



Arrangements for Next Year

As we begin to approach the end of the school year, I would like to share our plans for next year.

As you will see below, most teachers will continue to teach in their current year group. Teaching assistants have been shared according to the needs of the classes. I am pleased to say that we appointed a new Year 6 teacher, Claire Gibson. Claire is relocating from London (she is originally from Australia) and is an experienced Year 6 teacher and Year 6 lead across a large primary school in London. Claire met Year 5 during the interview process and will also be spending the morning with the children on transition day on Tuesday 4th July. Mrs Marshall and Miss Manuel will be sharing Year 4. Transition books and additional classroom visits may be arranged for some children who may need additional support with transition.

Next year, my role will be changing slightly as I will be working for our Trust (The Together Learning Trust) two days a week, overseeing the improvement of the primary schools, and working with them to achieve this. In my absence, Mrs Marshall will be 'acting up' as headteacher. I am confident that Mrs Marshall will do a brilliant job in my absence and school is in a stable enough place position to support this change.

Staff will be working in the following classes in September (please note that some staff are working across more than one class):

Nursery Class teacher: Mrs Hewson; teaching assistants: Mrs McKeever and Mrs Asquith

Reception Class teacher: Miss England; teaching assistants: Miss Holbery and Mrs Ellam

Year 1 Class teacher: Miss Hepworth; teaching assistants: Mrs Leatherbarrow and Mrs Booth

Year 2 Class teacher: Mrs Higham; teaching assistants: Mrs Shaw, Miss Daniels and Mrs Hellewell

Year 3 Class teacher: Mrs Marsh; teaching assistants: Mrs Hickson, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Booth and Miss Shaw

Year 4 Class teachers: Miss Manuel; Mrs Marshall; teaching assistant: Mrs Charlesworth

Year 5 Class teacher: Mrs Roberts; teaching assistants: Mrs Linton (shared with Y6), Mrs Lewis and Mrs Daniels

Year 6 Class teacher: Miss Gibson; teaching assistant: Mrs Linton

Choir Performance for Meltham Over 60's

On Wednesday 7th June, our Junior Choir were invited to sing for the Meltham Over 60s at the Parish Hall. We entertained them for 30 minutes with some of our repertoire, including 3 Little Birds by Bob Marley, songs from the Kirklees Year of Music including Into the Light, and other songs that we enjoy from singing in school. Our audience seemed to enjoy it and we received some lovely feedback about how polite and smart the children were and how well they sang. We hope to be invited back again to sing in the future.



Holiday Requests

We have been seeing a large number of requests for term time holidays recently. Term time holidays will never be authorised and a penalty notice will be issued if the criteria is met. Whilst I understand that holidays are considerably cheaper in term time, the absence is having a considerable impact on the progress the children are making, and in some cases, is unsettling them socially and emotionally. This has really been very apparent in some children. Please can I ask that holidays are not taken during term time so that the children have the best opportunity to be successful in their learning.





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Sharing of Work Afternoon

Our Sharing of Work Afternoon returns on Thursday 6th July, starting at 2 pm. This is a lovely event where parents and carers take their child either to a quiet space in school or somewhere in the school grounds and spend quality time together looking at the fantastic work that they have completed over the course of the year. You are welcome to bring a picnic if the weather is kind to us and refreshments will be on sale. Please can we ask that parents/carers encourage the children to sit, look and talk about the work with them (and not run around) as this is a really lovely way to value the children's learning. During this time the children will be their parents' responsibility and will not be allowed to leave school before the end of the school day. For health and safety purposes, we will be asking all visitors to sign in and out of school and for children to be signed out of classes.



Sports Day

We are looking forward to welcoming parents, carers and grandparents into school to celebrate Sports Day on Wednesday 12th July. As previously, we will have a carousel of activities in the morning for school only, and then a sports afternoon to which parents and other family members can attend. This will start at approximately 1.30pm, and will end at 3pm.

Please note that Nursery will do their sports day in the morning to which parents are invited.

