



Headlines

Autumn Term Week 4

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic few weeks at Meltham! We have enjoyed so much learning and focus in all classes and feel so proud of our children. I have had many highlights over the last two weeks including;

- finding fairies in the wood at Forest school
- holding mature discussions with your children
- Growbags gardening
- Cooking
- Our musical band
- Drumming
- Impressive teaching and learning
- High standards and expectations of behaviour
- Unrivalled parental/ carer support for the school
- Our children skipping to school in the morning with a smile and ending the day by sharing with me how much they have learnt!

Our three visitors from the Governing Board, Kevin Stephenson, Reverend John and Gary Sagar were very complimentary of the children, staff, progress and behaviour. Please allow me to share an e mail from Gary Sagar. I was delighted to read this and know that you will feel the same. I have shared this with our children and staff in Assembly this week.

Celebrations

Please see attached for all our wonderful celebration winners this term; who were chosen for making a wonderful start to the school year.

Inhalers

It is important that if your child requires an inhaler, even if this is just occasional use - that we have one in school to remain in their classroom. You must also complete an inhaler form and return to the school office. This can be collected from the school office.

Reminder of Unauthorised Absence Penalty

We'd just like to remind parents of the Kirklees Absence Requests policy - Kirklees state that parents may be fined if you take your child out of school unauthorised for 5 consecutive school days or more. The possibility of a fine of up to £1,000 and receipt of a criminal record if the fine remains unpaid and the matter is heard in court.

Signing Your Child In and Out

It is important when you are signing your child in and out of school that you complete the form in FULL at the front office. This includes your child's name **written over the BLACK box and printing your name in the BLACK box**. The box is black for data protection but this is a mandatory document used in case of evacuation to identify who is and is not in the school building.

Book Fair – Wednesday 4 th October – Tuesday 10 th October

Please come along and support this event, which can raise a considerable sum of money towards books for the school library and classrooms. The children will get a chance to look at the books during the day on Wednesday 4 th October and they will be available to buy from 3:25pm until 4:15pm daily from Wednesday 4 th October to Tuesday 10 th October. **Any orders need to be sent to Mrs Widdop by Monday 9th October with full payment**, to ensure a Wednesday delivery. If you have ordered online you will need proof of payment to collect your order.

Online Safety

WhatsApp is the most widely used messaging platform on the planet, with over two billion users (forecast to become three billion by 2025), across more than 180 countries. The majority of those people (70%) open the app at least once a day – but what exactly are they seeing? Contact from strangers, fake news and convincing scams are all among the service's well-documented hazards.

According to Ofcom, WhatsApp is used by more than half of 3- to 17-year-olds in the UK (including one in three from the 8–11 bracket), despite its 16+ age restriction. If your child hops onto WhatsApp to stay in touch with friends or family, our updated #WakeUpWednesday guide to the service contains the key details you'll need to support them in doing it safely.

Kirklees SEND Local Offer Live 2023

We are asking for your help to get the message out to families. Please do share this as widely as possible to families you think would find the event useful. We have also attached the flyer for the event if you wish to share

This is just to let you know that following last year's incredibly successful Local Offer Live held at John Smith Stadium we are running another Local Offer Live on Wednesday 29th November 2023 at Dewsbury Town Hall.

This will be a 'drop in' event which will give families an opportunity to understand the range of services from across education, health, social care and communities that are available to support children and young people aged 0-25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). We will also be hosting a range of short workshop style sessions on a variety of subjects families have told us would be useful for them. Please find below what each workshop will include, times and the booking link if you can share these too :

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Transitions between education stages/preparing for adulthood – 1pm – 2pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/transitions-between-education-stages-preparing-for-adulthood-tickets-715933374997?aff=oddtcreator>

What to expect of schools – 2.30pm – 3.30pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/what-to-expect-of-schools-tickets-715930095187?aff=oddtcreator>

Family Support session – 4pm – 5pm <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-support-session-tickets-715933906587?aff=oddtcreator>

Musica Kirklees

With the beginning of the school year underway, we wanted to extend the opportunity for your child to **learn to sing or play a musical instrument with Musica Kirklees**. Musica Kirklees teachers visit schools across the area to deliver lessons and the beginning of the year is an ideal time to start! More information can be found on the attachments on the school website.

