



The Meads Primary School Newsletter — July 2019

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Another Year Nearly Over...

Welcome to the last extended newsletter of this academic year. The final half term of the year is usually a very busy time at The Meads and this year has been no exception.

The Summer Fayre last Saturday was another great success. We raised around £1500 for the school this year and it was lovely to see so many people turn up on what was a very hot and sunny day.

I think I had the best job—being constantly kept cool in the stocks which meant I didn't feel the heat as much as some. I'd like to thank all the parents, staff and other helpers who came along to run stalls, organise events and generally make the day so brilliant. Special thanks as always goes to Miss Downey and

Miss Ansell, as well as Gemma Butterfield, Ceri Witty, Clive Littler, Catherine Daubeney and Helen Smeath, the BBQ Crew who worked tirelessly in the heat and to all the members of the PTA. Well done everyone!

Sports Day this week was also a great success. Thanks to everyone who came along to support their children in the morning and the afternoon. I've had several parents speak to me since Tuesday to let me know how much they enjoyed the event and how impressed they were with the behaviour of the children. Thanks to all of the teachers and other members of staff who worked so hard to ensure everyone had fun and to Mr Warren and Miss Wells for their work in organising a brilliant day.

It has been quite a challenging time for the school in terms of staffing, with several teachers leaving throughout the year for various reasons. I would like to thank everyone who has helped to ensure that the high quality education the children of The Meads deserve has been maintained through this difficult time, Mrs Andrews, Mrs Titmas, Mrs Underwood, Mrs Gustard-Brown and Miss Balogh who have taken on additional responsibilities to teach classes, as well as Miss Joseph and Mrs Glantz who have also worked hard to make sure children have made the progress they should.

It just remains for me to wish you all a great rest of the term and a wonderful Summer Break.

Thank you.

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This month's Value is Fairness

We can show the value of Fairness by:

1. Take Turns.
2. Tell the truth.
3. Play by the rules.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

"Fairness doesn't mean everyone gets the same. Fairness means everyone gets what they need."

We will not be having a celebration assembly this Monday (8th July) as our Year 6 classes are very busy practising for their school production.

Honey Bees Before and After School Club

Booking forms for the next academic year will be available from the office early next week. Please then confirm your place at the club as soon as possible to secure your place for September.



Other After School Clubs

All other after school clubs will finish on Friday 12th July, with the exception of Honey Bees which will run until 23rd July.

NSPCC Sponsored Dance-a-thon

Our final fundraiser of the school year is a sponsored dance event to raise money for the NSPCC on Monday 15th July. The children will be taking part in a range of dances throughout the school day. Could all children please come into school on the day in their PE kits.



Sponsor forms have already been handed out. The deadline for returning money to the school is Friday 19th July.

Residential Trips

The school have organised two residential trips for November 2019 for the children:-

Aylmerton Field Study Centre for the current Year 4 (1 space left)
PGL for the current Year 5

When signing up to the trip you were informed of the payment schedule. The deadline for all payments to be complete is Friday 19th July. If you are having problems paying by this date please contact the Family Room or the school office. If your full payment is not received by this date we cannot guarantee your child's place on the trip as numbers have to be finalised with the venues before the end of the school year.

Bike Stunt Show



Well done to all of the children who recently walked, biked or scooted to and from school during "Bike to School" week. You made over 6,000 journeys which means the school have been rewarded with a Bike Stunt Show from professional bike riders on Wednesday 10th July. We expect the children will be wowed by the stunts and tricks shown by the professionals and maybe learn a trick or two themselves.

20 is plenty

You may have noticed the large '20 is Plenty' sign on the school gates at Sawtry Close. Local residents have expressed concern over the speed that cars were being driven down the Close at various times of the day. The sign is part of measures to tackle this, which have included a poster competition for children in Years 5 and 6 to design a road sign to encourage people to slow down. The eight winning entries will be turned into signs which will be placed on lampposts along Sawtry Close to further encourage people to keep to the speed limit. The following list of winners will receive special prizes.

Samirah—Nightingales

Keziah—Woodpeckers

Amy—Nightingales

Zuzanna— Woodpeckers

Christopher—Nightingales

Tahlia—Woodpeckers

Zahra—Nightingales

Iqra—Kestrels

My Big Battery Hunt



Did you know? 20,000 tonnes of batteries end up in landfill every year, the equivalent to 4,000 elephants. Our ECO warriors are trying to combat this.

Your child has been sent home with "My Big Battery Hunt" boxes. We would ask your children to collect used batteries over the summer and return them in September. Thank you.

Events for Year 6

Romeo and Juliet

tickets are now available from the family room . Performances are: Tuesday 9th July and Wednesday 10th July



Leaver's Disco and BBQ

Please tell your children to watch out for their personal invitation to the leaver's disco—please dress to impress.



Leaver's Assembly

As the end of the school year draws to a close all parents, carers, grandparents etc. are invited to attend the final Year 6 assembly. Monday 22nd July 2.00pm start.

The gates behind Tesco will open at 1.45pm



(Don't forget your tissues!)

Car Emissions

We have recently had concerns from parents about the number of people who leave the car engine running when waiting to collect their children.

Please be aware of the highway code which states:

'You MUST NOT leave a parked vehicle running or leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road' Generally, if the vehicle is stationary and is likely to remain so for more than a couple of minutes, you should apply the parking brake and switch off the engine to reduce emissions and noise pollution.

A fixed penalty notice under Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) Regulations 2002 of £20 can be issued by Parking Enforcement (Traffic Warden).

PTA Disco Tuesday 16th July

The final PTA event of the school year is the School Disco for Early Years - Year 5.

Tickets are available from the Family Room.

Price:
£2.00



Did you know? ...

there has been a change to one of the Bank Holidays next year?

The Government have changed the May Day holiday from Monday 4th May 2020 to Friday 8th May 2020 to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day.

An amended School calendar will be e-mailed with this letter. The amended dates are also on our website.

Dates for the diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Year Group</u>
09/07/19	Able Writer's Day and Chantry School (Selected children only)	Year 1 and 2
09/07/19	Town Sports Final (Selected children only)	Year 3-6
09/07/19	Leaver's Production (6.00pm—8.00pm)	Year 6
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10/07/19	Bicycle Stunt show	All years
11/07/19	Early Years and Year 1—Pirate Day	Early Years and Year 1
12/07/19	Deadline for returning milk money/letter	All years
12/07/19	Meeting for new intake of children starting Early Years in September	New starters
15/07/19	Danceathon—sponsored dance event for NSPCC	All years
16/07/19	Rounders Competition (Selected children only)	Year 3 and 4
16/07/19	Teddy Bear's Picnic Early Years plus new intake of children starting Early Years in September	Early Years and new starters
16/07/19	PTA Disco	Years EY—Year 5
17/07/19	Orienteering competition (Selected children only)	Year 3-6
17/07/19	Cashless catering system—meeting for parents of Year 2 children	Year 2 parents
18/07/19	Trip to Ruislip Lido	Year 2
18/07/19	Leaver's Disco (6.00pm—8.00pm)	Year 6
19/07/19	Deadline for Residential Holidays Aylmerton - current Year 4 PGL—current Year 5	Year 4 and 5
19/07/19	Deadline for Sponsorship money	All years
22/07/19	Leaver's Assembly (2.00pm start)	Year 6
23/07/19	Yipeel - It's the last day of term	All Years
04/09/19	First day back at school	All years