



MELTHAM MOOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th April 2024



Welcome!

The summer term has started amazingly well with lots of fantastic learning, trips, sports events and experiences happening across the school!

A huge welcome to our two new teachers - Mrs Harrison-Riley in Year 1 and Mrs Corcoran in Year 4. Both have settled into the Meltham Moor family with ease: parents, staff and pupils have made them feel extremely welcome and we are thrilled to have them as part of the school team. The children have settled back into school as if they've never been away and we look forward to all the learning and fun that will take place over the summer term. And hopefully to some sunshine too!

Great News!

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"Pupils enjoy attending this welcoming and supportive school. They feel part of the 'Meltham Moor family.'"

"Pupils are taught about the importance of care and kindness. They can explain why it is important to be respectful to everybody they meet."

"Pupils' behaviour at playtime and lunchtime is cooperative and friendly. They enjoy playing with, and alongside, each other."

We are thrilled to announce that our recent Ofsted inspection was 'Good' in all areas (Feb 2024)

Pupils with SEND access the same curriculum as their peers. The specific needs of pupils with SEND are quickly identified.

Leaders at all levels have high ambitions for what they want pupils to achieve.

"Pupils have a positive attitude to their learning."

"Overwhelmingly, parents speak positively about the work of the school."

Lambing Live Alternative Trip!

Last week, the children from Year 2 and 5 were supposed to be visiting Holme village to see a working farm during lambing season. Unfortunately, the trip had to be cancelled at the last minute, however, the wonderful Meltham Moor staff did not let that stop the children having a fantastic day! They spent the day up in the Woodland area building dens, cooking sausages and making hot chocolate over an open fire! They all had a fun filled, fabulous day.





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Ancient Egyptian & Greek Workshops

Today, Year 4 and Year 6 have had visits from Wakefield museum. Year 4 learned about life in Ancient Egypt and Year 6 learned about life in Ancient Greece. They looked at real historical artefacts and discussed what they can learn about life in the past from these objects. The children really enjoyed the day.



Morris Dancing

Year 4 had their first visit from some Morris Dancers on Tuesday! They are taking part in a learning project which will hopefully end with a performance later in the year!

KS2 Choir

Our choir has got off to a great start this term with 14 members already! If anyone else would like to join, please ensure that payment is made on Parent Pay by Monday morning. The sessions take place over the Monday lunchtime period.

Red PE Sweatshirts

We are currently looking into having red sweatshirts to wear for PE, as well as the red PE t-shirts. These will have the usual logo on the chest and 'TEAM MM' on the back in large white letters. These will not be compulsory but will be available to buy in the near future. We will keep you posted!

After School Clubs

Please note that after school club sessions start next week. If you would like your child to attend, please ensure that payment is made on Parent Pay before the sessions start.

Monday - Multiskills - Rec, Yr 1 & Yr2

Wednesday - Girls Football - KS2

Thursday - Boys Football - KS2

Please contact the office if you would like more information or would like to pay by cash using a Pay Point barcoded letter.

Second Hand Uniform

Just a reminder that second hand uniform is always available from the Uniform Exchange. Orders can be placed online using the following link:
<https://www.uniform-exchange.org/>



Good Attendance Really Matters

Consistent attendance is very important at Meltham Moor Primary School. Not only does it help our pupils to build and strengthen firm relationships with their peers and members of staff, it is also a proven factor in better attainment.

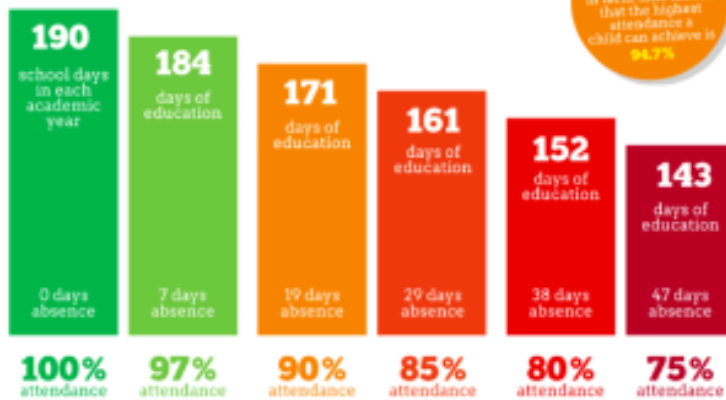
Missing a few days here and there might not seem like a big deal, but a few school absences add up to a lot of missed learning! Regular attendance is vital for student success. Research shows that students with absenteeism are less likely to read proficiently, achieve the expected standard in primary school or achieve the 'pass' mark in their English and maths GCSEs.

