



Meir Heath Academy Newsletter

December 2018



Principal's Message



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

'Tis the most wonderful time of the year. Christmas songs are being rehearsed in the hall, trees are being decorated in classrooms, cards being crafted, not to mention guided reading, phonics, daily maths and English. And of course we have our Christmas topic 'sh!'; staff have been busy linking learning to fit the magical theme. I can't wait to share the outcomes with the children. Some may think that we lift the foot off the gas when it comes to learning on the lead up to Christmas; I would say that we just fit much more in!

I would like to say a huge thank you to the PFA and all family members, and Santa of course, who were able to share in the success of our Christmas Fair. The evening was extremely enjoyable, and had a jolly, festive feel. I am sure that the PFA will be writing to you soon to share the grand total made on the night as well as sharing the prize winners — what a lot of prizes there were! Thank you to all who were able to donate; be it, cakes, raffle prizes or gifts for the secret stocking — thank you to you all!

Do you know the Legend of the Christmas Stocking? I shared this story with the children in assembly this week, and it reminded us all of the true spirit of Christmas. It the most magical time of the year in school; reading the story to the children reminded us all of others who are less fortunate and others who may be struggling at this time of the year. Let Meir Heath children share the real spirit of Christmas with one another, by their love and care for one another.

May I take this opportunity to send you all my best wishes this December. I hope you enjoy all of the festive activities that you will share this Christmastide.

Best Wishes,

Mrs M Southern



**Thank you to our Meir Heath Family
for helping to raise:**

£270-75

For the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



**Festive Celebrations in
School**

Please find over the page a collection of dates for our Festive celebrations as a reminder for you — I know just how busy as parents we are this month. I hope it helps.





Reception Nativity

Congratulations to our 4 and 5 year olds, who confidently performed the nativity story 'Away in a Manger' on Tuesday 4th December. I think that they melted many of our hearts. We were all so proud!



Year One Christmas Performance

A Snowman at Sunset
Tuesday 11th December
2.30pm

Year Two Christmas Performance

A Home of Our Own



Wednesday 12th December 2.00pm

Y6 Christmas Big Art

Thursday 13th December 9am



Y6 Christmas Assembly

'Having Fun at Christmas'

Friday 21st December
9.15am



Sh!! Whole School Christmas Topic Launch

Monday 10th
December

Please note that Reception, Year One and Year Two will be wearing their Christmas jumpers over the top as they will be watching the performance of 'Scarlett's Secret Snow Globe' on the morning that the Christmas topic is launched.

Wednesday 19th December

KS2 Parties

KS2 can wear party clothes on this day. Please ensure that your child has sensible shoes and a warm coat for playtimes.



Thank you to the PFA as they will be providing party food and prizes.

Thursday 20th December

Reception and KS1 Parties



Reception children, Year One and Year Two can wear party clothes on this day. Please ensure that your child has sensible shoes and a warm coat for playtimes.

Thank you to the PFA as they will be providing party food and prizes .

Tuesday 18th December

Christmas Lunch

All children and staff are invited to join us for our Christmas lunch.



All children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers on this day (usual uniform underneath).



Meir Heath Sports News

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Blythe Bridge Cluster Swimming Gala



It was great to see our children taking part in a number of swimming races against other schools from within the local cluster.

The team finished in joint 3rd place overall. Great swimming Martha, Emmie, Isabel M, Poppy, Holly, Callum, Daniel, William, Noah and Ben.

St Bart's Trust KS1 Football Festival

Well done to the boys who attended a full fun packed day at the Port Vale Academy venue.

The team played in a series of mini matches and received coaching from school staff. We just managed to have time for lunch!

The team finished in joint 3rd place.



School Games Sportshall Athletics Competition

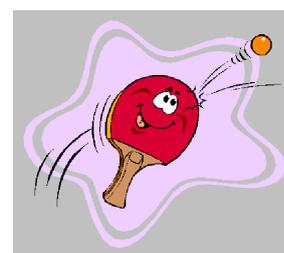


Our 19 competitors had a very exciting time at Fenton Manor in the Staffordshire Moorlands L2 Sportshall Athletics Competition.

After a number of very close races and some great performances in the field events we finished in 3rd place. Well done to our athletes and a thank you to parents for the support.

Table Tennis Bonanza

We have gone Table Tennis extreme over the past few weeks. The events for parent and child teams in Year 3 and Year 4 saw the teams gaining points during a series of School Games challenges. The children in Year 5 and 6 had the chance to play matches against those from different house teams.



Overall there were 64 participants experiencing the sport of table tennis!

The final results saw FLEMING HOUSE as champions.