



Headlines

Summer Term 2, Week 5

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Good morning everyone. This is the penultimate newsletter of the year and we are very busy in school finalising the children's reports, making arrangements for next year and keeping the children working away at the same time. We still have one or two notable events left in the diary before the year is out - one more Shining Stars assembly next Thursday; the school's KS2 SATs results; our final Year 6 leavers' assembly (there'll be one or two tears I think!) and we'll break up for summer on Friday 19th July.

Take care, hopefully I'll see you at the fair tonight, and have a great weekend!

Class Lists

Today you will receive your child's new class teacher. They will also have met their teacher for the first time in the first transition afternoon. I hope the children are happy in their new groupings. Preparing class lists is a very difficult and time consuming job for teachers and the leadership team. We make these lists based on friendships (past and present), a balance of SEND and sex across the year group, personality and a variety of other factors. We have done so in the best interests of the school and children. Please trust us in this allocation.

Reports

The children's summer reports should be with you next Friday. They will be sent home in an envelope for you to share together. Reports will contain assessment data for the year and if your child is in Year 6, the results of their SATs tests. They will show your child's effort grades and contain honest reflections on your child's social and academic work over the year.

School Brass Band - Hallé Trip and Barnsley Youth Festival

For the third year running 24 musicians from Meltham C of E school had the opportunity to play along with the famous Hallé Orchestra at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester. There was the added bonus of seeing their teacher, Katy Jones, performing on stage as Principal Trombone. We were fortunate to have prestige seats right above the stage which enabled Katy to direct our group from the orchestra. We are grateful to Crossroads in Meltham who provided a grant to cover the travel costs.

Last week the band were off on their travels again to Barnsley Civic, this time to perform in the Brass Band England Youth Fest. The band were amazing and a credit to our school. They performed a 15-minute program in a concert hall. A special mention to Jack Spittlehouse who stood up and played a lovely solo, 'The Rose' with no music. Brass Band England who organised the event kindly

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance target is:
96%

This week our whole school attendance was:
95.4

**Our attendance winners this week are:
Class 5**

covered the coach costs for this trip which we are extremely grateful for.



On a final and sad note, we would like to thank Katy Jones for all her work with the school band over the last five years. Pupils have been very fortunate to work with such an accomplished, world-famous musician. You will certainly be missed here at Meltham CE Primary!

Year 6 Performance

A big thank you to all the Year 6 and Year 5 children who took part in last week's performance of Olivia! Thank you also to staff for supporting the event and parents who came to watch. It was wonderful and highlights the school's commitment to its STANDOUT and SHOUTOUT curriculum drivers. Well done everyone. It was wonderful to watch.

Farewells!

As mentioned two weeks ago I let you know of Mrs. Oldham's imminent retirement and Mrs. Macbeth's maternity leave. At the end of the year we also say goodbye to Mrs. Peace who is a long-serving member of our support staff and to Mrs. Bartholet, the school's Art teacher. Both will leave big holes behind which we will endeavor to fill. Mrs. Hudson, who currently delivers our creative Art curriculum in Key Stage 1 will move up to teach Art in Key Stage 2 and I will continue to place the same emphasis on arts as we have always done. We wish both all the best in their new journeys. You will be missed.

Awards!

Mrs. Bartholet, as you know has been the school's art lead for many years. Her work in school and wider in Kirklees as part of her creative education work with Shape North won the 'Learning Innovations Award, 2024' last Saturday. This is an incredibly prestigious award which recognises art educators on a National Stage who champion creativity, push boundaries and empower change.



We are very proud of her and will do our very best to continue her legacy in school. Congratulations, and we look forward to working with you in the future perhaps?

Holmfirth Arts Week

Class 10 have worked hard creating birds in their Art lessons which will be displayed in the exhibition at the weekend. The events are open to everyone and part of the Holmfirth Arts Week.

Meltham Memories is Tomorrow

Flow of Words
- Friday 5th to Sunday the 7th of July -

Visit [Earthworks Community Garden](#) and see if you can spot all the handcrafted birds inspired by a traditional folk tale about kindness. Made by community art groups and individual artists. Add to the ever growing flock throughout the weekend and enjoy the words of the garden library accompanied by botanical refreshments.

Join us on Friday night for...

Fire Side Tales

All are welcome on Friday 5th for Fireside Tales 6-7pm where the Holmfirth Writers group will bring the folk tale and other gentle stories of kindness and birds to life through storytelling.

A campfire with marshmallows to toast - all a perfect weekend wind down for families.

Common Ground - a production by Mikron Theatre on Saturday night 7-9pm

All the above held at [Earthworks Community Garden](#)
HD9 7ER, Sude Hill, New Mill, Holmfirth

This weekend is the Meltham's Memories event. Please join Mrs Turner tomorrow for the parade at 10:30am from Bishops Way and singing at 12:30 in the car park behind the Carlisle Institute. Dressing up is optional - 1940s attire!

