



Friday 24th May 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

School closes today for the two-week Whit break and I am writing to share next half term's dates and school news. The academic year is moving fast, as it always does, but we are looking forward to next half term and the exciting things ahead.

Whole School events Dates for next half term -Summer 1 (Monday 10th June - Friday 26^h July 2024)

School reopens after the Whit two week break	Monday 10 th June 2024	8.55 am (Gates open at 8.45am & close at 8.55am)
Year 1 Phonic Screening Tests	Week beginning 10 th June 2024	All week
Year 4 Times Tables Assessments	Week beginning 10 th June 2024	All week
Robinwood Residential Parents meeting	Wednesday 12 th June 2024	5.00 pm
Parents' Forum Meeting - in the Training Room	Wednesday 19 th June 2024	9.00 am
New Foundation Stage Parents' meeting	Wednesday 19 th June 2024	5.30 pm
Careers Week	WB 24 th June 2024	All week
Friends of Meadowbank's Summer Fair	Friday 28 th June 2024	3.30 - 5.30 pm
Parents' Coffee Morning - Mental Health Support	Monday 8 th July 2024	9.00 am
Pupil Progress reports shared with parents	Wednesday 10 th July 2024	
School closes for the Summer break	Friday 26 th July 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 Sea Life Manchester	Wednesday 3 rd July 2024
FS2	Visit to Saint Cuthbert's Church	Tuesday 2 nd July 2024
Yr1	Walk of the local area looking at building use Visit to All Hallows Church	Thursday 27 th June 2024 Monday 1 st July 2024
Yr2	Shabbat Celebration with a visitor from the Jewish Synagogue Mental Health Wellbeing Workshops	Friday 14 th June 2024 Monday 8 th July 2024
Yr3	Come and Play with the Halle Orchestra (Parents can buy tickets)	Wednesday 19 th June 2024
Yr4	Visit to Stockport Hydro ELT Maths Problem Solving Challenge (group of 10 children)	Thursday 20 th June 2024 Tuesday 2 nd July 2024
Yr5	Visit to the Whitworth Gallery Visit to Cheadle Mosque	Wednesday 26 th June 2024 Thursday 4 th July 2024
Yr6	ELT Maths Problem Solving Challenge (group of 4 children) It's you move transition workshops Robinwood - 3 day visit	Tuesday 2 nd July 2024 Tuesday 9 th July 2024 Wednesday 17 th July - Friday 19 th July 24
Meadow Room	Visit to Stockport Adventure Farm	Thursday 4 th July 2024
Years 1- 6	Dog safety assembly - by the Blue Cross	Wednesday 12 th June 2024
Years 1-6	Bible Encounters Assemblies	Friday 21 st June 2024
Whole School	Careers week	WB Monday 24 th June 2024
Whole School	Non-uniform day - bring a bottle for the summer fair	Friday 28 th June 2024

Parent event - parents joining children in school

Class / Year	Event	Date
Whole School	Come to meet your child's registration teacher for September and hear about next year's curriculum	Tuesday 16 th July (Year group times will be sent out soon)
FS&KS1	Rearranged Sports Day	Wednesday 10 th July 9.15 am
KS2	Rearranged Sports Day	Thursday 11 th July 9.15 am
Years 3-6	Families of the children who are having guitar lessons in school, are invited to an assembly Guitar Performance	Friday 12 th July 9.00-9.30
Yr 6	Year 6 Evening performance Matilda Year 6 Afternoon performance Matilda Leavers Assembly	Thursday 11 th July 6.00 pm Friday 12 th July 1.45 pm Friday 26 th July 2.00 pm

Sporting events next half term

Class / Year	Event	Date
Yr3 and Yr4	Euros 6 as side football (group of 10 children) Power League Heaton Mersey	Wednesday 26 th June 2024
KS1&KS2	Mini-Olympics for learners with additional needs (group of 10 children) Woodbank park	Wednesday 3 rd July 2024



Thank you to our Friends of Meadowbank Parent Group

We are always grateful for the hard work and support that our families who are part of the Friends of Meadowbank give to us. Not only do they plan events that we all enjoy, but they do this to raise funds that are spent on our children in school.



To say thank you our Year five children are inviting the members of the group to a Thank You Tea Party in our Training room on Monday 22nd July at 2.00 pm. It is an event to look forward to.

Leading Parent Partnership Award - LPPA Award

Our school led verification visit has now been confirmed for Thursday 20th June. Miss Carrington, Mrs Ball and the LPPA working party, would like to thank all of our families for their ongoing support, involvement in school events and commitment in working towards meeting the key performance indicators. We hope this enables us to reflect on current practice, further strengthen our school partnership with parents and celebrate our successes. We will be sharing the Leading Parent Partnership Award survey with you again on Monday 10th June and look forward to reading your responses.

Our Year six children took part in the national end of Key Stage Two Assessments, their SATS last week. We were all so proud of their positive attitude and commitment to give their best in each task. The tests are just one measure of academic progress, they do not highlight the wealth of other strengths and talents that each of our children have and we could not be happier with how they approached the week together, as a team. Well done everyone!

There are other national assessments taking place over the next few weeks, our Year two children are working though their end of Key Stage One Assessments. Although these are no longer statutory or reportable, we will continue to use them as part of our internal assessments. Similarly, our Year one children will take part in their phonics assessments as we return from the Whit break and Year four will be assessed on their multiplication tables knowledge. What very busy children!

New rules concerning children being absent from school have been introduced by the government.

The aim of the new rules is to reduce the number of days missed by children due to unauthorised absence, especially for unauthorised term time holidays. These rules come into force on 19th August 2024 and will therefore take effect from the start of the 2024-25 school year. They will apply only to offences taking place (and fines issued) from then onwards. The new rules are:

- For the first fine issued for after the start of the 24-25 school year, the fine will increase to £80 per parent per child if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.
- If a second fine is then issued to the same parent, for the same child, within three years of the first fine. it will be for £160.
- Subsequent offences - no further fines can then be issued if two have already been issued to the same parent, for the same child, within the previous three years (starting with the date of the first fine); instead the parent will be prosecuted by the Local Authority in the Magistrates' Court.

We are only able to authorise leave of absence if we are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances. This is extremely rare and will never be the case for family holidays, given that 13 weeks of school holidays are available to families each year.

Congratulations to all of our children who have been in school on time every day this half term. Our whole school attendance is 95.3% which is above the National Average and an increase from last term. It is important to keep this up as we approach the end of the school year. Being in school is important to your child's academic achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. If you have any concerns please contact your child's class teacher as we want to support all children to have good school attendance.

Our new lunchtime catering provider begins work with school after the holidays. You can now order meals from home with your child and our kitchen is being refurbished during the break to ensure that we have exemplary school meal provision.

Enjoy the two-week break and let's hope for lots of sun and fresh air. We will see you back in school on Monday 10th June. Just a few reminders about the start and end of day systems. Please do not arrive earlier than the gates open, put phones away whilst on school grounds and ensure that your children are not on bikes and scooters after they pass through the gates. Can I also make a plea that families park courteously and do not block the driveways of our neighbours. Thank you for your support in making our school a safe and happy one.

Kind regards

Janine Appleton