

Thank you for a wonderful term. It's been busy and varied and *long*, but looking back on the past fourteen weeks, we have crammed a lot in! These past two week of course, we have been dominated by our Christmas preparations and celebrations. I hope those of you who came to enjoy the Reception Nativity, the Key Stage I performance and the Carol Service in church had a lovely time and equally, those who joined us for the Carols in the playground. We have also tried to spread the good will into the community, singing at the Greenacres care home. So now, it remains only for me to wish you all a Merry Christmas, a happy New Year and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 6th January for the start of the Spring Term.

Take care,

Mr. Gibbins and the staff of Meltham CE Primary School

Meltham CE Brass bands

Meltham CE is the proud home of two wonderful brass bands, run this year by Mrs. Spittlehouse and Mrs. Taylor. Keeping this proud Yorkshire tradition alive, they have practiced dutifully each Monday before school (and each Monday lunch) and over the festive period, have done us very proud sharing carols in church and in school this morning during our Christmas Service. They deserve a mention because of their excellence and their sheer dedication. Well done and never ever give up.

The new term

When we come back after Christmas, hopefully Santa will have brought you many lovely new things, but please remember that at school we still need our lovely school uniform which makes us a family. Earrings should be plain (no colours or jewels please) and children are not permitted to wear jewellery of any kind, other than for religious observance.

If Father Christmas or a relative has brought you a new water bottle, please remember that the large Stanley style bottles are not for school. They are too big and when full, too heavy. There are ample opportunities to refill at school.

Each year should now have sent out their new term newsletters letting you know what your children will be learning over the course of the next term. They should include your child's PE days and let you know if their class have Sports Coach or Forest School sessions. These letters will also be posted on the website early next term for your information.

Football Tournament

Seven Year 6 children enjoyed a football tournament on Wednesday 11th Dec. They represented the school brilliantly, showing all the values expected in competitive sport. They were supportive to one another and shared positions and responsibilities between games and during them. A massive well done to Billy, Carmine, Archie, Reuben, Harley, Oscar and Jack who came 3rd - just missing out on the next round but a valiant ATTENDANCE Our whole school target is: 96% This week our whole school attendance was:

Our attendance winners for the week are:

effort nonetheless. Some great performances to be proud of.

Reporting illness

When calling into the office or leaving a voicemail please provide further information, i.e. nature of illness etc to enable us to update our registers for the classes.

Competition winner

A big congratulations to Bella in Year 4 was the proud and deserved winner of the Honley High Grow Me competition, growing her plant to an impressive 35 cm! She won an operational mirror operated microscope.

School Council and our storm damaged balance trail

The school Council have met to consider ways to address the



Key Stage 2 balance trail which damaged was earlier in the year during high winds. They have worked hard to select some designs on behalf of their classes, and early in the new year will take their choices and

suggestions back to their classes and we hope to get the project off the ground early next year.

Monday	Footy Tots	YI &Y2
Monday	Street Dance	Y3 - Y6
Wednes- day	Football Academy & Sports Club	Y3 - Y6
Thursday	Go Girls! Football	KS2 Girls
Friday	Dance Stars	YI & Y2
Friday	Football Strikers	Y3 - Y6





Help with parenting links

https://www.familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/online-parentingcourses

https://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk/tkparents/ https://www.kirkleeslocaloffer.org.uk https://www.triplep-parenting.uk.net/uk/triple-p/ https://strengthening-families.net/ https://www.thespark.org.uk/relationship-support-parentsfamilies/free-parenting-resources/ https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/ https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/parents/ https://thedadpad.co.uk/

Wellbeing Links

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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 back to take dirty footwear home in.

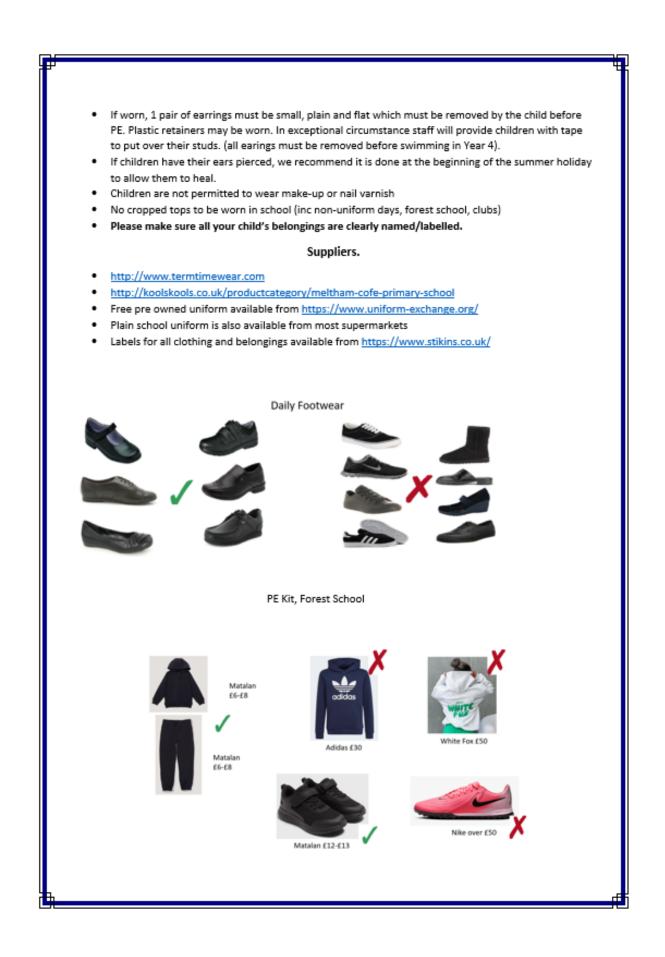
General information.

- 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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