

# Meadowhead Community Junior School Newsletter



## Spring Term: Newsletter 1

Welcome back to all our children and their families – I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and a peaceful new year.

### School Dinners

Please could I remind all parents and carers to book their child's school dinners using the Weduc app; this is so that you can discuss food choices with your child and ensure they receive the meal they would like. If you do not order your child's lunch in advance, we cannot guarantee that they will get what they want. Many thanks for your support.

### Attendance

We are working incredibly hard in school to improve attendance and will be introducing some new initiatives to support families with achieving and maintaining excellent levels of attendance in the coming weeks. As a school we are working at achieving at least 95% attendance across the whole school each week – this will put us in line with national data. You can support school in achieving this by encouraging your child to come into school every day. If you are unsure as to whether or not you should send your child in, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs Ramsbottom, Miss Duckworth or myself to ask for advice – I have attached NHS guidance which explains when you should keep your child at home and when you should send them into school. Many thanks for your continued support.

### Anglesey Street

Please could I remind all parents, carers and family members who collect children from school or drop them off to be particularly careful if they are driving along Anglesey Street; we are still having problems with people parking unsafely or driving on the kerb. It is incredibly busy on Anglesey Street – particularly at the end of the school day – with many children, parents and prams walking on a very narrow path. We have contacted the police and the council numerous times to address the issues, however, if everyone worked together to protect our children, the problem would lessen. Therefore, please could I ask parents and carers to park away from school – preferably on Shorrocks Lane – and walk the short remaining distance to and from school when dropping off/picking up. I appreciate everyone's efforts to keep our children safe.

### Home Reading

We have spoken at length this week in school about our new year's resolutions and many of the children have told me that they are going to try and read more. Reading at home and for pleasure is so important to a child's development – both academic and emotional – and is the single biggest factor in determining a child's success in later life. Please could I therefore ask all parents, carers and wider family members to support their child's development by encouraging them to read more at home – just an additional 10 minutes per day can make a huge difference! Many thanks from myself and the children.

Ms R Blackledge  
(Acting Headteacher)

## Class Attendance for this week

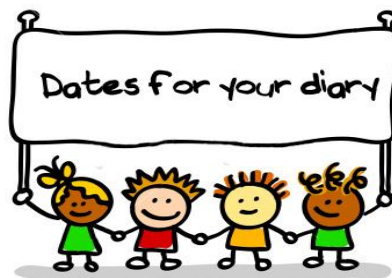
**Congratulations this week to class 4CW!**

Green: 97%+

Amber: 95 – 97%

Red: Below 95%

3M	3FP	4B	4CW	5A	5C	6L	6LV
93.6%	91.7%	95.5%	93.3%	97.8%	91.7%	89.3%	94.1%



Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January – 4B Class Assembly

Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January – Vote for What You Want Lunch

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Open Morning in School

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February – Young Voices Concert in Manchester

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February – last day of half term



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# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfoc>.