



Meadowbank Primary School

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Friday 9th February 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians.

Happy Chinese New Year 新年快乐



School closes today for the February half term break and so I am writing to share next half term's dates and some school news. You will notice that I have adapted the format of my letter so that the dates that you need are at the top.

Dates for next half term -Spring 2 (Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March 2024)

Whole School events

School reopens after the break	Monday 19 th February 2024	8.55 am (Gates open at 8.45am & close at 8.55am)
Year One Charity event - Break The Rules Day for Turner Syndrome	Wednesday 28 th February 2024	
World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March 2024	
British Science Week	WB: Monday 11 th March 2024	
Comic relief. Dance-a-thon	Friday 15 th March 2024	
Book Fair. Parents are invited to join the book fair with their children	Monday 18 th to Weds 20 th March 3.30-4.00	
Parent Consultation Meetings (Booking details will be sent in March)	Tuesday 19 th March 3.40-6.00 Thursday 21 st March 3.40-6.00	
School closes for the Easter half term break	Thursday 28 th March 2024	3.20 pm (Gates open at 3.15pm & close at 3.25pm)

Class events in school -children only

Class / Year	Event	Date
FS1	Visit from children's 'Eco group'	W.B Monday 11 th March 2024
FS2	Visit from a Beekeeper	Monday 4 th March 2024
Yr1	Easter Trial at All Hallows Signs of Spring Hunt	Thursday 14 th March 2024 Thursday 21 st March 2024
Yr2	Fieldwork in Cheadle Easter Trial at All Hallows	Friday 8 th March 2024 Thursday 14 th March 2024
Yr3	Rivers Exploration at Macclesfield Forest	Wednesday 13 th March 2024
Yr4	Hatching chicks Interview with a Christian	Across the half term Week beginning 18 th March 2024
Yr5	Visit to Cheadle Mosque	Date To Be Confirmed
Yr 6	River Mersey Field Visit	WB: Monday 25 th March 2024
Meadow Room	Sensory Story sessions at Cheadle Library	Monday 18 th February 2024 Tuesday 5 th March 2024 Tuesday 12 th March 2024

Class events with parents

Please join us to find out about how we teach **E-Safety** in school. The session will start in the hall where we will share some information with you about our approaches. This will be followed by an opportunity to join your child in their classroom to see this in practice. We are offering a morning and afternoon session, **for all year groups**, on Wednesday 20th March 2024 and will ask you to indicate which session you will be attending via parent mail nearer the time.

	Wednesday 20 th March 2024	9.00-10.00 or 2.00-3.00
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Friends of Meadowbank's Movie Nights

The recent Movie Nights held in school were a real success and we thank our Friends of Meadowbank group for organising the events. A big thank you also to the parents who came along to help. The children had a great time eating popcorn and sweets with their friends whilst watching the film. The amount raised by our Friends group is yet to be confirmed but will be around £500 over the two nights which is fantastic.



Our children have also enjoyed a number of wider learning opportunities.



Year Six joined in the Young Voices event at the AO arena on Tuesday. They have enjoyed learning the songs and shared them with their parents in school last night. On Monday, Year 4 travelled to Liverpool Museum to immerse themselves in the world of the Ancient Greeks. Year three have recently led on our Number Day for the NSPCC, their chosen charity for this year, which raised an amazing £880. Our Foundations Stage children have been eagle-eyed for the RSBP Big Garden birdwatch and Year five have enjoyed a visit to Weaver Hall museum. These are just some of the extended learning opportunities that have taken place.

Other opportunities which our children have enjoyed over the past few weeks will continue after the February break. Stockport County football club's education department have been coming into school weekly to further develop children's love of sport. This has been added to by The Kingsway School's Transition team who have been working with our Year Six on transition support, through sport. The children are learning to play Lacrosse whilst breaking down worries or concerns about moving to secondary school.

French lessons

A number of children began to take French lessons after school this term and are proud to share their developing language skills with us in school. If you would like your child to join these lessons, please contact the office or further details.

Guitar lessons

You may recall from my December letter that our guitar teacher Gerry Malloy sadly died suddenly and therefore our lessons were paused. However, Last Friday our new teacher David Fiddler led an assembly to introduce himself to school and information will be shared with you. If you would like your child to take lessons with him please complete the form.

Piano lessons

There is an opportunity for children to learn to play the piano via a private provider who is able to come into school to deliver lessons. If you are interested in your child learning to play, please contact school for further information and prices.

Charity event

Year 1 will be leading our next fund raising charity event, across school on Wednesday 28th February 2024. This will be a Break the Rules Day for Turner Syndrome. Children will be allowed to break school rules in exchange for a donation!

We have agreed on five rules that children can break if they choose with a 50p donation to break one rule, £1 donation to break two rules and if they wish to break all five of the rules we ask for a £2 donation.

The five rules that are breakable on the 28th February are:

1. School jumpers must be worn
2. School shoes must be worn
3. No juice in water bottles
4. No nail varnish
5. Only blue hair accessories

TURNER SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

Visit www.missinganx.com for more information about Turner Syndrome

Break the Rules Day 2024

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50p to break 1 rule
£1 to break 3 rules
£2 to break them all

Payments to be made via parentmail

All donations are greatly appreciated and will go to the Turner Syndrome Support Society.

School time appointments

It is important that parents remember that children must not be removed from lessons during the school day for doctors, dentist or other appointments and all appointments must be made outside of the school day or during holidays. Parents should never make appointments that prevent children from being in school between 8.55am and 3.20pm. In addition, it is not acceptable to ask for children to leave school for parental appointments or to ask that children be allowed to leave school early with siblings. The number of parents making school time appointments is a growing concern at Meadowbank which we really need to stop so



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that we can have our children in learning each school day. Please ask for appointments to be outside of school hours, we have always found that this request is always understood and supported by medical practitioners.

Enjoy the next week's holiday, however you plan to spend it and we will see you back in school on Monday 19th February.

Kind regards

Janine Appleton