A Roman Visitor!

Year 3 and 4 had a special visitor last Friday! A Roman soldier came to consolidate our Year 3 work on the Romans. Thanks to the Meltham Moor PTA for making this wonderful experience possible.



Summer Fayre - Friday 14th July

Our PTA are very busy arranging our main fundraising event of the year - our Summer Fayre! To help support this event, they are asking for donations of:-

- Second-hand books - donations are now welcome
- Cakes and buns - any homemade goods to be brought in on the day (14th July)
- Bottles - to be donated on the non-uniform day, which is Friday 7th July. This can be any kind of bottle, from wine to shampoo!

Requests for Help

As part of our planning for next year, we have a couple of requests for help if any parents or other family members have the time and interest:

Our current reading volunteers do a fabulous job and are really making a difference. Equally, of course, it is vital that the children read regularly at home. If you are interested in this, or wish to find out more, please email the school office. Reading is the key to all learning, but as a school we sometimes struggle to find the time to hear the children read on an individual basis. This develops their reading fluency, so any additional support would be fabulous.

Another very different request is whether anyone can spare an hour or two every so often to help maintain our grounds around school, including the flowerbeds and plant areas. We take great pride in our school, and work hard to make sure it is an attractive place for the children to learn. However, limited staff resources and time means that these areas are not maintained as well as I would like. If you are able to help at all, then again, please contact the school office.

Volunteers
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PTA Woodland and Peace Garden Clearance

Thank you to the group of PTA members who did such a wonderful job in clearing the lower woodland area and the peace garden during the holiday! It is very much appreciated! The PTA are hoping to continue this work later on in the year and would welcome any help which can be offered.

A Reminder of Our School Uniform Expectations

We take great pride in belonging to Meltham Moor Primary School and therefore, the children are required to wear our school uniform. On days when they have PE, children should come to school wearing their PE kit.

Uniform with our school logo on (including red PE t-shirt) is currently supplied by Term Time Wear in Huddersfield (online service also available). Our PTA also offer a wide range of second-hand uniform. Please enquire at the school office.

Our Uniform:-

- grey/black trousers (no leggings) or skirt
- maroon sweatshirts/jumpers
- red/white checked dresses (Summer months)
- black shoes, trainers or boots (these can be lace-up, Velcro or zipped - must be secure and sensible, with a supportive sole)



Our PE Kit:-

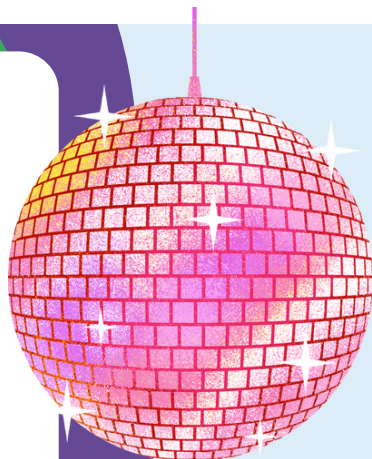
- plain black bottoms (joggers, leggings or shorts)
- red school PE t-shirt
- plain black or red sweatshirt or school jumper
- black trainers

Bag2School

Thank you to everyone who supported the Bag2School campaign and brought their unwanted clothing into school. We had lots and lots of bags which have raised £72 for our PTA funds!

PTA School Disco

The children all had a fabulous time at the school disco last night! Such an enthusiastic bunch of dancers, who headed home very tired and very hot!



Diary Dates

- Tues 20th June - PTA meeting - 3.30 pm
- Mon 26th June - Yr 6 to Hudds Uni
- Tues 27th June - Yr 6 post SATs canoeing trip
- Tues 27th June - Yr4 to Sports Barn
- Wed 28th June - Yr 1 to Eden's Forest
- Thurs 6th July - Sharing of Work Afternoon
- Fri 7th July - Non uniform 'donate a bottle' day
- Wed 12th July - Sports Day (PM)
- Fri 14th July - PTA Summer Fayre