



# Headlines

Autumn Term 1, Week 1

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school after the summer break. It's been a real joy to have children back in school, looking smart and ready for learning. They have been busy getting to know their new teachers and settling in to their new classes and I have spent lots of time visiting all the children in their classes this week. Here's looking forward to another wonderful year at Meltham CE Primary School.

## Contacting Your Child's Teachers

All of our teaching staff are contactable by email, but please remember that staff have up to three working days within which to respond to parental queries. We will do our best to respond as swiftly as we can, but having well rested staff who are able to detach from the complexities and rigors of teaching is important if we are to get the best from our teachers and for our children.

If you have urgent information that you need to get into school, please contact the school office. Emails and answerphone messages are checked daily.

## The Importance of Attendance and Punctuality

We all know that time missed in school is detrimental to children's social and academic development. The gates open at 8:45 am and are locked by 9:00am. Learning begins immediately each morning. This year there are significant changes to the way schools across England and Wales deal with unauthorised absence and term-time holidays relating to fixed penalty fees and prosecutions. The full guidance can be read here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

School will update its website before the next newsletter and provide some more detailed guidance on the changes.

## Uniform

Thank you for sending children back to school ready for the new year in the correct uniform. As I mentioned in the final Headlines of last year, we will be tighter on uniform this year. Hair should be tied back if it is long (boys and girls please), no bracelets or rings are allowed and earrings should be one pair of studs removed on PE days.

I have left the uniform requirements attached to this week's newsletter for any last minute reminders. Please also remember that children in years one and two need school book bags, not ruck-sacks and that the trend for extra large water bottles (particularly Stanley cups) is increasingly difficult for us to manage. We have small areas to keep such items in class and it is not possible to work with such large vessels on the children's tables. Please make sure your child has a reasonably sized bottle for school. Thank you for your cooperation.

## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school target is:

**96%**

This week our whole school attendance was:

**97.1%**

Our attendance winners for the week are:

**Classes**

**4, 6, 7, and 10**

## X (Formally Twitter)

For many years we have used the social media platform to share a window on the school for parents. More recently, we have begun to wind down this window and are now looking

towards launching an alternative platform in the new year. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes. The streams will no longer host new content from us, with the exception of the Reception page which will operate until October half-term in order to give the parents of our new starters the opportunity to see what's happening in Classes 1 and 2.

## Year Group Parents Information Meetings

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Year Group Communications meetings. These meetings will give you the opportunity to ask teachers questions and learn about the year ahead. They will take place on:

### Monday 16th September

Year 3 at 5:00 pm in school

Year 1 at 5:30 pm in school

Year 6 at 6:00 pm in school

### Wednesday 18th September

Year 4 at 5:00pm in school

Year 2 at 5:30 pm in school

Year 5 at 6:00 pm in school

## Job Vacancies

We are looking for 2 x lunchtime supervisors to work alongside our existing team to help support the children at lunch and in their play. The hours are Mon-Fri 12:10 - 1:20pm.

Please look on the Kirklees Jobs website or follow the link if you are interested.

[https://jobs.kirklees.gov.uk/roles/schools#/\(ole-outlet:vacancy-list/13504\)](https://jobs.kirklees.gov.uk/roles/schools#/(ole-outlet:vacancy-list/13504))

## School Attainment 2023-34

We are very proud to publish our Key Stage 2 SATs results for 2023-24. The percentage of Y6 children working at the National Standard or better were:

Reading: 75%,  
Writing: 77%  
Maths: 75%  
GPS: 78%

The percentage of Y6 children working at a greater depth within that National Standard were:

Reading: 32%  
Writing: 5%  
Maths: 38%  
GPS: 33%

In addition to the KS2 headline figures, 87% of children in the 2023-24 Year 1 cohort passed the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check while 58% of children in EYFS reached their GLD (Good Level of Development). Key Stage 1 SATS in Year 2 are no longer a statutory requirement in English primary schools.

In the coming weeks, I will make sure a fuller breakdown of our statutory testing is uploaded to the website. We are very proud of all the children.

## Dates For Your Diary

Further dates and events for the Autumn Term will be added in September.

**Tues 10th Sept** - New Starters Group 2 begin school  
**Thurs 12th Sept** - New Starters Group 3 begin school

**Mon 16th Sept** - Year 3 at 5:00 pm in school  
Year 1 at 5:30 pm in school  
Year 6 at 6:00 pm in school

**Wed 18th Sept** - Year 4 at 5:00pm in school  
Year 2 at 5:30 pm in school  
Year 5 at 6:00 pm in school

**Thurs 3rd Oct** - Tempest School family photos  
**Mon 21st Oct** - Flu vaccination programme in school  
**Fri 25th Oct** - Shining Stars Assembly  
**Fri 25th Oct** - School closes for half-term  
**Mon 4th Nov** - School reopens  
**Mon 18th Nov** - Parents Consultation Evening  
**Wed 20th Nov** - Parents Consultation Evening  
**Thurs 29th Nov** - Sing-Up assembly in School at 2:15pm  
**Fri 29th Nov** - School closed for teacher training  
**Fri 13th Dec** - Christmas Jumper Day in school for Save the Children (£2 donation)  
**Thurs 19th Dec** - Singing in the Playground (Time TBC) and Shining Stars Assembly (2:30pm)  
**Fri 20th Dec** - School closes for Christmas  
**Mon 6th Jan** - School opens for the Spring Term

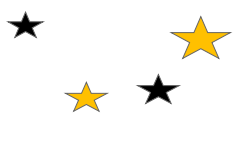
## Wellbeing Links

[www.myhappymind.org](http://www.myhappymind.org)  
<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>  
I'm a parent/carers - Kirklees Keep in Mind ([kirklees-keep-in-mind.nhs.uk](http://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](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/cost-of-living)

## Community News

Please view the Headline Attachments on our website.

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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.*

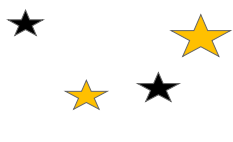
- A plain white t-shirt (no logo).
- Plain dark shorts and/or jogging bottoms.
- A plain dark hoody.
- Black Trainers/pumps.
- No sports kits, branded clothing or cropped tops

### 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.**

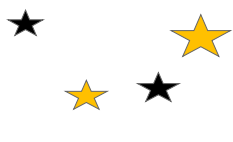
#### Suppliers.

- <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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