



MELTHAM MOOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th December 2023

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

As this is our final newsletter of this term and 2023, may we thank all parents, carers, grandparents and friends for their support over the year. We feel very lucky to have such wonderful and supportive parents and carers. Your support, working with us in partnership, has been crucial to the continuing achievement and progress of the children and the school. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to 2024.



Primary School Performance Tables - Great News!

The primary school performance tables have been published this week and I am very proud to say that Meltham Moor are ranked 6th out of 187 schools in Kirklees for their KS2 SATS. The children worked very hard last year and fully deserved their fantastic results. I am sure that this year's Year 6 are going to do their very best too. Thank you to all the staff involved and for parents' and carers' ongoing support. Here is the link to the performance tables for anybody who is interested. All schools and colleges in Kirklees - Compare school and college performance data in England - GOV.UK (compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk)



Christmas Concerts



Huge congratulations to all the children for performing so well in all of the Christmas concerts that have taken place so far. We still have our Nursery and Reception performance on Monday morning next week.



We are sure you'll agree that everyone sang and performed beautifully. The children have shown great confidence and enthusiasm in the way they have practised and performed – making us all very proud. Thank you to parents, carers, grandparents etc for attending and also for ensuring your children came back to school for evening performances and were collected safely. Finally, a huge thanks to our PTA for organising the raffles and helping at the door, along with other willing parents/carers. A reminder that all the money from ticket sales goes towards costs relating to the concerts and other enrichment activities.



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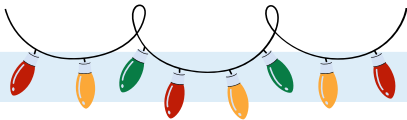


Year 4 Visit to Meltham Baptist Church

On Wednesday, Year 4 walked to the Baptist Chapel. They were greeted by the congregation with lots of smiles and hugs. Inside they looked around the Chapel and identified key features of this place of worship, such as the cross, the bible and the Advent wreath. Members of the congregation had prepared different activities for them. They helped to decorate the tree, played with the nativity set and made decorations. They were all treated to hot chocolate and chocolate cake and spent time talking to their hosts. Towards the end, they had a short service and took turns in reading parts of the Christmas story. After this, they sang 'Starry Night' and taught the congregation sign language for the song. Year 4 had a really lovely time and are looking forward to their second visit at Easter time!

Ryburn Community Lunch

We were pleased to join the other schools from the Trust at the Ryburn Community Lunch today. This was a lovely opportunity for us to be involved with our partner schools and come together to celebrate Christmas.



Year 3 Trip to the NCM Museum

A wonderful time was had by Year 3 last week on their trip to the National Coal Mining Museum. They did a 'Rocks and Fossils' workshop in the morning and went down the mine in the afternoon to find out about life 'down the pit'. The trip supported Year 3's learning in Science and History.



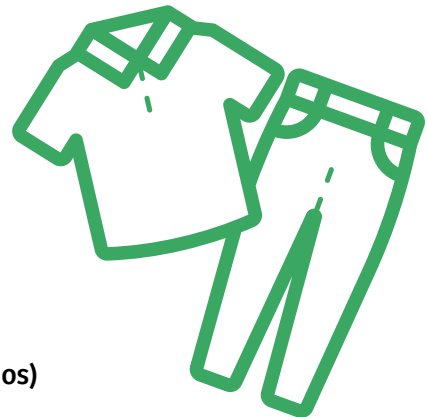
Uniform Reminder

In order to feel 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 skirt/ trousers/ shorts
- White polo shirts
- Maroon 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. Please can we make sure that the children are in full school uniform in the New year.

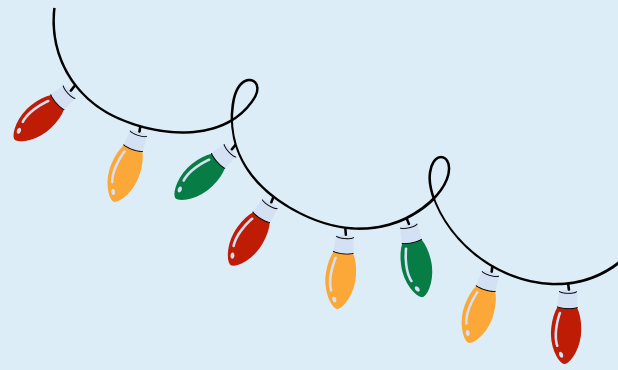
Thank you for your support in keeping our standards of dress code high.



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Safeguarding

We take our responsibility for safeguarding very seriously and our number one priority is the children's safety. If you have any concerns, please speak to one of the designated senior Leads for safeguarding (DSL). These are Mrs Woodfield, Mrs Marshall and Miss Manuel. For your information, we are part of the Operation Encompass national scheme that operates between school and the Police. This means that school are notified before the start of the start of the school day if there has been police attendance at an incident of domestic abuse so that we are able to support the child/children in school if necessary. See below for more information.

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

“ Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience. ”

“ Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right¹. ”

“ We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care. ”

“ Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident ”

“ This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want. ”

“ We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this. ”

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021

www.operationencompass.org



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Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Poppy Appeal this year. Meltham Moor raised a fantastic £182.50!!

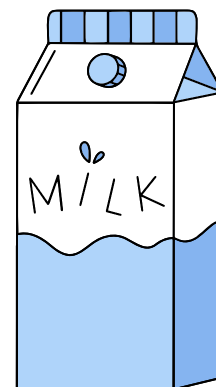
The total raised in the whole of Meltham was approximately £12,000!!



School Milk - Spring Term

Please note that school milk is now ordered directly by parents through Cool Milk. If you would like your child to have school milk next term, please visit www.coolmilk.com.

Pupils who partake of the 'Milk in School Scheme' benefit from a subsidy from the Intervention Board. This represents a significant reduction in the actual cost of the milk.



After School Clubs

After school clubs will continue to run in the Spring term, after the Christmas break. We are again starting clubs a little later in the term to ensure that ALL payments are made beforehand. Please make payment by Parent Pay or Pay Point (ask at the office for a barcoded letter, if required). Clubs are as follows:-

Multiskills (Rec, 1 & 2)	Monday - 22nd January to 18th March (8 sessions)
Girls' Football (KS2 girls)	Wednesday - 24th January to 20th March (8 sessions)
Boys' Football (KS2 boys)	Thursday - 25th January to 21st March (8 sessions)

Polite Notice

Following recent comments from local residents, could parents/carers please refrain from running their engines whilst waiting for children. This causes unnecessary emissions, which is unhealthy for everyone, including the environment.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Meltham Food Bank

Just a reminder of Meltham Food Bank's contact details if any families are in need over the Christmas period - 01484 854400 or 07564 764137

Diary Dates

Mon 28th Dec - Choir singing at Morrisons (PM)

Wed 20th Dec - Year 1 & 5 Visit to St Bartholomew's Church

Fri 22nd Dec - last day before Christmas break!

Tues 9th January - back to school

