



Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, sincere apologies that this newsletter was not sent on Friday, as per usual. The general hustle and bustle of school life, particularly in light of staff absence, prevented me from sending it on time. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding.

Another week has passed, and we are now in the final few weeks of term. Last week was assessment week, where children across the school had the opportunity to show how much they have remembered of their learning so far in Maths, Reading, Writing and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. We have been so impressed with the learning behaviours the children have demonstrated. They have worked incredibly hard, shown great concentration and have demonstrated real resilience – well done children.

At The Meadows, the children genuinely like the opportunity to show what they can do and approach assessments with enthusiasm and such a positive mentality. All that we ask the children to do is try their best, which they have certainly done last week. 😊 They know that this is a safe place to make mistakes and that mistakes are part of learning. Teachers will use the assessment data to help them to tailor their teaching and learning to the needs of the pupils. Over the course of the next few weeks, the children will also complete their end of term assessments in the foundation subjects too, to indicate how much knowledge they have retained over time.

Last week, it was fantastic to see Miss Sutcliffe, as she begins her phased return to school which will continue over the next few weeks, and Miss Parry, who is back full time from today. We are so pleased that they are recovering well and have missed them greatly. They are such wonderful members of our school team. The children were excited to see them, and I know both Miss Sutcliffe and Miss Parry have missed the children greatly.

## RSPCA Fundraiser

A huge thank you for of the donations (both monetary and items) for the RSPCA on Friday. Our school community certainly demonstrated our school motto: **'Learning by caring and sharing'**. It was wonderful to see the children come in animal themed clothing and show such positivity about the importance of looking after the world around us, in particular preventing cruelty against animals.

Today all children across the school are participating in a range of workshops to help them recognise ways they can support the work of the RSPCA in our local and national community. More to come on this is our next newsletter on Friday...



A huge thank you to our Y6 helpers too, Lily, Amelia and Oscar, who helped to collect



in and organise all donations on Friday morning. This was just another example of the massive contribution our pupils make to the running of the school, including our pupil leaders.

### Polite Reminder – Drop Offs

A polite reminder that all children should be accompanied on the school playground at the start of the day before they enter school when the bell goes at 8:45am. The playground is not staffed before this time; parents must be with their children to ensure that they are safe and well. If your child normally walks to school, they should aim to arrive no early than 8:45am, when a member of staff will be there to welcome them into school.



Attendance	% this term so far (TARGET: 97% or above)
Whole School	96.4%
Nursery	100%
Reception	96.3%
Y1	95.7%
Y2	97.1%
Y3	97.0%
Y4	96.1%
Y5	96.0%
Y6	96.3%

### Attendance

As you may be aware, promoting positive attendance is a high priority for us as a school, as well as for the government. All research suggests that there is a **direct correlation between strong attendance and a pupil's success, both personally and academically**. We are committed to supporting our families to ensure our pupils are in school each day because we are **relentless in our drive to ensure that our children lead successful, fulfilled lives**.

Our whole school **attendance remains at 96.4%**. Whilst attendance at The Meadows continues to be above national, we are still below our school target of at least 97%. **Well done to pupils in Y2 and Y3** as their attendance is at school target. This means that the children are in school consistently and are engaged with their daily learning opportunities. All other year groups require improvement.

Please continue to support your child to attend school daily and remember that we are here to help if you have any concerns.

### Polite Reminder - Nails

Each day, we praise our pupils for being **'Ready' for school** (one of our school rules) such as being punctual, prepared for the day and looking smart in their uniform. However, we have had a few incidences recently where pupils are not adhering to our school dress code, which is in breach of our school behaviour policy. This is particularly the case with nails, where some children are wearing nail varnish or even with long acrylic nails. This does not comply with our dress code, or our school rule of being 'safe', particularly for sports as it can be a health a safety issue when pupils are playing.

Please do all that you can to support your child to comply with school expectations and to prevent the breach in our behaviour policy. As a parent myself, I know how tricky it can be, but I also know that holiday times provide ample opportunity for children to wear nail varnish etc. This is the same expectation that will be enforced when your child/children go to high school too, for example Madeley High. We aim to prepare our children for secondary too. We also don't want our children to have to miss on vital learning opportunities for this reason. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

### Pre-loved Uniform

It is that time of year where we realise how much our children have grown since the start of the academic year! As a parent myself, I know how expensive buying uniform is.

Don't forget that we have lots of pre-loved clothing at school available to purchase at a fraction of the cost found in local stores. They are in great condition, and it would be fabulous for them to find a new home. As eco champions, we are certainly in favour of the motto: reduce, reuse, recycle. All donations go towards our school funds.







### March in March

Last week, pupils in EYFS and KS1 (Foxes, Badgers and Kingfishers) enjoyed their march around the community to **celebrate 10 years of the Shaw Education Trust** and our family of schools. They also enjoyed looking for signs of Spring as part of their learning in Science.

The children in Nursery and Reception enjoyed exploring the fields at Madeley School, a school in our trust family, where our provision backs on to. They felt very grown up, visiting the big school, were so many of our past pupils now attend.



Today, the Owls and Hawks are completing their march down to Madeley School and around the village to participate in our collective 10km challenge.

We are very proud to be a part of this dynamic and growing family of 32 schools (including primary, secondary and specialist provisions), which is dedicated to transforming lives through education. 😊



### Spanish Club

The children in the Kingfishers' Spanish club had a great time visiting the shop and ordering fruit in Spanish. They built on their knowledge of buildings from the previous week and extended their knowledge to learning about how to buy fruit from a stall. It was a delicious way to learn!