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

www.myhappymind.org
<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>
I'm a parent/carer - Kirklees Keep in Mind (kirklees-keep-in-mind.nhs.uk)
<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

Remaining Dates for the diary

Sat 6th July - Meltham Memories

Thurs 11th July - Clothes swap in school hall, 4:30pm

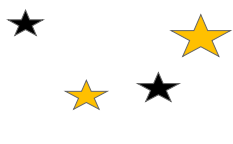
Friday 12th July - School reports published

Fri 19th July -Year 6 leavers' assembly to parents, 9:30am

Fri 19th July - school closes for summer, 3:15pm

Weds 4th September 2024 - School reopens, 08:45am

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Meltham C.E School

Our School Uniform.

At Meltham CE Primary we wear our uniform with pride. It gives us a sense of belonging to our school and creates an identity for our school in the community. We are very lucky because we are given a choice of 3 colours for our sweatshirts – red, blue and black. We can also wear shorts, trousers, a skirt or a dress – whatever we feel most comfortable in.

A uniform prevents children from having to worry about peer pressure and what clothing they should wear. When everyone wears the same clothes this acts as a social leveller with children wearing the same uniform no matter what their family background or income.

If you need support with school uniform or other items, please get in touch and we will do our very best to help.

Uniform

- A red, black or royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan, plain or embroidered with the school logo.
- A plain white polo shirt.
- Plain grey or black trousers, shorts or skirt.
- Shoes must be practical and should be plain and black.
- Socks or tights should be school colours.
- In the warmer weather children may choose to wear school-style summer dresses in either blue or red.

P.E Kit.

Children should come to school wearing their P.E kit on the day of their P.E lesson.

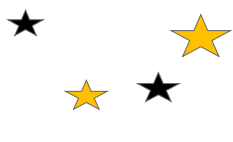
- A plain white t-shirt (no logo).
- Plain dark shorts and/or jogging bottoms.
- A plain dark hoody.
- Black Trainers/pumps.
- No sports kits, branded clothing or cropped tops

Forest School and Welly Days.

- Dark Plain clothing suitable for outdoor work depending on the weather that day.
- A change of footwear. Clean pair for indoor, wellies/old trainers for muddy outdoor work with a plastic/kit bag to take dirty footwear home in.

General information.

- Foundation stage/KS1 need a school book bag.
- KS2 children can bring a small rucksack style bag.
- Long hair must be tied back at all times and no jewellery other than watches and earrings for pierced ears are allowed.



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Eco-Schools

- If worn, 1 pair of earrings must be small, plain and flat which must be removed by the child before PE. Plastic retainers may be worn. In exceptional circumstance staff will provide children with tape to put over their studs. (all earrings must be removed before swimming in Year 4).
- If children have their ears pierced, we recommend it is done at the beginning of the summer holiday to allow them to heal.
- Children are not permitted to wear make-up or nail varnish
- No cropped tops to be worn in school (inc non-uniform days, forest school, clubs)
- **Please make sure all your child's belongings are clearly named/labelled.**

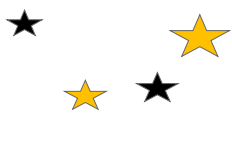
Suppliers.

- <http://www.termtimewear.com>
- <http://koolskools.co.uk/productcategory/meltham-cofe-primary-school>
- Free pre owned uniform available from <https://www.uniform-exchange.org/>
- Plain school uniform is also available from most supermarkets
- Labels for all clothing and belongings available from <https://www.stikins.co.uk/>

Daily Footwear



PE Kit, Forest School



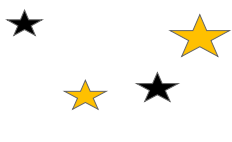
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All sessions are free to book and will last around an hour

Introduction to children's mental health and wellbeing	Tuesday 23 July at 10:30am Thursday 8 August at 2:30pm Wednesday 21 August at 10:30am
Supporting your child during the summer holidays	Thursday 25 July at 10:30am Wednesday 31 July at 2:30pm Monday 5 August at 10:30am
The teenage brain	Tuesday 30 July at 10:30am Thursday 15 August at 2:30pm Friday 30 August at 2:30pm
Preparing for the return to school	Friday 26 July at 2:30pm Wednesday 7 August at 10:30am
Managing big emotions	Thursday 1 August at 10:30am Wednesday 28 August at 2:30pm
Self-harm for parents/carers	Thursday 1 August at 4pm Tuesday 13 August at 12:30pm
Transition to high school	Tuesday 20 August at 2:30pm Thursday 29 August at 10:30am
Sleep hygiene for primary school children	Wednesday 24 July at 2:30pm Thursday 22 August at 10:30am
Sleep hygiene for secondary school children	Tuesday 6 August at 10:30am Tuesday 27 August at 2:30pm
myHappyMind- a tour around the app and how best to use it	Tuesday 27 August at 10am
Supporting your child with their exam results	Monday 12 August at 10:30am Tuesday 20 August at 3:30pm



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