



# Headlines

Autumn Term 1, Week 5

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I hope you are looking forward to your weekends as we reach the end of the school week. It has been a very busy week here in school with our Year 2 Welly Day taking place as well as the Cross Country event at Honley's Neiley Fields last night (see page 3). School photographs took place throughout yesterday and I hope you manage to get a snap that can be purchased and saved as a memento of your child's journey through Meltham CE Primary (perhaps an early Christmas gift for a relative to accompany your child's Christmas Card design?). Whatever you're up to, please have a super weekend; stay safe, and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

## Smart Phone Pledge

You may remember that last year the school appeared on BBC Look North as a group of our current Year 5 parents made a push to hold back on purchasing smart phones for their children. It is part of a concerted effort that is gaining momentum across the country. Last week I spoke to the parents of our new Reception children about the impact of smartphones on our older children's wellbeing, mental health and concentration span. This is a very real and significant challenge for us in school and I cannot recommend more strongly that you join together to delay your children's access. More details can be found on the website under the Parent Information tab by selecting the Smartphone Pledge option. Thank you.

## Contact with Key Stage 2 teachers

Please remember that adults are not allowed into the school building unless they have signed in. This is part of our safeguarding procedure in school. Parents who would like to contact or speak to their child's teacher are kindly asked not to enter the school through the Key Stage 2 playground at the start of the day. Teachers and adults must be ready to meet and greet children and our register opens at 8:45 so children can begin their school day shortly afterwards. If you have urgent messages for teachers, please come to the school office. Most days a member of the schools Senior Leadership Team is available on the playground and will be able to assist you.

## Fidget Toys in School

There has been a rise in the number of children sent into school with fidget toys. In many instances however, they are used simply as toys and result in distraction from learning, quite the opposite effect to that which parents may hope. In addition to this, lost or broken items cause upset in school on a regular basis. Of course we do have children in school who access them, but they form part of the children's individual special educational needs plans or are requested as

## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school target is:

**96%**

This week our whole school attendance was:

**96.9%**

Our attendance winners for the week are:

**Class 13**

the result of a diagnosed condition.

Please do not send your child to school with fidget toys. Each class in school has a resource of such items in the class Regulation Toolkit which is part of our new BE RULER system which supports children to regulate in school. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher. Thank you.

## World Mental Health

World Mental Health Day is on Thursday 10th October. Thousands of schools, communities and companies come together each year to mark World Mental Health day and this year Meltham CE would love to do the same by supporting the YoungMinds charity.

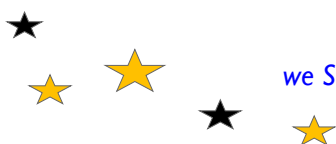
We invite your child to make the school day a little bit brighter by wearing something yellow on that day. This could be a pair of socks, a head band, a hair bobble or ribbon or a yellow sticker. But something small to accompany their school uniform. If you would like to donate to the Young Minds charity, your child can bring in a donation or you can do so by visiting <https://socialsync.app/fundraiser/cr-53ro8zrjyz57>

£2 could help one young person reach YoungMinds online resources and information. Please remember that a donation is voluntary; we just want to spread a happy colour throughout school, whether we raise money or not, 'Because we stand brighter, together'

## Don't Forget the Seasonal PSA Dates

The confirmed dates are now added to the dates on Page 2 of Headlines. The School Disco is on Thursday 17th October and costs £3 per child. KS1 and EYFS from 6pm until 7pm

And KS2 from 7:15 until 8:15pm. Please can children bring their own water bottle. The School Christmas Fair is on Friday 6th December and the timings will be confirmed soon.



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## Harvest Collection

From Monday we will begin collecting for our Harvest Festival. This year we will be supporting local food banks as winter approaches. As always we welcome donations from you which our school council will take to the foodbanks after the October half-term. If you can, any donations of tinned goods, dried foods, toiletries and sanitary products will be most welcome. Please send goods in, bagged with your children. Thank you.

## Look! It's our new School Council!



This year we will be looking to make the traffic outside school safer than it is, and will be helping with the food bank harvest collection this Autumn. They have their shiny new badges too!

## Don't forget to apply for High School for your child's place in September 2025

Please remember that the Kirklees deadline for Secondary School applications is 31st October 2024.

Access the Kirklees website via the link below for further information or to apply online:

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/admissions/apply-secondary-school-place.aspx>

## Curriculum Cooking 2024-2025

This year all our children will again take part in our curriculum cooking. Every child in school will have the opportunity to not only cook, but to learn basic kitchen skills such as knife skills, hygiene and revisit their learning around healthy eating. As we have in previous years, we invite you to make a donation towards the cost of the ingredients used via ParentPay if you so wish. Thank you for any contribution you are able to make.