### Coming Soon – Dates to Remember

There are lots of enrichment opportunities still to come this term, including the following:



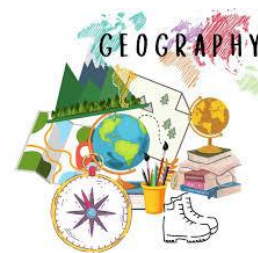
#### **EYFS/KS1 Trip to Chester Zoo (Wed 2nd April)**

The Foxes, Badgers and Kingfishers are excited about their up and coming trip on Wednesday to Chester Zoo. All children should be dropped off at the EYFS site (at Madeley School) between 8:45-9am. Please do not arrive before 8:45, to allow time for all of the high school buses to depart, ensuring that you can park on the bus park and walk safely across to the provision. If you have other

children at the main site, please drop them off first. All other information (regarding clothing and lunches) can be found on Parentmail.

#### **Hawks Trip to Wolseley Bridge (Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> April)**

Hawks are off to Wolseley Bridge for their Geography field study day on Thursday. This is part of the learning as a geographer. All children should come in their PE clothes and bring lunch in a disposable bag please. The children should be back by 3:30pm for collection as usual. If there are any delays, we will endeavour to keep you updated via text/email.



#### **Film Night (Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> until 5pm)**

Next Tuesday, we will be having a film night to raise fund for our digital stratgey. All money raised will go towards new syluses to be used with our Ipads.

We will be watching the recently released 'Moana 2'. Children will have drinks, pop corn and sweets. The cost of film night is **£3.50**. Please complete **the payment on Parentmail**, which will act

also as permission.

#### **Easter Service, All Saints Church, Madeley (Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2-3pm)**

Our Easter service will be an opportunity for our whole school family to come together, reflect on the term we have had and celebrate the season of Spring and Easter. **The service begins at 2pm. Parents will be able to enter the church no earlier than 1:55pm**, as we will be arriving with the pupils in stages and will need to get them into the church safely.



Children do not require their school bags on this day. However, they should bring to school a water bottle. Children will be having an early lunch. Disposable lunch boxes please. Coats should be worn as many of the children will be walking to the church.

A form has been sent out, via Parentmail, for you to indicate who will be collecting your child from the church. Wrap Around club with Miss Bill will take place as per usual. However, all other extra-curricular clubs will not occur on this day.

<b>Forthcoming Dates</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>March in March 10 Year Celebration of The Shaw Education Trust *See Above*</b>
<b>Mon 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>RSPCA to visit the school to lead workshops</b>
<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Foxes and Badgers (EYFS) and Kingfishers (Y1/2) trip to Chester Zoo</b>
<b>Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Hawks (Y5/6) Trip to Wolseley Bridge for a Geography field study</b>
<b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Film Night Y1-6 Main site until 5pm</b>
<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Service, All Saints, Madeley, 2-3pm</b>
<b>Monday 14th April – Friday 25th April</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 28th April</b>	<b>INSET</b>
<b>Tuesday 29th April</b>	<b>Summer term starts</b>
<b>Wed 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Group Photos (Please ensure your child(ren) come in to school dressed smartly in the correct uniform.)</b>
<b>Mon 5th May</b>	<b>May Day Bank holiday</b>
<b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup>- Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Y6 SATs week</b>
<b>Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Hawks (Y5/6) have been invited to take part in a fire safety event at Newcastle Fire Station, 11:45am-2:50pm</b>
<b>Tue 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Owls (Y3/4) Trip to Wolseley Bridge for a Geography field study</b>
<b>Wed 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Owls (Y3/4) Trip to the Birmingham Symphony Hall to take part in a musical spectacular</b>
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Reception (Badgers) and Years 1 and 2 (Kingfishers) trip to Liverpool to see 'A Bear Hunt' by the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra</b>
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Foxes and Badgers (Nursery and Reception) Sports Day, 1-3pm at Leycett Cricket Club</b>
<b>Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>Kingfishers, Owls, Hawks (Y1-Y6) Sports Day, 1-3pm at Leycett Cricket Club</b>
<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Hawks (Y5/6) visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelter</b>
<b>Wed 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Foxes and Badgers (EYFS) and Kingfishers (Y1/2) trip to Bewildewood</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Summer Fayre</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Leaver's Performance</b>
<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> July MADELEY VILLAGE COMMUNITY EVENT</b>	<b>Madeley Carnival (more information to be released closer to the date)</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Seeing is Believing sessions</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>'Celebrations Assembly' at the Madeley Centre, 2-3pm</b>
<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Hawks Leaver's Performance, Madeley School, 6-8pm</b>
<b>Friday 18th July</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
<b>Monday 21st July</b>	<b>INSET</b>
<b>Tues 22 July – Fri 29 August</b>	<b>Summer Holiday</b>

Please note INSET days are in service training days for staff. The school will be closed to pupils on these days.

### **Safeguarding Update**

If you are concerned about the safety of a child in **immediate danger**, please dial 999. If you need Early Help support or have a concern about a child, please call Staffordshire Children's Advice and Support Service on 03001118007 or out of hours 03456042886.

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a great week.

All the best,

Mrs Kuffour

### **Personal Possessions**

I would like to remind all our school community of the following:

*The storage of any personal property or possessions or, where pupils bring in personal property or possessions onto the school premises it is at the pupil's and parent's own risk and the school will not be liable for any loss or damage to personal property or possessions.*



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