



# Meadows Newsletter

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The Meadows  
Primary School



Dear parents/carers,

I can't quite believe that we have reached the end of a busy half term! I know that the children (and staff) are looking forward to enjoying their half term with their families and it is well deserved. I have been so impressed with how the school family has settled into the new academic year and demonstrated a real passion and enthusiasm for learning. I have had the honour of witnessing learning across the school and have been thrilled by the children's attitudes and the high quality of work that they are producing. In addition, it has been wonderful to witness the children embracing the range of opportunities they have been provided with to enhance their learning including programmes such as bike ability, class trips and increased numbers of pupils attending extra-curricular clubs. Well done children.

A few weeks ago, we had the pleasure of welcoming directors from The Shaw Education Trust into our school to experience a day in the life of The Meadows. During the day, they observed learning and behaviour in classes and on the playground, talked to pupils, teacher and leaders and completed a range of monitoring activities including book scans. It was a fantastic learning experience, and we were so pleased with the feedback we received about the quality of education, attitudes and behaviours, personal development, leadership and management and our Early Years provision. Many strengths were identified, including: our strong outcomes; our reading curriculum; our promotion of vocabulary; our bespoke interventions; and excellent modelling and implementation personal development. We have also been asked to share excellent practice widely across the trust including:

- The school's approach to restorative practice, regulation and mental wellbeing curriculum.
- Use of Red to Blue reflection for mental wellbeing

The day was very supportive, and feedback was incredibly useful to help us continue improve. We are committed to ensuring that we provide our pupils with the highest quality of education that will enable them to thrive.

This week, I also had the surprise of receiving a wonderful, personalised letter of congratulations from Jo Morgan and Kerry Inscker, the CEO and deputy CEO of The Shaw Education Trust. In the letter, it formally congratulated our school community for the results achieved last academic year and the increased attainment across the board. It praised our wonderful school culture, leadership, our high aspirations for the pupils and our commitment to delivering excellence and positive outcomes for all learners. I was privileged to read this and am so proud of our school community. Thank you to our wonderful pupils who are a pleasure to teach. Thank you to our committed staff who go above and beyond for our children, and each other. And thank you to all parents and family members for all that you do to help your children and the way you work in partnership with the school. Together we will help our children to succeed.



## Harry Potter Quiz Night

Last Friday, over 50 members of our school family were able to come together and enjoy time socialising during our quiz night. We were also able raise money for school funds. A huge thank you to all who were able to come and to Miss Parry for being our quiz master. She certainly asked some tricky questions about the Harry Potter books and films that tested even the most dedicated Potter fans in our school. I love all things Harry Potter, but even I had to Google a few answers (don't worry, I wasn't officially participating in the quiz). Well done to Tilly and her family, who were the overall winners. We hope you enjoyed it – the staff certainly did. Altogether we raised **£280**, which will be **put towards two new interactive whiteboards** we are in the process of purchasing for the Key Stage 1 classrooms.

## School Building Improvements

As you are aware, during the summer holiday we had extensive internal work completed on the school main site, which has made a considerable difference to the learning environment. We have had many compliments on how clean, fresh and tidy the school is looking.

Work will continue this half term. All ceilings are being replaced in classrooms and corridors, and new LED lighting is being installed, which will be more energy efficient and provide a brighter environment ready for the dark winter mornings/afternoons.

## INSET Day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Just a reminder that school will be **closed to children on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November** as this is a staff training day.



## Parents' Consultation – Wk beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Don't forget to **sign up for Parents' Consultation** using the form sent out on Parentmail. This is always a great opportunity for you to find out how your child has settled into the new year and for staff and parents to work in partnership to support our children. If you are unable to attend on the day, please get in touch with your child's class teacher to see if it is possible to arrange an alternative date.

Attendance	% this term so far (TARGET: 97% or above)
Whole School	96.20%
Nursery	100%
Reception	97.44%
Y1	95%
Y2	97.27%
Y3	92.53%
Y4	94.24%
Y5	98.38%
Y6	96.85%

### Attendance

Well done to **Badgers and Foxes (Nursery/Reception), Y1 and Y5** for their **improved attendance** over the past few weeks. Attendance needs to continue to improve in the Owl class.

Our whole school attendance is **very close to our 97% target. Please continue to do all you can to ensure positive attendance for your child.** We recognise that, on the **odd occasion**, children are not well enough to attend school. However, please remain mindful about impact of absence upon a child's wellbeing and attainment. Remember – we are here to help.

### Volunteers

Do you have a few hours free during the week? Are you looking for 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

A form has been sent out on Parentmail regarding new clubs that **will commence week beginning Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**. Please be aware that some clubs are continuing (for example Computing and the Sports Club), however you will still need to complete the form for the half term. New clubs this term include: Eco Warriors (KS1 and 2) and Lego (KS2).



