



Meir Heath Academy Newsletter

September 2018

Principal's Message

I am delighted to welcome you all back to a new academic year. I would like to thank you for preparing your children well for their return, as they have all come to school with great enthusiasm. As I greeted them on the playground, they responded with huge smiles and beautiful manners. As I have visited each classroom, every single year group have impressed me as they have settled straight back in to learning with a keen and eager attitude.

During my welcome back assembly on Tuesday, I talked to the children about our new enhanced dojo reward system, including a new dojo shop—they were particularly excited at the thought of earning 'the homework pass'. I also introduced whole class dojo targets where every class will set their class targets and agree their class reward. Each child will receive a daily dojo if they have not been placed on the think chart throughout the day. I am pleased to say that every class achieved this on day one, and hopefully, long may it continue.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome our new Reception children to our Meir Heath Family.

Ruby, Madison, Lucy-Mae, Ava Grace, Anya, Summer, Darcey, George, Tallulah, Archie, Lexi, Hope, Isaac, Lucas, Emily, Maya, Ollie, Benjamin, Lia, Lola, Aydin, Isobel, Harper, Rosie, Abdullah, Jazmin, Piera, Lily, Harry, Maisie, Austin, Amelia, Cara, Emilie-Mae, Lottie, Pippa, Saad, Millie, Jack, Mollie-Mae, Ruby, Harry, Shannon, Nova, Darcy, Barnaby and Harry

We also have a number of children who have joined us throughout the school:

Lloyd Y6T, Talullah Y2F, Lewis Y1A, Jason– Jeremiah Y1S, Isaac Y1A, Summer Y1A, Thomas Y2C, Reuben Y2C and Sophie Y4L.

Joining our Teaching Team are:

Mrs Hall who will be teaching science across the school from Y1 upwards as well as joining the **Y6 teaching team**. We have three graduate teachers joining us for this year: **Miss Rogers** who will join the **Early Years team**, **Miss Maddock** will join the **Y2 team** and **Mrs Dainty** will join the **Y5 team**.

We will look after you and share our school ethos of *'Happy, hard working and caring'*.

Calendar of Dates on the School Website

The whole year of school events/dates for your diary is now on the school website!

Term dates for 2019/20 can also be found on the school website.

Uniform Reminder

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. Year One and Two look super smart in their new ties.

I am a stickler for correct uniform and smartness as I feel that this is an important part of preparation for life.

Polite reminder

- Children with hair below shoulder length have this tied up for school
- Only school blue or natural hair colour bands/ clips. No Jojo bows please.
- Children do not colour their hair or have colour braids
- No extreme cuts including tram lines
- 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.

Many thanks for your support.

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

Special News

I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Miss Moore on her engagement. Her fiancé popped the question on her birthday, whilst they were both on holiday.



Breakfast and Snacks

Polite reminder that orders will be paid for in advance and that your Parentpay account will need to be in credit on the Thursday before to enable your child to have their snacks for the following week.

If you choose to send your child in to school with a snack from home, then we request that this is a healthy snack.

KS2 Lunches

Polite reminder that universal Free School meals are government funded in KS1 only and therefore if you choose for your child to have a hot lunch then this will be chargeable via Parentpay.

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 Wind in the Willows.

Letter to follow shortly.

Morning Drop Off

Due to safeguarding, may I politely request that you drop your child off at the appropriate door and allow them to come into the school building by themselves.

If you need to pass a message on to their class teacher, then Mr Wilkinson will be available at the Hall door. If you need to speak with their class teacher personally, then please request a call back at their earliest opportunity.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Did you know that you can download a Teachers to Parents App?



Teachers2Parents have
a new messaging app!

This way you will be able to see that you have received a message from Meir Heath, rather than just a number appearing.



Office Opening Hours

8.15am to 4:45pm

Reporting Absences due to Illness

Polite reminder that if your child is absent due to illness, then you will need to contact school by 9:30am



You can also email the office to
report an absence:

office@meirheath.staffs.sch.uk

Attendance and Late Arrival

I know that it isn't rocket science, but **if your child is in school, then they are learning.**

If they are not in school, then they are missing vital stages of learning.



Learning is not accidental. Teachers plan learning based on the many crucial layers. Using the analogy of building a wall, if some of the blocks are missing then the foundations are not firm. Missing blocks make it harder to build. If your child misses a concept or a stage of learning then they will find future learning trickier.

Please take this into consideration, and endeavour to maintain good attendance for your child. Please refer to the attendance policy on the school website.

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.

Individual Photos

2nd October 2018

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.

Dougie Mac Coffee Morning

28th September, at 9am, School Hall

