



MEON INFANT SCHOOL

Leaping Forward Together

Newsletter

6th May, 2021

What a smooth start back to School we have had – Thank you. It is very important that the safety rules remain in order to keep us safe and I would like to thank you all for your co-operation. 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.

As you know I myself am so pleased to be back and will be letting you all know of any celebrations I am planning for my retirement in July. We will be welcoming back Mrs. Cox who will be returning to school on the 21/6/2021 after her maternity leave and she will be working alongside Miss Young in Yellow Class.



It is with great sadness that we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Bailey in July who is moving on to pastures new. She is a first rate Early Years and Key Stage 1 practitioner and has led the Early Years across both Schools with professionalism. Mrs. Bailey has used her knowledge and experience to the benefit of our children and for that I am truly grateful. We wish her every success and we will miss her very much.

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| <p> AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: </p> <p>We will not be running any additional After School Clubs this term. Hopefully in the Autumn term we will be able to resume them.</p> | <p>BIG CAT ONLINE BOOKS</p> <p></p> <p>We hope you are finding this resource useful. 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. Holidays will not be authorized (even if they are covid re-bookings). I thank you in advance for your co-operation in this.</p> | <p>COLLECTION OF CHILDREN:</p> <p></p> <p>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.</p> |
| <p>COMMUNICATION: </p> <p>As you are aware we have now launched the My Ed app for communicating with parents. PS Connect will shortly be closed down so it is very important that you download the My Ed app. If you need instructions please contact the school office – office@meoninfantschool.org.uk This app offers many more functions than PS Connect including a payment option where you will be able to pay for trips, Clubs etc. online.</p> <p>If you have siblings in the Junior School you will already have access to this app and just need to add Meon Infant School to it.</p> <p>Apologies to the parents in Year R who have received a communication about a school trip. Unfortunately this was activated before the letter giving information about the trip was sent out. Hopefully we will get this letter to you next week.</p> <p>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 My Ed.</p> | |

INSET DAYS:

A reminder that there is an INSET DAY on
FRIDAY 28th MAY.

LATERAL FLOW TESTS

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

Please note these are not to be used if you have any concerns about a child's health. If this is the case a proper covid test is required please.

ON-LINE LEARNING:

Thank you all for your hard work over the past few months if your child was at home. 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. Please feel free to contact your Class Teacher if you have any queries about homework set. I would like to thank you for all your support at home and I know you realize this continues to be important for the children.

PARKING: REMINDER

Please may I remind you **not** to park on the yellow lines (both single and double) outside the school. A fine can be issued for those caught parking on these lines. There is a sign on the school fence which indicates no parking from 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Thank you for your co-operation.

RED NOSE DAY:

Thank you to everyone who supported this worthy cause we raised £195.

READING AT HOME:

As you are aware we value your support when reading with your child at home. Hearing your child read for 10 minutes a night is invaluable and I cannot stress strongly enough how this will help them moving forward. Thank you for your continued support.

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

SCHOOL VALUES:

In partnership with Moorings Way Infant School we are reviewing our School Values. We have discussed our ideas as two Schools and would value your input in this process. This will impact your child's daily life in School and I am sure that once this process is over they will be discussing our new school values with you at home quite freely and we will be using them in School. The Staff and children have chosen 9 values and would ask you to choose **5** from that 9 and we will then pick 3/5 from the results we receive from you. Please find below a link where you will be asked to choose **5** values that you feel are most important.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=s23q1ha_kkmgEHn2jImNvAfOmVVII6NKieSe-fX0ynxUNEdZU09IQIZUTJRKNVVGGRFZFSTJBQksxRi4u

Please can you do this, it will take no more than 5 minutes, by 24th May, 2021. Thank you

SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Whilst we still have quite a large stock of school uniform we will, in the future, be using the same supplier as Meon Junior School and we will send you information on how to order/collect it direct from Hargreaves.

SEESAW:

Just a quick reminder to keep looking at Seesaw as we are posting homework and information e.g. topics for the term etc. on there. Thank you.

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.



TELEPHONE NUMBER: REMINDER

The school has a new main line telephone number. It is: **03333602170**. The “old” number will remain in action for a short while and calls will be diverted to the new number.

**TERM DATES**

As you may be aware the Government have added an additional Bank holiday for 2022 for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. This will not affect the school holiday dates sent to you in the last newsletter as this falls within the half term week.

TOYS IN SCHOOL:

Please may I ask that you do not let your child bring toys into school. We have had several occasions when particularly ‘fidgets’ and soft toys have been brought in. Obviously, for health safety and covid reasons, as children do tend to “share” or “show their toys to others. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

VACANCY FOR PARENT GOVERNOR:

A vacancy has arisen for a Parent Governor. If you would be interested in joining our AAB (Academy Advisory Board) please can you either email or telephone Mrs. Simmons in the School office. If you would like to know more about the role we can arrange for you to chat with our Chair of Governors – Ms. Nina Shore. Briefly it would involve a commitment of a minimum of 3 meetings a year (currently virtually) and arranged visits to the school on a termly basis to discuss different aspects and, of course, an interest in the school in general.

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

WEAR YOUR MASK/FACE COVERING PLEASE

Translation Service

If you need help in translating this newsletter, please contact the EMAS Home-School-Community Project on tel. 023 9273 3130