

Meanwood Primary School



Next Week Is SATs Week

Next week is Year 6 SATs week from Tuesday - Friday. We are inviting Year 6 children to come into school early at 8:30am to have a small breakfast snack (please have your normal breakfast at home before you come) and to prepare for the tests.

We need all Year 6 pupils in school next week - if your child is feeling unwell, please phone the office as early as possible so that this can be discussed with a member of staff. We want to make sure that children are well rested and calm coming into school so some early nights would be really beneficial! The children and staff have worked hard to prepare for the tests and we really want to demonstrate the fantastic progress that has been made - children should not be worried about the tests and just need to concentrate on all the things they have been taught. There are no trick questions!



Kings Coronation - Royal Celebration Day

On Friday 12th May 2023 we are having our street party. Children will be doing activities during the day based on the Kings Coronation and the Royal family.

On this day children can wear clothes that are red, white and blue to celebrate. (Year 6 children must wear their uniform and get changed after they have done their SATs).

Please note: The Street Party is for our children only, not parents/carers or siblings, unfortunately we do not have space to accommodate everyone.



Please Remember We Are A Nut Free School

Within the last few weeks, we have noticed that items containing nuts are being brought into school in packed lunches and in snacks for after school clubs. **We are a nut free school.**

Some of the products being brought into school are Kinder Bueno's, Kinder Hippos, Nutella biscuits etc. These all do not contain whole nuts but they contain hazelnut cream made with hazelnuts not just flavourings.

We have several children and staff with severe allergies, if they come into contact with any product containing nuts they could have a very serious anaphylaxis reaction.

Please **do not** let your child bring any product containing nuts into school. Thank you.

Annabelle's Challenge

Unfortunately in March this year we found out that one of our Year 5 pupils has a rare genetic condition called Vascular Ehlers Danlos Syndrome.

Parents and staff in school have been really well supported by Annabelle's Challenge, the leading charity for Vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (Vascular EDS) in the UK.

As a school, we want to say thank you to them for the support that has been given by holding a **non-uniform day on Friday 19th May, where we would encourage all pupils to wear red for a donation of £1.00.** The money collected will be sent straight to the charity so that they can continue the fantastic work that they do. A letter containing more information is attached.



Introducing School Gateway: Action needed

We are very excited to be introducing School Gateway to Meanwood Primary School – a parent engagement app that will allow you to pay for school trips/dinner money and communicate with the school at anytime from anywhere.



All school related communication, emails and messages will go through School Gateway and we are introducing sections of this from today. To stay up to date with what's going on at school make sure you download the app for free. Just search: **School Gateway** in your App store and download.

Apple iPhone users, download the app here: schoolgateway.co.uk/iosdownload

Android phone users, download the app here: schoolgateway.co.uk/androiddownload

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information school already has, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date.

If you have any questions or would like some more information, please see the School Gateway site here: <https://schoolgateway.co.uk/>.

Remember, download School Gateway to make keeping up-to-date with what's going on at school effortless.

The app is free and saves our school money!

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.schoolcomms.sga&hl=en_GB

Apple: <https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/school-gateway/id596039615?mt=8>

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Year 6 Leavers Assembly will be at 2:00pm on Wednesday 19th July
- all parents/carers welcome.





Crossing Patrol

Please note: There will not be a crossing patrol on Edenfield Road until further notice.

Please Remember We Are A Healthy Eating School

We know parents like to send birthday cakes and sweets in for children's birthdays, but we can't accept them. If you want to bring something, you could bring a healthy alternative e.g. yoghurt Frubes or fruit ice lollies.



Rochdale Junior Netball Club are currently welcoming new members in Years 3-6. If you're interested, a flyer is attached.

Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
8 th May 2023	All Day	Bank Holiday - School Closed
9 th - 12 th May 2023	All Week	Year 6 SATs Week
12 th May 2023	All Day	King's Coronation Celebration Day
18 th May 2023	All Day	Year 4 Chester Trip
19 th May 2023	All Day	Annabelle's Challenge Non-Uniform Day– Wear Red
26 th May 2023	3.15pm	School Closes for Half Term
5 th June 2023	8.45am	School re-opens
19 th July 2023	2.00pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Lates

Well done to everyone who is managing to get here on time daily.
Please note, you will be asked the following questions if you sign your child in late:

- Which class they are in, who their teacher is
 - Their name
 - Their date of birth
- Why they are late for school

Please make sure you know this information before you get to the signing in screen.

If your child is late for school you must come to the office with them to sign them in.

<u>Children late this week after classroom doors closed at 8:51am</u> <u>Please make sure your child is arriving in time to line up with their friends at 8.45am.</u>	
Monday 2 nd May 2023	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 3 rd May 2023	11 children were late
Wednesday 4 th May 2023	10 children were late
Thursday 5 th May 2023	4 children were late
Friday 6 th May 2023	19 children were late

General School Information

Important - Communication

Most communication to parents/carers from school is sent via email, if you have not been receiving emails from us please contact the school office as soon as possible to check we have the correct email address for you so that you do not miss important updates.

If you have also recently moved house or changed your mobile phone number it is really important that you inform the school office so we can update your child's records in case of an emergency.





Please make sure that collection arrangements are made with children and staff before school each day? We understand that at times circumstances change and accept this cannot be helped but continual change of arrangements is confusing for the children and school staff.

Signing Children Out

All children need to be signed out at the main office if they are leaving for whatever reason during the school day.

If your child is in EYFS/KS1, then you will need to come to the office first to sign them out, please ensure you collect your sign out ticket from the machine to show staff you have signed your child out. Your child will not be allowed to leave school until you show a member of staff the sign out ticket.

If your child is in KS2 then please hand the ticket over to the staff member that brings your child to the school office.

At The Start Of The School Day

Children must be supervised by an adult before class doors are opened at 8.45am. Staff are not able to watch children before this time.

Children must not play on the outdoor gym before or after school.

Absence Procedure

If your child is absent from school, you must contact the school office every day, prior to class registration, to inform us of the reason for absence.

Office staff will be available from 7:30AM onwards. The methods of contact to report child absence are:

- Telephone: 01706 648197
- Text: 07860030967
- WhatsApp: 07973721147
- Email: absence@meanwood.rochdale.sch.uk
- Contact us page via website

This Week's Newsletter Attachments are:

- Surestart Timetable May 2023
- Rochdale Junior Netball Club Flyer
- Annabelle's Challenge Letter