Please help your child succeed academically by ensuring that they come into school unless they are genuinely unwell or have been sick. Please also talk with them about the importance of school. Establish morning and evening routines, making bedtime and mornings less stressful and schedule non-essential appointments and holidays outside of the school day.

Good Attendance means...
 Being in school at least 97% of the time or 184 to 190 days

Remember
 Your education is important - don't miss out!

Did you know?
 A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance a child can achieve is 94.7%



Well done	I'm concerned	Seriously worried
A good attendance gives you the best chance for success	A poor attendance gives you less chance of success	Very poor attendance has a serious impact and reduces life chances

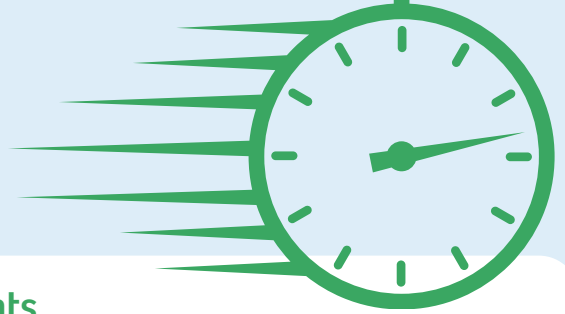
There are **365** days in a calendar year

175 are not spent at school!

*So there's plenty of time for shopping, holidays and appointments!

Did you know?
 When pupils attend school they:

- Can achieve their full potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends



Punctuality Counts

A child who enters a classroom late often misses some of the key learning for the day. Things such as phonics, reading and spelling often form the start of our daily routines and these are all hugely important areas. Children who arrive late are therefore immediately at a disadvantage and will struggle to catch up.

After arriving late, many children can have trouble settling in and mastering routines. Lateness can throw off their whole morning or even their day, especially if the late commute to school was stressful. They can often feel self-conscious about entering the classroom late. Frequent lateness is associated with lower grades and lower scores on standardised tests. In addition, children who are routinely late at the primary school level are more likely to struggle in secondary school.

Parental Responsibility

Parents/carers must comply with Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 that states that:

“(1) If a child of compulsory school age who is a registered pupil at a school fails to attend regularly at the school, his parent is guilty of an offence.”

Please help us to give your children the best possible opportunity to shine and achieve their potential by ensuring they are in school (over 97% of the time) and on time for a good start to the day.



Sleep Matters

Sleep is one of the most common issues that parents and carers raise with school. Four in ten children will have sleep difficulties and this rises to 8 in 10 for children with SEND needs. Did you know most children aged 3-5 need 11-13 hours of sleep (which could include naps) and children aged 6-12 need 9-12 hours?

Sleep is important to help both our bodies and minds process, heal and recover from the day. Our minds and bodies are linked, so getting good sleep can help us maintain good physical health. For example, it can help to boost the immune system, manage hunger, improve concentration, and prevent some health conditions. And poor sleep for one member of the family often impacts on the whole family negatively.

Top tips for children are:

- ensure they get enough exercise during the day
- have a clear routine around sleep that starts at least 30 minutes before you want them to be asleep
- avoid the use of TV and devices with blue light in the hour before bedtime
- darken the room using blackout blinds or thick curtains and keep the temperature comfortable
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There's lots more advice on links to organisations with support for sleep at

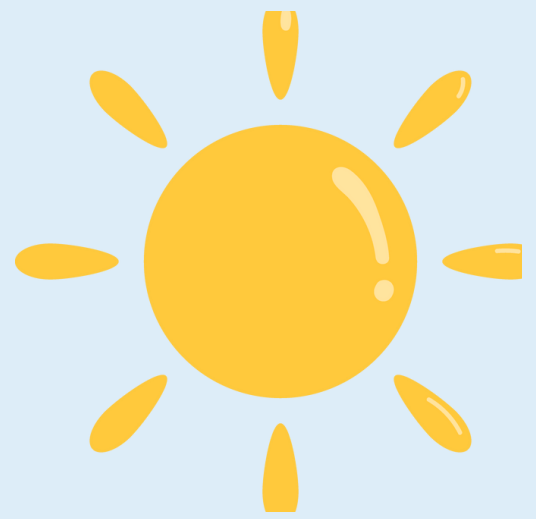
[Sleep problems](#) | [Common Concerns](#) | [Kirklees SEND Local Offer](#) (kirkleeslocaloffer.org.uk)



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Diary Dates

Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May - SATs Week

Wednesday 15th May - Year 5 Visit to Huddersfield Mosque

Monday 20th May - Year 4 Pond Dipping (Cliffe House)

Wednesday 22nd May - Canoeing at Cliffe House (post SATs trip for Year 6)

Friday 24th May - break up for half term

Tuesday 4th June - back to school