



Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows
Primary School



Dear parents/carers,

Firstly, I hope you all had a lovely half term. It has been wonderful to hear all about the children's adventures last week, including: playing games at home, autumnal walks, bonfires, fireworks, trick or treating, pumpkin caring, trips to the movies etc. You have certainly been busy! School was also busy over the half term, as we have had all of our lighting replaced to LED lighting, which has had such a positive impact on brightening up our learning environments.

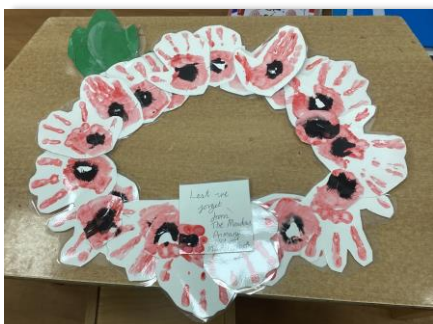
This week has also been a busy week in the life of the school, particularly since we are temporarily based at three different sites due to the work being completed in the Hawk's classroom. I want to take this opportunity to thank our whole school community for the way that you have all coped with the change. Congratulations to the children, who have been absolutely fantastic this week getting used to the changes in learning environments or lunchtime operations. They have been so resilient, flexible and understanding and have embraced new opportunities, which is one of our Secrets of Success 'Try New Things'.

In particular, I have been so proud of the children in Y5/6 and the fantastic learning they have done this week in their new learning environment. Their attitudes have been exemplary! We have had so many comments from the local community about their fantastic manners and behaviour. Also, well done to the new leaders in Y3/4 (our Owls class), who have stepped up whilst the Y5/6 are away and have helped to be lunchtime buddies, wellbeing champions and sports leaders. They have been phenomenal!

A huge thank you to all our parents and guardians for your support this week – you have been amazing! I can only imagine how tricky it must be to drop off at multiple locations, but your words of encouragement to the staff and your flexibility has been so gratefully received! Thank you for your patience as we have been getting used to a new way of operating – it has been appreciated.

Finally, I would like to say a massive thank you to our wonderful Meadows staff, who have dealt with the changes this week with such tenacity and positivity. Many of the staff have taken on additional responsibilities or given up extra time to ensure that we have been able to continue business as usual, so that our children receive the highest standard of education, broad and balanced, with all the enrichment opportunities they normally would. Thank you for your dedication for our school.

I feel incredibly proud of our school community! 😊



Remembrance Service Tomorrow at The Madeley Centre

Being a part of the Madeley community is very important for our school. We are committed to developing our children into reflective, tolerant, and respectful citizens of the future. Tomorrow, representatives of our school will be joining with the community to participate in the **Remembrance Service held at The Madeley Centre**. We will be gathering at **10:45am**. Following the service, there will be refreshments. We would love it if you could join us at this important and poignant event.

Parents' Consultation – Wk beginning Monday 13th November

Meetings take place next week with your child's class teacher on Teams. You should have already signed up via Parentmail. These meetings are normally a wonderful way for us to be able to tell you how your child has settled into their new academic year. If you haven't booked an appointment yet, please do so by completing the form or ringing the school office. Class teachers have sent out your links to the virtual meetings, as well as guidance about how to get on to the meetings. Please see Parentmail for more information.

Hawk's Trip to The New Vic Theatre (15/11/23)

On Wednesday, Y5/6 will visit the New Vic Theatre in the morning. They should be **dropped off as usual at The Madeley Centre**, where the bus will pick them up. Following their visit, they will **return to The Madeley Centre**, where they can be collected as usual at the end of the school day, unless they are attending a club.



Children in Need Spotacular Fundraiser (17/11/23)

Next Friday, we will be raising money for Children in Need in school. Please can all the children come in wearing an item of clothing that is spotty with a suggested donation of £1.

We would also like to hold a cake sale to increase the funds we raise. If you can donate cakes for the day, please get in touch with the school office or your child's class teacher.

Volunteers

Do you have a few hours free during the week? Are you looking for a rewarding and fulfilling way to spend these hours? Perfect – we have just the job for you!

We are looking for some **wonderful volunteers to come and read with children of all ages** during the school week. Please get in touch with the school office if you can help. We value your support.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Just a reminder that Eco Club will commence at a later date of **Monday 4th December**. All other clubs are running as usual. Please ensure that you arrive to collect your child by 4:30pm.



Foxes, Badgers and Kingfishers Trip to Blue Planet

On Tuesday, the Foxes, Badgers and Kingfishers thoroughly enjoyed a trip to Blue Planet in Chester. Not only did the children have the opportunity to see lots of different animal life, such as sharks, clownfish and stingrays, they also attended workshops about the animals they were seeing. The Foxes and Badgers enjoyed learning all about how animals camouflage to protect themselves. They were so eager to tell me what they had learnt when I visited them earlier on this week. They have also set up their own aquarium in their role play area so they could apply all the knowledge that they had learnt. Well done!

Vacancy

We are looking for a new **Wraparound Teaching Assistant** to join our wonderful friendly staff team. We are committed to employing the right person for the job, so please get in touch if you are interested, or share far and wide. Details can be found here:

[The Meadows Primary School Career Site \(schoolrecruiter.com\)](https://www.schoolrecruiter.com)



Online Safety

Keeping our children safe online is vital in the digital world in which we live. However, it can also be quite a tricky thing because the digital world is ever evolving – there are always new apps, new games and new technology for us to contend with.

