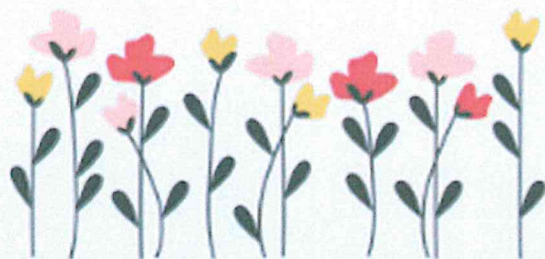




**MELTHAM MOOR  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th February 2023



## Goodbye

Unfortunately, we are saying goodbye to Miss Graham, our Year 4 teacher, who is leaving Meltham Moor to join the Police Force. Whilst we will be sorry to lose Miss Graham, we wish her the very best in her new career. We thank her for all her hard work in supporting and teaching the children.

**GOODBYE**

## Welcome

I am pleased to announce that an old friend of Meltham Moor, Miss Farrar, will be taking the Year 4 class for the remainder of the year. Miss Farrar taught in Reception for a number of years before leaving to spend more time with her family in December 2020. She is an experienced teacher of all age groups and already knows the children.

**WELCOME**

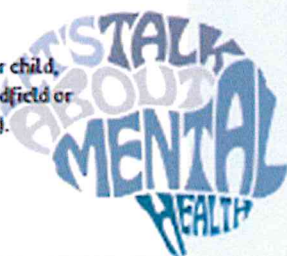
## Children's Mental Health Week

Across school we have marked Children's Mental Health Week, including a whole-school assembly on this year's theme, 'Let's Connect'.

There is a really useful parenting site <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/> which has short videos and articles on common issues e.g. sibling rivalry, anxiety, managing gaming etc!

We also have a selection of links to useful websites on the wellbeing page of our school website: Wellbeing — Meltham Moor Primary School

As ever, if you have any concerns about your child, please speak to their class teacher, Mrs Woodfield or Miss Manuel (who is our mental health lead).



## Strike Action!

As you will be aware, the next planned date of strike action by members of the National Education Union (NEU) is Tuesday 28th February. As on the previous occasion, individual schools must complete a risk assessment in line with their circumstances, to determine how many children can be safely accommodated. The outcome of this risk assessment will be communicated to parents and carers on the Monday or Tuesday after half term.

## Safer Internet Day

This Tuesday was Safer Internet Day, and although online safety is taught both discreetly, and is also threaded throughout the curriculum, we like to mark this day with the children. Throughout the week, children have been looking at issues such as keeping passwords safe, how to behave appropriately online and what to do if they feel uncomfortable when using electronic devices.

Information on how you can ensure your child is safe online can be found at: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

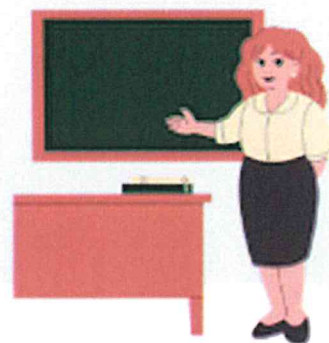




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## Parents' Consultation Evening

Information regarding our next Parents' Evening will be sent out to parents/carers after half term. This will take place on Wednesday 8th March between 3.20 pm and 8.00 pm. This is your formal opportunity to discuss your child's progress, including strengths, areas to target for improvement and general progress. I would hope that all (excluding ANP/EHCP) parents attend Parents' Evening and show their commitment to their child's learning and development. Parents living in separate households are asked to attend the same meeting. Parents who have had individual meetings with teachers recently do not need to have an additional meeting on the 8th. Nursery will make their own arrangements and will contact parents about this in due course.

## Hockey

Two teams of fabulous Year 5 and 6 children competed in a Quicksticks hockey tournament at Honley High school. The children played extremely well and worked well as a team. Both teams came joint third overall and represented Meltham Moor extremely well.

Well done!



## Safeguarding

At Meltham Moor, the safeguarding of your children is our number one priority and all staff take responsibility for this, as well as our curriculum being designed to give the children the skills and understanding to keep themselves safe. If you or your children have any concerns, the DSLs (Designated Safeguarding Leads) are Mrs Woodfield, Mrs Marshall and now Miss Manuel. However, you or your children can speak to any staff who will then share the information as per school policy. A copy of our Safeguarding and Child Protection policy, along with other safeguarding related policies, are published on the school website.



## Attendance

We always stress the importance of good attendance at Meltham Moor and continue to monitor this on a regular basis.

For the Autumn term, we were in the top 10% of similar FFT Primary Schools in England for attendance! Let's keep up the good work!



## World Book Day

On 3rd March 2023, we are celebrating World Book day, with the message for all children 'you are a reader!' This year we are focussing on involving parents, carers and families in their child's reading and love of books. More details will follow after half term.

Once again, the day is going to be purely focussed on the love of reading and books, and therefore we will not be dressing up on this day.





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## Uniform

In order to be part of the school community, we feel wearing the correct uniform is essential. Please can we ask that standards of uniform are maintained throughout the year.

Our expectations for school uniform are:

- Grey or black shirt/ trousers/ shorts
- White polo shirts
- Maroon red jumper
- Red/maroon checked summer dress
- Black shoes/boots (flat)



PE kit:

- Black shorts/ joggers / leggings
- Red school sports T-shirt
- Trainers
- Red or black sweatshirt or school jumper (no hoodies or large logos)

We have noticed that standards in shoes in particular have slipped. These must be all black. Please can we also remind you that leggings are not school trousers and can only be worn as part of PE kit.

Thank you for your support in keeping our standards of dress code high.



## Reading Volunteers

We have a small number of very dedicated reading volunteers who do a fabulous job of listening to the children read - something class teachers have difficulty finding time to do. Reading is the cornerstone to all other learning and can bring huge enjoyment to the children. It is vital that all children leave us as fluent, confident readers. If this is something that you feel you can help with, even if it's just a couple of hours a week, we would be very grateful. You will need a DBS, which is free and easy to complete. Please contact the school office if you are interested or would like more information.

## Meltham Family Centre

We work closely with the Family Centre and currently a number of our families are attending a Family Links course, arranged by school, at the centre. We are also exploring the possibility of running a Steps for Success course. This course is about setting personal goals and taking steps to achieve them. The programme focuses on helping individuals achieve their set goals by increasing confidence and self-esteem, while improving motivation and understanding how we need to focus on the short-term goals. More details to follow after half term.

Also see the attached flyer for activities taking place at the Family Centre, run by From Tiny Seeds.

## Dates for your diary

Friday 10th Feb  
Break up for  
half term

Mon 20th Feb  
Back to school

Wed 8th March  
Parents'  
Evening

## School Disco

Thank you to everyone who supported our school disco last night! It was a great success and the children really enjoyed it.

Also, thank you to our wonderful PTA who arranged this fundraising event.

## Comic Relief

Red Nose Day is also coming soon, so put Friday 17th March in your diary! The children will be invited to dress up 'funny for money' for a suggested donation of £1. The School Council will be involved in planning the day.

**COMIC  
RELIEF**