



# Meir Heath Academy Newsletter

8th September 2017



## A Message from your New Principal

I am delighted to be able to write my first newsletter to you as the new principal. I am filled with excitement and pride to be leading Meir Heath Academy. As a mum myself, I understand fully the role that I undertake and the trust that you put in me to love, keep safe and to fully educate the people most precious to you in the world. I promise that the children will be at the heart of every decision I make.

Since my appointment, I have worked in strong partnership with Mrs Luke to ensure a seamless transition. Our results last year are testament to the strong team that we are. Joining the Multi Academy Trust this year has helped strengthen and enhance our provision and I can honestly say that I feel supported, yet suitably challenged.

My priorities as Principal are to continue 'full speed ahead' along the journey to achieving outstanding school status. With last year's KS2 results we are certainly well on our way! I intend to continue to forge strong partnerships with you as parents and co-educators as well as building a strong new leadership team: Mrs Podmore (EYFS Phase Leader), Mrs Turkmen (Y1 & 2 Phase Leader), Miss Sands (Y3 & 4 Leader), Mr Mottram (Y5 & 6 Leader) and Mrs Askey (SENCO) .

I speak from the heart when I say that I feel blessed with amazing children, dedicated and talented staff and, of course, fabulously supportive parents. What more could I ask for? I said to the children in assembly on Tuesday morning that when they see me around school smiling from ear to ear that they are the reason why!!

## Welcome to Our Meir Heath Family

**Mrs Podmore's Reception Class:** Carter, Jack, Esmee, Aaron, Logan, Esmee, George, Dexter, Flynn, George, Millie, Ella, Jack, Samuel, Emma, Izabella, Olivia, Xanthia, Taylor, Bella, Alfie, William, Poppy and Anabelle.

**Mrs Lowe's Reception Class:** Millie, Johnathan, Regan, Bodhi, Leo, Amelia, Jack, Aaron, Finlay, Summer, Freya, Chase, Jessica, Joseph, Isabelle, Tayla, Olly, Elizabeth, Charlie, Jacob, George and Lucia.

**Mrs Cameron's Year 1 Class:** Oliver

**Miss Moore's Year 3 Class:** Alleeza

...and of course a warm welcome to our new staff: Mrs Cameron (Year One Teacher), Miss Barker (Year Three Teacher) and Mrs Wheat (Associate Teacher to work within the Year Two Team).



### School Uniform

Children have returned to school this September looking super smart in their uniforms. Thank you for your support in ensuring that the children come to school wearing the correct uniform as stated on the 'Welcome' letter sent out at the end of last academic year.

I am a stickler for correct uniform and smartness as I feel that this is an important part of preparation for life. I therefore request that children with hair below shoulder length have this tied up for school, using the school blue or natural hair colour bands/ clips. No Jojo bows please. That all nail varnish and hair braids are removed. No jewellery please—wrist watch only. Stud earrings only, and to be removed on PE days so that they are not lost in school.

In assembly on Tuesday, I asked KS2 children not to pull threads from their ties, as many did last year. I will be asking that new ties are purchased if this happens.

We are all really proud of our new logo and it is lovely to see the children already starting to wear it, but please remember that we said only to replace the old logo with the new as and when your child grows to the next size.

### Individual Photographs

19th September



Pre school children are welcome to come into school via the main office entrance.

from 8:15am—8:45 am so that they can have photos with their brothers and sisters.

All other children will have their photo taken within the school day.

Siblings within school will have group photos as well as individuals.

### Calendar of Dates

The whole year of dates for the diary will be coming soon..... we are just confirming the last few!

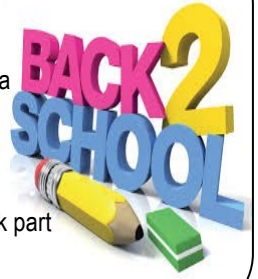
### Welcome Back!

All of children have settled beautifully into their new classes.

As I have walked around visiting classrooms this week there is a lovely calm, hard working feel around the school.

Well done everybody—long may it continue!!

**KS2 Holiday Challenge** — Well done to many of you who took part in the holiday IT challenge. Miss Moore will be sharing a number of these in assembly next week. We can't wait!



### Welcome to Year Group Meeting

Staff welcome you to attend on of the two meetings to be held on:

**Monday 11th September: 1st Session 3.45pm & 2nd Session 5.30pm**

**Location— classroom** (You only need to attend one session)

The purpose of the meeting is to give you key information about how to support your child this academic year. It is also gives you chance to meet your new class teacher and ask any general questions that you may have. May I please request that if you need to discuss an individual matter with your class teacher that you request an appointment for a mutually convenient time.

If you are unable to attend, or have more than 2 siblings then please request a copy of the power point from the meeting so that you have the information shared at the meeting.

Staff look forward to welcoming you on Monday.

### KS2 PE Bags

**Please help your child to get into the routine of remembering their kit on PE days.**

In the hope of decreasing the amount of lost property and a bid to keep our cloakrooms tidier than in the past, I have requested that children only bring in their PE bags each time they need them. This way you can also keep track if they have lost anything!



### January visit to The New Vic Theatre (Y1 to Y6)

Once again, we will be visiting the New Vic in January and I am pleased to announce that the performance this year will be based on the story of Treasure Island. Letter to follow shortly.

### Share our Learning with us

On the calendar (of dates) (soon to be released) you will see that we have added :

1 Big Art per class

1 Class Assembly

1 Parent Go Outdoors—a chance for you to experience the outdoor classroom with your child.

