(Gates open at 8.45 & close at 8.55)	
School closes for the February half term break	Friday 14.02.25	3.20
	(Gates open at 3.15 & close at 3.25)	

Class events where parents are invited to join the learning

	Event	Date	Time
FS1	Early Years Foundation Stage Mathematics Workshop. Come and find out about how we teach maths, followed by an opportunity to join your child in their learning environment to see mathematics in practice.	Wednesday 15 th January 2025	FS1 & FS2Gu 9.00-10.15
FS2		Wednesday 15 th January 2025	FS1 & FS2Gi 1.45-3.00
Yr1	Year 1 Multiplication in action workshop	Wednesday 29 th January 2025	2.30pm
Yr2	Printing workshop 2S Printing Workshop 2D	Tuesday 11 th February 2025	9.00am
		Wednesday 12 th February 2025	9.00am
Yr3	DEAR Drop Everything and Read	Thursday 6 th February 2025	2.30pm
Yr4	DEAR Drop Everything and Read	Thursday 23 rd January 2025	2.30pm
Yr5	DEAR Drop Everything and Read	Friday 31 st January	9:00am
Yr6	DEAR Drop Everything and Read	Thursday 13 th February	9:00am

Class events in school –children only

	Event	Date
FS1	Visit from Local Firefighters Big Garden Birdwatch	WB: 27 th January 2025
		Friday 24 th January 2025
FS2	Chinese New Year Workshop Big Garden Birdwatch	Tuesday 28 th January 2025
		Friday 24 th January 2025
Yr1	Visit from a Paramedic	Wednesday 8 th January 2025
Yr2	Geography land use fieldwork walk in local area Zoolab	Wednesday 15 th January 2025
		Friday 17 th January 2025
Yr3	Kids fit Wellbeing Workshop	Wednesday 29 th January 2025
Yr4	Kids fit Wellbeing Workshop	Wednesday 29 th January 2025
Yr5	Mad Science Workshop	Friday 7 th February 2025
Yr5	Stockport County PSHEE and Football curriculum enhancement	Weekly
Yr6	Past productions drama workshop Young Voices	Wednesday 15 th January 2025
		Thursday 6 th February 2025
Meadow Rm	Visits to Cheadle Library	Each Wednesday during Spring 1



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Well-being workshops

This half term we are having a focus upon our children's well-being strategies. A number of workshops and class activities will take place over the weeks to strengthen understanding of how we feel and how to self-help.

Miss Selby's new name

Miss Selby was married recently and had an amazing day. She will now be known as Mrs Selby-Browne. A huge congratulations to her and her new husband.



Earlier this month I shared with you our systems for the arrival and departure from school if the weather is poor and our paths are unsafe. As we are now heading into the depths of winter now I thought I would remind you of them again.

Snowy day plans

If there is very heavy snow or frozen ice the parent path will be closed and all children will enter school via the front, main school office door. School adults will meet them and younger children will be escorted to their classrooms. Our older children will make their own way to their classrooms. This will be communicated via Class Dojo to parents.



If the snow melts during the day, children will have their usual breaks outside and the parent path will be open at the end of the day.

If the snow does not melt children, will stay in school but may be allowed to play in the snow for a few minutes before home time and they will leave school by the doors at the front of school, around the office area.

Emergency closure or partial closure of school plans

It is extremely unlikely that Meadowbank would need to close and all possibilities would be considered and put in place before a decision not to open or to close part of school would be taken. A closure would only happen if it were felt that school would be unsafe to open. For example if the boiler had broken and could not be repaired in a reasonable time scale, if there was a flood in school or if there was an illness effecting a significant number of staff and we did not have enough adults to care for our children.

If we did need to close, we would communicate via Class Dojo and share whether all of school was closed or, if a partial closure, which classes would be effected. If a class was closed for some children, all of their siblings would be expected to be in school. We will keep parents informed via Class Dojo about when children can return.



Thank you to our Friends of Meadowbank Group and to each of you in ensuring that our recent fund raising events were highly successful. Our Santa dash raised £1,173 and the Christmas raffle raised £746. Thank you all, these funds will support our children's learning in so many ways.

We look forward to seeing you back in school on the 6th January and to hear about all of the exciting times that you have shared together over the next few weeks. On behalf of all of the Meadowbank team, have a great Christmas break.

Kind regards

Mrs J. Appleton

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