## School Book Fair Continues

Thank you for those who have already visited our school book fair which runs until Tuesday next week. The book fair is in the hall and you and your children can visit after school. All children will have the opportunity to visit this week. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Sickness in School

Please remember that if your child has been sick or has had a sickness or tummy bug, then they should remain off school for 48 hours. School has seen an upturn in illness over recent weeks amongst both children and staff and we would appreciate your support in keeping sickness outside of the

school gates as much as possible. Thank you.

## Curriculum Year Group Meetings

Thank you for visiting our meetings this half term. Our presentations should now be available on the school website under the Parent Information Document tab; from there you will be able to select your child's year group.

## KS2 Thursday Tuck Shop

This year we have seen an amazing response to our updated Thursday Key Stage 2 Tuck Shop. The children are very eager to try all our fruit based products. We would just like to remind families that we suggest children bring in £1 to spend at the Tuck shop, with a maximum spend of £2. All money raised supports our school's ongoing Green Flag efforts with the Eco Committee. To help with sending the correct amount please see our price list:

- Zombie Fruit Leathers - £1
- Fruit Pots - 85p
- Bear Little Paws Fruit Snack - 60p
- Raisins - 40p
- Bob Snail Fruit Roll Ups - 40p

Thank you for your continued support, Miss Ingham and the Eco Committee

## Ask Meltham

During October Meltham Town Council will be out and about asking people for their views on what life is like and what could improve in Meltham to shape the next Town Council Plan. Information and how to take part including attending one of the 4 drop-in sessions is on this link and attached leaflet.

[Ask Meltham 2024 – How good is our place?](#)

## Dates For Your Diary

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

**Mon 7th Oct** - Year 5 Cliffe house residential visits begin

**Tues 8th Oct** - Last day of the School Book fair

**Thurs 17th Oct**—PSA School Disco night

**Fri 18th Oct** - Year 2 Harvest Assembly to parents

**Mon 21st Oct** - Flu vaccination programme in school

**Fri 25th Oct** - Year 6 assembly to parents (9:15am)

**Fri 25th Oct** - Shining Stars Assembly (2:25pm)

**Fri 25th Oct** - School closes for half-term

**Mon 4th Nov** - School reopens

**Fri 8th Nov** - Year 5 assembly to parents (9:15am)

**Thurs 14th Nov** - Year 4 assembly to parents (2:30pm)

**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

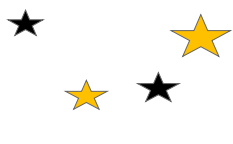
**Fri 6th Dec** - School Christmas Fair (Time TBC)

**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



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## **Pennine Sports Partnership Cross Country**

Last night at Neiley Fields Mr and Mrs Aspey accompanied lots of children in the PSP cross country event. Despite the mud and the chill, children competed in a Key Stage 1 fun run and events for both girls and boys in Key Stage 2. Although the final results have not been submitted yet and we are awaiting them from the sports partnership, we think we may have two first places in the year 3 events and the team races are an aggregated result based on our runners places. However we finish though, the children were a credit to parents and to the school: behavior was excellent and fun was had. I'll give you a full breakdown of the results next time.

## **MyHappyMind Competition**

MyHappyMind are offering a fantastic prize to the school that demonstrates the highest levels of parent engagement through their Parent App. To help us win this prize, all you need to do is download the MyHappyMind Parent App and use it. The app offers tips and ideas to help you support your child with their emotional development and helps reinforce the learning they engage in in school. To download the app, click the link below, fill in your details, including our school authentication code: **107718**. <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources>

Further information about MyHappyMind can be found on our school website by clicking on the Wellbeing tab.

## **Help with parenting links**

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parenting-courses>

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

## **Wellbeing Links**

[www.myhappymind.org](http://www.myhappymind.org)

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

I'm a parent/carer - 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>

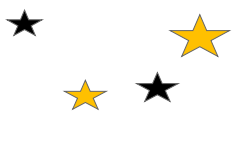
<https://www.thewelcomecentre.org/articles/cost-of-living-support-from-kirklees-council>

[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.*

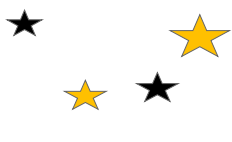
- A plain white t-shirt (no logo).
- Plain dark shorts and/or jogging bottoms.
- A plain dark hoody.
- Black Trainers/pumps.
- No sports kits, branded clothing or cropped tops

### 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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- 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.**

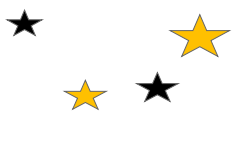
#### Suppliers.

- <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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