



MEON INFANT SCHOOL

Leaping Forward Together

Newsletter

22nd October, 2021

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and patience during the first part of the school year. Your children have been absolutely fantastic at adapting to the “normal” school day following the disruption of the previous year.

You may be aware that we have introduced some new school values of BEING OUR BEST SELF and these run through all that we do at school.

We expect the children to show their best self by:

Be kind and show respect – Be healthy in body and mind – Be confident and resilient



There is also a special assembly each week to celebrate these values and the children who have been their best self are put in my “Sparkly” book and receive a special “Be Your Best Self” Headteacher award sticker.

It makes me feel so proud when the children come to my office to show or tell me about what they have been doing.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK: 15th – 19th November

To reinforce the positives rather than the negatives we will be taking part in the National Anti-bullying week where we will be focusing on our value of being kind

“This year the theme is ‘One Kind Word’, emphasising the positive impact a small gesture or comment can have on someone else’s day. The Anti-Bullying Alliance asked more than 400 young people, parents and teachers what they wanted from this year’s Anti-Bullying Week. They answer was clear – they wanted it to be about hope and the positive and kind things we can do to combat bullying and spread more kindness. Here, we couldn’t think of a better theme to end what has been a very challenging year for so many young people”.

ODD SOCKS DAY:

Odd Socks Day is held on 15th November to kick off Anti-Bullying Week and we ask that you child comes to school with odd socks on. This day helps us to recognise that everyone is unique and different, and that we all need kindness and respect. The Anti-Bullying Alliance patron, CBBC and CBeebies star Andy Day, will also be releasing a song to celebrate ‘Odd Socks Day’ with his band Andy and the Odd Socks on the day.



CONTACT FORMS/ DATA SHEETS:

Please could I remind you to return data collection forms as soon as possible, thank you to those parents who have already done so.



DROP OFF/COLLECTION AT HOME TIME:

If you are not intending to collect your child yourself (or the usual person is not), can you send in a note or speak to the class teacher for the relevant days. As you know we are very aware of the need for caution where young children are concerned and, therefore, “challenge” any “stranger” collecting children. I hope you will agree that it is in both yours and our best interest to ensure that everyone is informed of changes in the normal routine. In the case of an emergency please telephone the office to notify us of any change.

END OF SCHOOL DAY: We have noticed that quite a few Junior School/pre school aged children are playing on the equipment at the end of the school day. Please can I ask that if you have a junior school/pre school aged child in the playground they do not use the equipment. Thank you.

ENVIRONMENTAL GARDEN:

Can I give a heartfelt thank you to Miss Williams (with Theo and Toby) and her parents who came in on Saturday 9th Oct. to help me clear the environmental area. I think you will agree a great job was done and the children will be able to plant out their own area in the coming months.

Mrs. Brown (Ethan's mummy) has also been doing a sterling job of trying to clear all the bindweed that had taken over.

We would like to recruit more parents to the "Garden Army" to keep on top of all the weeding etc. If you would like to join please see either myself or Mrs. Simmons.



FOMS:



FOMS are organizing some events during the next half term including a Christmas Fayre, Christmas Parties and a visit from F.C. Separate letters will be sent home giving more information shortly.

If you would like your child to attend the Disco on Thurs. 4th Nov. please ensure you have paid by MON. 1st Nov.

Your child has recently drawn a picture which will be reproduced onto a Christmas Card. You will have the opportunity to purchase these and other items when they are completed. Examples will be displayed in the Noticeboard in the playground.

If you have any unwanted gifts or items that are in a good condition that you would like to donate to the Christmas Fayre/raffle please send them in by Friday 19th November. Thank you.

MY ED



COMMUNICATION LINK:

I cannot stress how important it is that you download the My Ed app as this is the method we use to communicate with parents with either a text or email. If you have downloaded it but are still not getting messages please check with the school office that we have the correct email address for you. Thank you.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES:

- **Reminder**

Friday 3rd December, 2021
Tuesday 3rd January 2022
Friday 18th February 2022
Friday 1st July 2022



SCHOOL PARKING: REMINDER

You may have noticed that a traffic warden has been patrolling outside the school to stop parents parking on the single line outside the school. They are issuing on the spot fines. Please may I urge you not to park there. 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS:

The School photographer will be visiting on **WED. 17th NOVEMBER** to take individual/sibling photos. A letter will be sent out after half term for you to choose options if you would like siblings included.



SCOOTER/BIKE RACK:



Please may I remind you that the scooter/bike rack should only be used for children in the Infant School. Also please ensure you take the correct scooter/bike as we have had a couple of incidents recently where the incorrect one has been taken. If possible please lock it to the rack. Scooters/bikes which have not been claimed will be thrown away after half term.

SEESAW:

Hopefully by now you have all logged onto Seesaw. Teachers are already putting work/homework on there. I would like to say thank you for all the hard work you are doing with your children at home. The logins are generated by Seesaw so please ensure you enter the code accurately. If you are having any problems getting your child access please contact the school office. Thank you.



SUPPORTING CHARITIES:



This year we will be supporting both **CHILDREN IN NEED** on **FRIDAY 19th NOVEMBER** and **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY** on **Friday 10th DECEMBER**.

In these present times we need something positive to remember. This will be a non-uniform day. We are, therefore, asking if your child can wear something Yellow or spots if they would like.

Christmas Jumper Day is self explanatory and we ask that your child wears a Christmas jumper over the rest of their school uniform.

We ask for a donation of at least £1 for each of the charities please. Thank you for your support.

TELEPHONE NUMBER: REMINDER

The school has a new main line telephone number. It is: **03333602170**.



WEBSITE:



We are currently updating our website but please take time to have a look as there is a lot of useful information on there.

www.meoninfantschool.org.uk

CHRISTMAS:



CHRISTMAS CARDS:

Your children will be allowed to bring in Christmas cards for their friends. The final date for bringing in cards will be **10th December 2021**. Children can put cards in their postbox and not hand out to children individually.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH:

This will take place again this year. We will notify you of the date when we are told. (This will be during the last week). All children are invited to join the staff. If your child is usually a packed lunch but you would like them to have a lunch on that day please let their teacher know.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES:



Christmas Parties will be held on the afternoon of **THURSDAY 16TH DECEMBER**. Please could the children arrive in school on that morning in their Party Clothes. Parties will be in the classroom.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES:



These will be held at **St. James Church** on

The Christmas performances this year will be held on **13th and 14th December 2021 at 2.00 p.m. in St James's Church**. Both are the same so if you have more than one child in school you will only need to attend on one of these days. Further details for these will be sent later in the term.

Monday 13th – Red, Yellow & Orange class parents
Tuesday 14th – Blue, Green & Purple class parents

Please may I ask that you do not bring younger children to the Church as this can be very distracting for the children performing. We hope you will be able to make arrangements for this even if it means you attending the performance other than day suggested for your child's class. Thank you for your support in this. Please can I take this opportunity to remind you about taking photos in the church during and after the performance. We are happy for you to take photos of your child but please do not post them on Social Media if other children are in the photograph. I am sure I can rely on you to respect other parent's wishes. For Year R parents there will be an opportunity at the end of the service for you to take photos of your child in their nativity outfit.

SANTA'S VISIT:

Santa will be visiting on **Friday 17th December** in the morning. Children will be issued with a small "gift" bag



AND FINALLY.....

I wish you and your family a happy half term break and we look forward to seeing all the children refreshed and ready for the 2nd half of the term at 8.50 on **MONDAY 1st November**.



Kind Regards

Karen Morey

Acting Headteacher

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