

NEWS

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Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers, and Pupils,
We hope you all had a wonderful summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new school year. A special welcome to our new Year 3 children and those who are joining different classes across the school. We are excited to have you as part of the Meadowhead Junior School community!

We are also delighted to introduce our new Executive Headteacher, Mr. Chris Dugdale. Mr. Dugdale is an experienced school leader who will oversee both Meadowhead Junior School and Hoddlesden St Paul's CE Primary School.

We are confident that his leadership will greatly benefit our school community.

This newsletter is designed to give you an update on some important changes before the school year starts next week.

DIARY DATES

Thursday, 5th September:
School Photo Day. All children should come in full school uniform.

Friday, 6th September: Year 6 Canalside Team Building Day to celebrate learning and promote our innovative curriculum.

Every Monday: Junior Jam sessions. Children will engage in Computing, Music, PE and French, taught by leading specialists, fostering enthusiasm and advocacy for these subjects.

Wednesday, 18th September (3:30 pm - 4:30 pm): Meet the Teacher. This informal open classroom event is a chance to meet your child's teacher, other staff members, and the school leadership team. No appointment needed.

Friday, 18th October (3:30 pm - 4:30 pm): Showcase. Classrooms will be open for children to share their learning from the half term with family members.



Timetable and Daily Routine

The school day will remain the same, but it is crucial to note that learning begins promptly at 8:50 am, starting with English and Reading. Assemblies will now be held at a different time during the day. ***Punctuality and attendance are more important than ever, as children who are late will miss out on essential learning.***

Uniform Expectations

Uniform expectations have been shared on our Facebook page, but here are the key changes and non-negotiables:

- Children may wear school shoes and/or black trainers.
- Trainers must be completely black, and there are no exceptions to this rule.

Behaviour Policy

We are implementing our Meadowhead Hero behaviour approach, which has been detailed on Facebook. Dojo points will be an integral part of this, and to ensure consistency, family access to the Dojo system has been revoked.

Any messages should now be directed through the school office and will be passed on to the relevant staff members.

Class Newsletters and Learning Overview

By Friday, 6th September, each class will distribute a newsletter, an overview of the term's learning, and a home learning grid. These resources will help keep you informed about your child's education.

Anti-Racism Focus

In response to events during the summer holidays and the previous term, our first week back will focus on Anti-Racism learning. This important initiative will align with our school values and include visits from sports figures, police, and government representatives, offering a valuable opportunity to celebrate our school's commitment to inclusivity and care for all.

Updates- Uniform Policy

As we approach the Autumn term of the academic year, I wanted to take a moment to touch base regarding an important matter that contributes to the overall ethos and pride of our school – the school uniform.

At Meadowhead Junior School, we take great pride in our uniform policy, as it not only fosters a sense of belonging and unity among our children but also sets a standard of professionalism and respect for our learning environment.

Last term, we have noticed instances of mixed uniform being worn by some of our pupils. I kindly request your support in ensuring that your child comes to school in the full school uniform. Our uniform policy is simple yet clear, and we also have expectations regarding appropriate footwear that align with our school values. The leadership team have made a decision for black trainers to be worn, rather than school shoes. Please do not take advantage of this decision, as this will only result in the decision being reversed.

Maintaining high standards and expectations across all aspects of school life, including uniform, is crucial in creating a positive and conducive learning environment for all our students. Your assistance in upholding these standards is greatly appreciated.

If any families require support in purchasing school uniform items, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school office. We are here to assist and ensure that every child has access to the necessary uniform pieces.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support in this matter. Together, we can continue to uphold the values and standards that make Meadowhead Junior School a place where every child can thrive and succeed.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the school uniform policy, please feel free to contact the school office



Updates- Attendance

Firstly, I would like to express my gratitude to the vast majority of parents who consistently prioritise their child's education by ensuring their regular attendance at Meadowhead Junior School. Your commitment to their education is commendable, and I would like to thank you for your continued support in this matter. By attending school as much as possible, you are playing a vital role in your child's academic progress and overall development.

I would like to remind all parents that holiday leave requests must be submitted in advance of the leave date. Please be aware that if the number of unauthorised absences exceeds the specified limit, penalty notices will be issued following the absence. It is crucial that we work together to prioritise your child's education and minimise any disruptions to their learning journey.

Once again, I would like to express my gratitude to those parents who consistently prioritise their child's education and support our efforts to maintain a positive and productive learning environment. By working together, we can ensure that every child at Meadowhead Junior School receives the education they deserve.



Did you know? Late marks will be given and poor punctuality could generate a penalty notice?



Dogs and Parking

A gentle reminder that sadly we cannot allow any dogs (regardless of size or age) on the school premises. This is both on the playground and around the school building.



PARKING

There has been an increase in parking issues, in and around school. Highway Code breaches are as follows:

- Parking/stopping on yellow zig zag lines.
- Parking on a single yellow line without a blue badge.
- Parking across driveways
- Leaving your car on whilst you are parked up.

