



# Headlines

Spring Term I, Week 1

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Good morning everyone, and welcome back. I know you've received quite a lot of communications from me and from school at the start of the term, far more than I would have liked, so I will try to keep this week's newsletter as succinct as I can.

Firstly I would like to thank you for the many kind comments you have made about our communications in relation to the snow, the closures and the soft-openings this week. Adverse weather closures are one of the most stressful parts of a headteacher's job, so these kind messages and conversations really have meant a lot to me. Secondly, thank you also for your patience and understanding: the conditions really have been quite challenging and I have tried my very best to ensure safety is put first in any decisions I have made. Despite the snow, however, the children have done incredibly well on their return, full of energy and stories to tell about the snow and their Christmas celebrations. It's a real pleasure to eventually have them back and I am very much looking forward to the new term ahead.

## SIAMS

As I informed you yesterday, our school is scheduled its next Statutory Inspection or Anglican and Methodist Schools next week. This happens every 6 years or so and looks at our school's vision, our values, our ethos and how we help children and staff to flourish. Unlike our previous Ofsted inspection, there is no judgement to a SIAMS inspection but the process is no less rigorous. Also unlike OFSTED, there is no parent portal or survey to the process, but the inspectors will have the opportunity to look at our parental, staff and pupil surveys over the past few years as will spend the vast majority of time in school speaking with children. I am looking forward to welcoming the SIAMS inspector into school and will let you know all about it as soon as I can.

## Please be vigilant for infections and illness

As we are clearly in the depths of winter, and as there are still a number of very stubborn infections circulating, please can I remind you that it is of the utmost importance, that if your child is suffering from an illness involving and type of sickness or diarrhea, that they remain at home for the full 24 hours.

In school I have a number of children with complex medical conditions, and for whom an infection such as this could mean hospitalisation and more extreme medical attention than most of us would require.

## Uniform and equipment

Thank you for sending children back in with their correct uniforms this term. Please can I remind parents that we



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## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school target is:

96%

This week our whole school attendance was:

89.25%

Our attendance winners for the week are:

Class 1

require earrings to be plain metal (not jewels or bright colours), that bracelets are not part of school uniform, that make-up is not allowed for children at school and finally, that Stanley sized water bottles are not permitted for children. Firstly, they are incredibly heavy when full, and with growing numbers of them in school, there is simply not enough room for them on the children's desks. More worryingly, they are becoming a status symbol in school which is something I would like to avoid. Thank you for your support.

## Dates for the term

Please be advised some dates may change.

Thurs 16th January - Year 5 fire safety

Wed 22nd– Fri 24th Jan - Year 6 residential trip to Robin Wood

Thurs 30th - Eco committee working with Kirklees Recycling

Fri 7th Feb—Year 1 Assembly to parents (9:15am)

Fri 14th Feb—Shining Stars in school at 2:25pm

Fri 14th Feb - School closed for half-term

Mon 24th Feb - School reopens

Wed 26th March—Class 5 to Colne Valley Museum

Fri 28th Feb—EYFS assembly to parents

Wed 5th March - Class 6 to Colne Valley Museum

Thurs 6th Mar - World Book Day

Mon 10th Mar - Parents Evening Week

Mon 10th Mar - Year 5 bikeability programme begins

Wed 19th Mar - EYFS Welly Day

Thurs 20th Mar - Sing up! Assembly in school at 2:25pm

Thurs 27th Mar - Clothes Swap event in the hall (3:15—4:00)

Fri 28th Mar - Clothes Swap event in the hall (3:15—4:00)

w/b 31st Mar - EYFS health screening begins

Fri 4th April - Shining Stars & Christian Values Assembly in the hall at 2:20pm

Fri 4th April - School closed for Easter

Tues 22nd April - School reopens for Summer Term



### After school clubs club places available

The following school clubs still have places. Please log onto ParenttPay to book your child's slot.

<b>Monday</b>	Footy Tots	Y1 & Y2
<b>Monday</b>	Street Dance	Y3 - Y6
<b>Wednes- day</b>	Football Academy & Sports Club	Y3 - Y6
<b>Thursday</b>	Go Girls! Football	KS2 Girls
<b>Friday</b>	Dance Stars	Y1 & Y2
<b>Friday</b>	Football Strikers	Y3 - Y6

### Help with parenting links

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

<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-parents-families/free-parenting-resources/>

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/children/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

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

### 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)

<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>

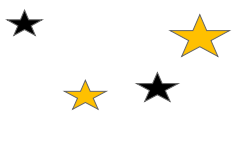
<https://www.annafreud.org>

<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)



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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.*

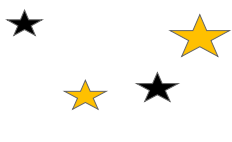
- A plain white t-shirt (no logo).
- Plain dark shorts and/or jogging bottoms.
- A plain dark hoody.
- Black Trainers/pumps.
- No sports kits, branded clothing or cropped tops

### 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.**

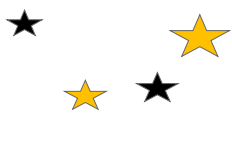
#### Suppliers.

- <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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