



Meir Heath Academy Newsletter

October 2017

Principal's Message

Principal on the Playground

As you have probably seen already, I am keen to be 'around' at the start and end of the school day to greet families but also for you to stop and chat. It has been great to catch up with so many of you over the first month. It is extremely important to me to get to know you all so that I have an even greater knowledge of our families of Meir Heath. It is my belief that we are co-educators, and whilst we know your child extremely well already, I believe that it is by working closely together in partnership that we will nurture happy and successful children. I will endeavour to do my best to see you out and about on the playground each day.

Welcome to Year Group

It was wonderful that so many parents were able to attend our 'new style' welcome to year group meetings. I am sure that you found this a useful opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher as well as finding out how best to support your child for the year ahead. I feel it is a great start to our parent/ school partnership this academic year.

Thank you so much for your continued support during the first month of the new school year.

KS1 Harvest Festivals

19th October 9:15am

This year KS1 will be supporting the local charity 'Alice' - People's Pantry.

On the morning of the 19th October, please can KS1 children send in donations of any NON PERISHABLE ITEMS i.e. tinned foods/ dried food items . Thank you.

For more information about how the charity works please visit:

<https://alicecharity.com/projects/peoples-pantry/>



KS2 Harvest Festivals

19th October 2:30pm

This year KS2 will be supporting the 'Shoe Box Appeal'

Mrs Povey will be coordinating the collection and delivery of the shoebox items. A letter will be sent out shortly. If your child is in KS2, please look out for this letter to see how you can support this charity.

Community Aerobics —

Wake Up and Shake Up!



What an energetic start to the day!! Great feedback from parents and children. Glad you have enjoyed it!!

**Two more sessions to go: Tuesday 10th October and Tuesday 17th October 8:45am start
Hope you can join us!!**



A massive thank you to everyone who helped us raise £206.05 for this amazing charity.

Thank you!



Admission to Primary School

Reception Class September 2018

If your child's 5th birthday is between 01 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 then you will need to apply for a Reception Class Place for September 2018.

Meir Heath has 60 places for September 2018.

Admission Surgeries

We will be running Admission Surgeries to help families complete the online admissions form.

Please call the office to book an appointment

Do you know anyone whose child will be starting in September 2018?

Please let them know how wonderful we are and if they haven't looked round already, then tell them to call the office so that they can be introduced to our wonderful Meir Heath Family.

We are now on Twitter



Following on from feedback from parents and successes from other schools in the Multi Academy Trust, we are now proud to say that we have Twitter account.

Follow us @MHeathAcademy

We are still in the early stages of 'tweeting' as staff get used to using the facility, but please sign up so that you can start to share our school celebratory tweets!

Parking Safely Keeps Our Children Safe

Whilst I know that the majority of our parents park safely, there are a small number of parents who endanger our children. PLEASE STOP — we do not want a fatality!

Leave yourself more time so you can park safely and walk.

Jenny Harper Photography (Parent to Jorja and Dexter)

Thank you to Mrs Harper who spent a day in school taking promotional shots for us to use on our school website. I am sure that you will agree how fab the photos look.

Mrs Harper is one of the photographers involved with a project to create a giant photo mosaic of portraits for 'The Face of Stoke-on-Trent' - <http://www.faceofstoke2021.com/>.

She is looking to take as many portraits as possible of people connected with the city of Stoke (living in, working in, originally from, spending a lot of time in, etc) during October for the mosaic to be created and displayed in November. She will be on the playground on the 9th and 16th at 8:30am and again at 3:30pm. If you and your child would like to take part (free of charge) the please contact info@jennyharperphotography.com

You may be entitled to £50 towards your child's school uniform

We strongly encourage parents who believe that due to personal circumstances their child may be eligible for F.S.M. (Free School Meals) to apply, even if they are in KS1 and are already receiving a free hot meal under the government's U.I.F.S.M. Scheme.

The school receives Pupil Premium funding for each child eligible for F.S.M. which may be used to support individual needs and is used to help raise attainment. The school uses this money to support families by providing children who are entitled to daily free milk and toast, payment of school trips and £50 towards the cost of your child's school uniform (receipt required).

For more information, and a quick and easy online application process please see www.staffordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmealsapplication

Would you like to volunteer in school?

We are always very grateful to volunteers who can come into school to listen to children read, change reading books and help out for the more practical types of activities—many hands make light work. Please contact the office if you can help.

As a school we are committed to safeguarding our children and therefore require any adult working within our school to complete a satisfactory DBS check.



Meir Heath Academy Website

We have updated our website with our new photos—take a look—we think it looks fantastic! We have a new section on meet the staff, information about the MAT and we will continue to update this on a regular basis.

Meir Heath Magic

Have you seen our latest school blogs?

Please visit: <http://meirheathprimary.org.uk/619-2/>

Share our Learning with us

Don't forget to add the dates to your diaries.

Please refer to the calendar of dates (sent out as a paper copy on week 2 of this half term & also available to download from the school website) as we have lots of opportunities for parents and grandparents to join us to share our learning with us.





Meir Heath Academy Sports News

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Appreciation Strategy Humility
Commitment Responsibility Listening
Integrity **Leadership** Honesty Communication
Values Purpose Determination
Passion Principles

Playground Leaders

Thank you to the 26 children from Year 6 who have volunteered to be a playground leader during lunchtimes on the infant yard.

Year Six Fencing



A special mention also to our top Year 6 Fencers from Condover Hall: Isla Bond and Dominic Weatherer.

Archers of the future from Year 6

At our recent visit to Condover Hall all of Year 6 experienced the sport of Archery. After many arrows flying towards or in some cases not towards the target, we discovered our top Archers were:

Gold = Ava James (Berners-Lee)

Silver = Andros Shaw (Berners-Lee)

Bronze = George Eastham (Fleming)

House Champions

After adding all the scores together we also found out our House Team Champions.

1st = Berners-Lee

2nd = Fleming

3rd = Mitchell

4th = Baird



Blythe Bridge Cluster Football Tournament.



A huge well done to all the boys who were selected to represent our school at the cluster tournament. The standard of football was excellent and so was their behaviour on and off the pitch.

Our Year 5 team just missed out on reaching the semi-finals and our Year 6 team finished runners up!