This week, we have sent out some useful guides to support you with keeping your child safe online. They contain lots of useful tips for children aged 0-13. Please take time to read them and reflect on how they can help to support your family. They were created by Internet Matters. Their website has a range of useful information and guidance for parents supporting safeguarding your child online. For example, it has a section about parental controls that can be put on to devices and apps. For more information, click on the link below:

[Parental Controls & Privacy Settings Guides | Internet Matters](#)

https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/

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Parental Controls

Give your child a safe space to explore their curiosity online.

Our step by step parental controls guides will help you to set up the right controls and privacy settings on the networks, gadgets, apps, and sites they use to give them a safer online experience.


[SEE SET UP SAFE CHECKLIST](#)



What are parental controls?

Parental controls are the names for a group of settings that put you in control of what content your child can see. Combined with privacy settings, these can help you protect your children

Popular Parental control guides



Class Updates

Our Foxes and Badgers (Nursery and Reception) have been exploring our planet and the animals that live here.

The Kingfishers (Y1/2) have been learning about Remembrance and why it is an important event that is celebrated in our country.



The Owls (Y3/4) have begun their new D&T project on structures. They have been exploring creating their own structures, applying their knowledge of 3D shapes and their properties.

The Hawks (Y5/6) have been investigating the order of operations in Maths, applying their knowledge of

BIDMAS when problem solving. They have done some fantastic mathematical reasoning. Well done children. They have also been learning and performing the poem 'The Malfeasance' by Alan Bold in English. I had the pleasure of watching some of their choral performances on Thursday and they were brilliant!



Updated Term Dates

Here is our updated calendar. **Please note the yellow highlighted events**, where dates have been either added in or amended. Apologies where amendments may have been made – this is either down to a change in arrangements for unforeseeable reasons or due to human error.

Forthcoming Dates

Date	Event
Sat 28th October - Sunday 5th November	Half Term
Sat 11th November	Remembrance Service at The Madeley Centre, 10:45am (All of the school community invited to attend. Refreshments available afterward.)
Mon 13th November	Tweensafe session CI4 Hawks in school
Mon 13th November	Class 4 (Hawks) Parents' Consultation with Miss Parry
Tue 14th November	Class 3 (Owls) Parents' Consultation with Miss Sutcliffe
Wed 15th November	Class 2 (Kingfishers) Parents' Consultation

Wed 15th November	Class 4 (Hawks) Literacy Trip to the New Vic Theatre
Thurs 16th November	EYFS (Foxes and Badgers) Parents' Consultation
Fri 17th November	Children in Need Spotacular Fundraiser Children to come in their own spotty clothes with a donation of £1.
Mon 20th November	Tweensafe session CI4 Hawks in school
Wed 25th November	Flu Vaccinations – complete the consent online
Monday 27th November	Tweensafe session CI4 Hawks in school
Tue 28th November	CI3 (Owls) Last Swimming Session (Autumn)
Thurs 30th November	CI3 (Owls) Trip to Liverpool Museum
Mon 4th December	Tweensafe session CI4 Hawks in school
Thurs 14th December	CI3 (Owls)/CI4 (Hawks) New Victoria Theatre Trip to see 'The Nutcracker', 2:30pm-5pm
Fri 15th December	Auction Night More details to follow after half term *SAVE THE DATE*
Wed 20th December	EYFS/KS1 (Badgers, Foxes and Kingfishers) Nativity at The Madeley Centre, 2-3pm
Thurs 21st December	The Meadows Christmas Carol Service, 2-3pm, All Saints Church, Madeley
TBD	Winter Fayre
Mon 25th December - Fri 5th January	Christmas Holiday
Mon 8th January 2024	Term Starts
Tue 9th January	CI3 (Owls) Swimming Starts (Spring)
Tue 16th January	CI4 (Hawks) Standon Bowers Parents Information Meeting, CI4, 3pm
TBD	Whole School Movie Night
Mon 12th February – Fri 16th February	Half Term
Wed 14th March	CI3 (Owls) Trip to Lower Drayton Farm
Tue 19th March	CI4 (Hawks) Trip to Tamworth Castle
Tue 19th March	CI3 (Owls) Last Swimming Session (Spring)
TBD	Easter Concert
TBD	Easter Disco
Mon 25th March – Fri 5th April	Easter Holiday
Mon 8th April	Term Starts
Mon 15th April	INSET (Shaw Education Trust Training Day)
Tue 16th April	CI4 (Hawks) Swimming Starts (Summer)
Wed 1st May	Group Photos
Mon 6th May	May Day
Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May	Half Term
Mon 3rd – Fri 7th June	CI4 (Hawks) Residential Trip to Standon Bowers
Tue 25th June	CI4 (Hawks) Last Swimming Session (Summer)
Wed 19th June	Sports Day (EYFS Foxes and Badgers) 2-3pm, Leycett Cricket Club
Wed 26th June	Sports Day (CI2-CI4) 1-3pm, Leycett Cricket Club
TBD	Summer Fayre

TBD	Leaver's Performance
TBD	'Celebrations Assembly' at the Madeley Centre, 2-3pm
Fri 19th July	Term Ends
Mon 22nd July	INSET (Staff Training)
Tues 23 July – Fri 30 August	Summer Holiday

Safeguarding Child in our Local Community

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.

Have a fantastic weekend,

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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