Huntsman Christmas Party Poster Competition

This year The Huntsman is doing a Kids Christmas Poster Competition; inviting children to design the poster for its popular annual Kids Christmas Party which will be held in our Harden Hill Suite on Thursday 21st December. There are three age categories, 0-5 years, 5-8 years and 8-11 years. The closing date for this fantastic competition is 31st October. More information can be found in the attachments on the school website.

School photographs

Tempest will be visiting next Thursday 5 October, to take family photos. If you have a child of preschool age and would like a photo with their sibling in school, you are welcome to come from 8:30am to have a photograph of them together. Pupils with no sibling in school will have the photograph on their own. For pupils with siblings in school we will be taking their group picture only, however, if you would like individual photos of your child, please email the school office; office.meltham@kirkleeseducation.uk with your request. (No requests by phone please)

Year 3 News

We are so proud of Year 3! They have made an amazing start to KS2 and have settled so well into their new routines. The children love learning all about the Stone Age and they have produced some brilliant cave art. They are showing great enthusiasm in French too, picking up the games and songs really quickly. In Science, we are learning all about light and we will be exploring shadows in more detail which is always great fun. In RE we have been learning all about the Christian story of creation and in the next few weeks we will be looking at the similarities and differences in the Judaism, Islam and Sikhism stories of Creation.

Year 6 News

The children in year 6 have made a mature start to the year acting as fabulous role models for the

rest of the school. They have readily taken on board the massive workload required in year 6. So far we have learned about the four different types of noun, prepositions and determiners in grammar and thoroughly enjoying listening to our class read 'The Windrush Child'.

We have been thinking about human rights and significant people in history and learned about reflection and refraction in science (ask them about it).

This week has seen a bit of role play, pretending to be sea-man on a submarine using the periscopes made in science. Keep up the good work year 6.

The year 6 team

Entitled to Respect

Please remember that like all Kirklees Council staff members, our staff are entitled to be treated with both dignity, respect and kindness both in verbal and written communication. Thank you for your support.

Cost of Living

Remember that if you would like regular updates and support on ways to help this winter in the face of the cost of living crisis, you can sign up for the latest information direct to your email at: www.kirklees.gov.uk/cost-of-living

Wellbeing Links

<https://www.melthamceschool.co.uk/page/wellbeing/93763>

<https://www.nhs.uk>

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/mental-health/index.aspx>

<https://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk>

<https://www.triplep-parenting.uk.net/uk/hot-parenting-topics/my-child/parenting-during-covid-19>

<https://www.mind.org.uk>

<https://www.annafreud.org>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder>

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/cost-of-living/index.aspx>

<https://www.thewelcomecentre.org/articles/cost-of-living-support-from-kirklees-council>

www.kirklees.gov.uk/cost-of-living

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 4th Oct—Supporting your child with Anxiety—

All parents welcome 9:00 in school hall

Thursday 5th Oct - Tempest Family Photos

Thursday 5th Oct - FS Curriculum meeting - 6:00pm

Thursday 12th Oct - Year 4 Assembly to parents - 2:30pm

Thursday 19th Oct - FS/KS1/KS2 Disco - More info to follow

Friday 20th Oct - Year 2 Assembly to parents - 9:10am

Thursday 26th Oct - Sing Up Assembly All Years - TBC

Friday 10th Nov - Year 5 Assembly to parents - 9:10am

Friday 17th Nov - Year 6 Assembly to parents - 9:10am

Thursday 23rd Nov - Year 3 Assembly to parents - 9:10am



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Attachments

All attachments can be found on the school website [here](#).

You can also find the newsletter online [here](#)