



MEON INFANT SCHOOL

Leaping Forward Together

Newsletter

9th March, 2021

Dear Parents,




I would like to welcome you all back to Meon Infant School. The Teaching Staff, Office Staff and I have missed seeing you and the children and want to make this return to School a very safe, happy experience. It is very important that the safety rules remain in order to keep us safe. I am sure you will agree that the wearing of face masks, 2 meter social distancing and bringing your child to school at the set time needs to continue. Can I also ask you to leave the school playground promptly after dropping off and picking up your child and not collect together in the roads surrounding the school at the beginning and end of the day. I would also like to formally welcome Mrs Reid to the School, she is, I know, looking forward to meeting the children of Blue Class again. I myself am so pleased to be back and would like to thank all the Staff, Mrs Nickerson, children and Parents for their kind messages and support whilst I was at home.

I would also like to thank all the staff at Meon Infant School for their dedication and commitment to the vulnerable children and children of Key Workers who have been accessing our provision over the last few months.

Please find below a reminder for drop off and pick up times:

Year	Entry / Exit point	Time if applicable
YR - Purple	Shelford Road/Crofton Road – Please queue from school gate towards Locksway Road	9.00 a.m. / 3.00 p.m.
YR - Orange	Shelford Road/Crofton Road – Please queue from school gate towards Junior School	9.00 a.m. / 3.00 p.m.
Y2 - Red	Shelford Road/ Crofton Road – Please queue from school gate towards Locksway Road	8.40 a.m. – 3.10 p.m.
Y2 - Blue	Shelford Road/Crofton Road – Please queue from school gate towards Junior School	8.40 a.m. – 3.10 p.m.
Y1 - Green	Shelford Road/ Crofton Road – Please queue from school gate towards Locksway Road	8.50 a.m. – 3.20 p.m.
Y1 - Yellow	Shelford Road/Crofton Road – Please queue from school gate towards Junior School	8.50 a.m. – 3.20 p.m.

We ask that you please adhere to your allocated time slot as this will alleviate long queues. We have noticed that some parents are arriving “early” in the hope of getting in but we must stick to the stated times.

<p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: </p> <p>We will not be running any additional After School Clubs this term. Hopefully in the Summer term we will have more information about when we will start them up again.</p> <p>We are truly hopeful that the situation with covid will continue to improve and look forward to restrictions being lifted in the near future – in time for the summer!!</p>	<p>BIG CAT ONLINE BOOKS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>We are very excited about the launch of a new on-line Reading Resource called Big Cat E Books. This will provide you with a fantastic online resource to support your child at home with their reading! I apologise with the delay in getting the logins to you but these should be with you in the near future.</p> <p>We will be continuing with Oxford Owls Books and you can continue to use your child’s log in.</p>
<p>ATTENDANCE: ✓</p> <p>As you are aware it is now a mandatory requirement that children attend school full time unless unwell or self-isolating. To this end any unreported absences will be dealt with as pre lockdown and procedures will be re-instated for dealing with missing marks. If your child is not in school for any reason a telephone call, email or text is required on the first day of absence stating the reason why. I thank you in advance for your co-operation in this.</p>	

COLLECTION OF CHILDREN:

May I remind you that if you are not collecting your child yourself the school is made aware of who is collecting and on what days. Siblings can only collect if they are Secondary school age or above.

COMMUNICATION:

We will, where possible, continue to communicate with you via either a text or email and ask that you check your emails frequently for any new ones. May I also ask that you keep us updated of any change of either e mail address or telephone number. Thank you. We will be launching a new texting app. in the near future called My Ed and you will be asked to download and use it. However, another letter will be sent nearer the time giving instructions.

We are trying to minimize paper copies and so letters, forms and other information will continue to be sent through electronically. Any response should be sent to office@meoninfantschool.org.uk as the office are unable to access responses via either ps connect or My Ed.

FSM VOUCHERS:

The voucher scheme has now come to an end. I am aware that there is an ongoing issue with the vouchers for half term week but I can assure you every effort is being made to get this sorted. All we have been told is that it is a technical problem at Edenred!

LATERAL FLOW TESTS

As you are aware home kits are now available for all parents/adults to use. They can either be ordered on line at: <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>.

Alternatively, packs of home testing kits can be collected via:
Eldon Car Park
Southsea
Portsmouth
PO1 2DJ

ON-LINE LEARNING:

Thank you all for your hard work over the past few months if your child was at home during Lockdown and you were accessing Seesaw and Teams for home learning. I know it has been a stressful time however it was obvious from my visits to Seesaw that you and your children have worked really hard over this Lockdown.

We will continue to use Teams and Seesaw for meetings and on-line learning if the children have to Self-Isolate. Seesaw will also be used as a Homework Platform for children who are attending school.

RED NOSE DAY:

Friday the 19th March is Red Nose Day. We will be asking the children to donate £1 and they are allowed to wear something **Red** on that day.

SCHOOL MEALS:

The new Spring/Summer 2021 Menu is now available to view on the website under the Parents and Community – School dinners tab www.meoninfantschool.org.uk

TALKING TO TEACHERS:

As you will appreciate the teachers have very restricted time to see the children into school each day. Therefore, if you wish to speak to a teacher please contact the school and we will either pass on a message or arrange for the teacher to contact you when they have a spare minute! – usually break or lunchtimes or after school.

TERM DATES

Please find below the term dates for 21-22 for your information. 5 additional Inset days will be added once we have made the decision in September, of when they will be.

AND FINALLY:

If you have any concerns please feel free to email the school and there will always be someone to answer the phone during the school day. Finally I would like to thank you all for your support over the last few weeks and the weeks to come and I am sure we will be together soon.

Take care – stay safe –

Lynda Daish
Headteacher

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Programme of school term and holiday dates for LA and controlled schools for the academic year 2021/2022 The School Year

Autumn Term 2021

	September				October				November				December					
Monday	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1*	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	
Tuesday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2*	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22#	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17#	24	31
Saturday	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	
Sunday	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	

Spring term 2022

	January				February				March				April					
Monday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28*	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25*	
Tuesday	4*	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	
Wednesday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
Thursday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	
Friday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18#	25	4	11	18	25	1	8#	15	22	29	
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	

Summer Term 2022

	May				June				July				August					
Monday	2	9	16	23	30	6*	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31
Thursday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	
Friday	6	13	20	27#	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22#	29	5	12	19	26	
Saturday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28

Bank and public holidays 2021/2022

Christmas Day Holiday
Boxing Day Holiday
New Year's Day Holiday
Good Friday

25 December 2021
26 December 2021
01 January 2022
15 April 2022

Easter Monday
May Day Holiday
Spring Bank Holiday
Summer Bank Holiday

18 April 2022
02 May 2022
30 May 2022
29 August 2022

School Holidays 

Bank holidays and national holidays 

* First day after break

Last day before break