### Digital Citizenship

On the 16<sup>th</sup> October, we celebrated **Digital Citizenship Week**, where we explored what it means to be a digital citizen. We referred to all our Internet Legends and identified key problems that we can face online, one of which is communication. We explored together the importance of being 'kind' online and remembering that we leave a digital footprint whenever we leave messages or posts online.

To support us in keeping your child safe in the digital world, don't forget about the Parent Webinar on 'Creating a safe digital playground for your child'. It is provided by Natterhub and will take place on **Thursday, 23rd of November at 7pm**. A link was sent out via Parentmail a few weeks ago. You can register for free here:

[Online Safety Webinar for Parents of Children Aged Five to Eleven Years \(natterhub.com\)](https://natterhub.com)

We hope you find this useful!



### Class Updates

**Our Foxes and Badgers (Nursery and Reception)** enjoyed a lovely autumnal welly walk. They were looking for signs of Autumn including flowers and animals. They also enjoyed playing under the willow tree at the end. What a lovely afternoon they all had.

**The Kingfishers (Y1/2)** have been learning all about winter in English. They wrapped up in cosy blankets, listened to a fire crackling and heard a winter themed story to help them with their own writing.

**The Owls (Y3/4)** have been developing close observational skills as artists. They have done some fantastic sketches of plants and flowers.



**The Hawks (Y5/6)** have been excellent Scientists, leading comparative tests, exploring how pulley systems change the direction of the force, helping us to move objects more easily.

### 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 \(schoolrecruiter.com\)](http://schoolrecruiter.com)



### 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 28 <sup>th</sup> October - Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Half Term
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET (Staff Training) School closed to children
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> November	CI1 (Badgers/Foxes) and CI2 (Kingfishers) Trip to Blue Planet
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Swimming recommences CI3
Tue 7 <sup>th</sup> November	CI4 (Hawks) 'Seeing is Believing' lesson, 11:15am-12:15pm 1 parent/grandparent per family is invited to come and learn a lesson with their child
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service at The Madeley Centre, 10:45am (All of the school community invited to attend. Refreshments available afterward.)
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Tweensafe session CI4 Hawks in school
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 4 (Hawks) Parents' Consultation with Miss Parry
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 3 (Owls) Parents' Consultation with Miss Sutcliffe
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 2 (Kingfishers) Parents' Consultation
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS (Foxes and Badgers) Parents' Consultation
Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> November	CI2 (Kingfishers) 'Seeing is Believing' lesson, 11:15am-12:15pm 1 parent/grandparent per family is invited to come and learn a lesson with their child
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> November	CI3 (Owls) 'Seeing is Believing' lesson, 2:15-3:15pm 1 parent/grandparent per family is invited to come and learn a lesson with their child
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Spotacular Fundraiser Children to come in their own spotty clothes with a donation of £1.
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Tweensafe session CI4 Hawks in school
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations – complete the consent online

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Tweensafe session CI4 Hawks in school
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> November	CI3 (Owls) Last Swimming Session (Autumn)
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> November	CI3 (Owls) Trip to Liverpool Museum
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Tweensafe session CI4 Hawks in school
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> December	CI3 (Owls)/CI4 (Hawks) New Victoria Theatre Trip to see 'The Nutcracker', 2:30pm-5pm
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Auction Night More details to follow after half term <b>*SAVE THE DATE*</b>
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS/KS1 (Badgers, Foxes and Kingfishers) Nativity at The Madeley Centre, 2-3pm
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> December	The Meadows Christmas Carol Service, 2-3pm, All Saints Church, Madeley
TBD	Winter Fayre
Mon 25th December - Fri 5th January	Christmas Holiday
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Term Starts
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> January	CI3 (Owls) Swimming Starts (Spring)
Tue 16 <sup>th</sup> January	CI4 (Hawks) Standon Bowers Parents Information Meeting, CI4, 3pm
TBD	Whole School Movie Night
Mon 12th February – Fri 16th February	Half Term
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> March	CI3 (Owls) Trip to Lower Drayton Farm
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> March	CI4 (Hawks) Trip to Tamworth Castle
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 16 <sup>th</sup> April	CI4 (Hawks) Swimming Starts (Summer)
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Group Photos
Mon 6th May	May Day
Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May	Half Term
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Fri 7 <sup>th</sup> June	CI4 (Hawks) Residential Trip to Standon Bowers
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> June	CI4 (Hawks) Last Swimming Session (Summer)
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day (EYFS Foxes and Badgers) 2-3pm, Leycett Cricket Club
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> 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 half term,

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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