

Meltham Moor Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 27th January 2023

Strike Day

As you will probably be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has announced the results from their ballot and that the teachers who are members will be taking striking on the following days:

1 February, 28 February, 15 and 16 March

Following our risk assessment, we regret to inform you that we must restrict attendance to the school in line with government advice, and following consultation with the LA, the Together learning Trust and our community, attendance has been prioritised to those pupils who have:

- An Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) or moving towards an EHCP
- Social Care involvement
- Pupil Premium
- Early Help/TAFS

An email was sent yesterday (Thursday) to the parents and carers of children who meet one or more of the above criteria, to inform them that their child has been prioritised a place in school during the strike action. If you have not received an email, unfortunately your child will need to remain at home on these days.

If your child is not within these groups, we apologise for the inconvenience and understand any frustration you may feel – the decision has not been taken lightly and is due to reduced staffing numbers which means we can only assure the safety and wellbeing of a limited number of pupils on these days. Suggestions of learning activities for the children not in school will be provided early next week.

Year 4 Visit to Manchester Science Museum

Year 4 had a fabulous day visiting the Manchester Science and Industry museum. We had an amazing opportunity to learn about electricity, textiles factories, steam and the first computer to ever store any data! We had an afternoon of exploring lots of different scientific ideas which included sound, heat, weight, light and lots more. The children were able to lift a Mini using a gear system! The children had so much fun, were an absolute delight and are a credit to Meltham Moor.



Antarctic Adventurer

Marathon runner Chris Hobson (who happens to be my mum!) came into talk to the children on Monday 16th January about her Antarctic adventures. She has recently run the Antarctic marathon: topping off her challenge to run a marathon on each continent. She has run 117 marathons since retirement and is now a Guinness World Record holder as the oldest woman to do the Antarctic marathon at the age of 69. Year 6 supported their geography topic on polar regions during their session with Mrs Hobson and the whole school had a wonderful assembly too. Very proud!



Recycling Assembly

The Kirklees Recycling Team joined us this Monday to talk to the children in assembly about the importance of recycling. This was an interesting and informative assembly and once which we are very passionate about (and not forgetting that we have our very own Kirklees Recycling Champion, our caretaker, Sue Heywood!). On Monday, Years 4 and 5 are to have follow-up workshops from the recycling team.

Forget Me Not Children's Hospice

Just a reminder that we are now hosting a Donation Bin for Forget Me Not Children's Hospice. Please bring along any clothes, shoes, bags, hats, belts, toys, bric a brac etc to put in the Donation Station, to help raise funds for this worthwhile charity.



Winter Clothing

If there are any parents who need a winter coat for their child, or hats, gloves and scarves plus underwear, then please message Miss Manuel as the Uniform Exchange project continues until March. All the underwear items are new, including tights, socks, pants and vests. They do have some wellies available on request too. The families who took up the offer before Christmas were very pleased with the items they received so please ask if you are in need of support with this.

Storytelling for the under 5's

The Toddler Church, based in Helme Church, are holding a special event on Monday 30th January 2023 called "STORYTIME" from 09.00am - 11.00am. During the morning, Mrs Sue Johnson (retired Reception Teacher, Meltham CE Primary School), will be sharing some tips, ideas & techniques for storytelling. They would like to invite any parents and carers of under-5 year old children to go along.

Nursery Places

If you know of anyone who has a child who turns 3 before September, please let them know we are currently accepting applications for Nursery places for the next academic year. In partnership with Moor Fun Preschool, we are able to offer full time, flexible places from 7.30am until 6pm. The application form can be completed online using the following link: <https://www.melthamoor.org/apply-nursery>
We are sometimes able to offer free places earlier than the usual free entitlement and we work through a waiting list to offer these places.



Meltham Moor Facebook Page

Don't forget that we now have our very own Facebook page. The page is designed to mainly share information about our activities to a wider audience and to promote us within the local community in a similar way to our Twitter account - please like us and share with your friends. Our acceptable use policy continues to apply to the Facebook page.

[Parents / Carers | Northorpe Hall Child and Family Trust](#)

Parents and Carers can access information and support from Northorpe Hall for help with children and young people's mental health and wellbeing. They also run drop in sessions and parent workshops which are listed on their website.

Advance notice that our next parent workshop in school will be on Wednesday 29th March and the topic is Behaviour as Communication. The same workshop will run at 2pm and 6pm and will be delivered by Dawn Kershaw, Education Link Officer from Northorpe Hall. Look out for a sign up link on Class Dojo, nearer to the time.

We will also be marking Children's Mental Health Week starting on February 6th with a range of activities and information so look out for tweets and information on Class Dojo about that from your child's class during the week.

The NSPCC are running some short free training as part of their "Listen up, Speak up," campaign. The campaign is for every adult in the UK to show you where to go if you need support for a child and how to speak up for children who need it. The training is online, free and takes just 10 minutes but helps to inform adults about how they can help to keep children safe. [Listen up, Speak up | NSPCC](#)

Emergency Contact Details

Just a reminder to ensure that we have up to date contact details, should we need to contact parents in an emergency. If you have recently changed address or telephone number etc, please let the school office know. Also, please keep the office updated regarding medical conditions etc. Thank you

School Disco

Our PTA have now arranged the next school disco which will take place on Thursday 9th February!

This is a non-ticket event and payment will be made on the door.

Early Years/KS1 - 4.45 to 6.00 pm - £2.50 (includes sweets)
KS2 - 6.15 to 7.45 pm - £2.00 (plus some change to buy their own sweets)



Date for your Diary

February 2023

Weds 1st	Strike Day
Thurs 9th	School Disco
Fri 10th	Break up for half term
Mon 20th	Back to school
Tues 28th	Strike Day

March 2023

Thurs 2nd	Strictly Pennine
Mon 13th	Book Fair after school Monday—Thursday
Weds 15th	Strike Day
Thurs 16th	Strike Day
Mon 27th	Class Photos

