

NEWS



Issue 4- DEC 24

Dear Parents, Carers, and Pupils,

As December approaches, we reflect on what has been a fantastic term so far at Meadowhead Junior School. It's been a joy to see how much our pupils have achieved, from settling into their new routines to embracing their learning with enthusiasm and resilience. The children have been working hard, and we are proud of their many accomplishments across the curriculum.

Celebrating Our Achievements

This term, we've seen exceptional progress in reading, writing, and maths, alongside creativity in arts and music, and a true sense of teamwork in sports. Pupils have demonstrated fantastic behaviour and effort throughout the term, and we are thrilled to announce our upcoming Nerf Wars Behaviour Treat as a reward for their dedication. ***This has certainly created a buzz of excitement among the children!***

Christmas Sing-Along Nights

To celebrate the festive season, we are excited to invite you to our Christmas Sing-Along Nights, a joyful opportunity to come together as a school community. Each family will receive two tickets for one of these special events (see dates for your child's year group). If you do not need your tickets, please return them to school so we can pass them on to other families who would love to attend.

Save the Dates

Key Dates are on the next page and are vital to ensuring a successful December.

We thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in making this term such a positive and rewarding experience for our pupils. Wishing you and your families a joyful lead-up to the holidays.



Christmas Key Dates

Friday, 15th November:

Children in Need – Juniors can join in by wearing something yellow/spotty – £1 donation.

Tuesday, 19th November:

Parents' Evening (Booking online required)

Wednesday, 20th November:

Parents' Evening (Booking online required)

Friday, 22nd November:

Non-uniform day – Juniors bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair.

Friday, 29th November:

Non-uniform day – Juniors bring a bar of chocolate for the Christmas Fair.

Monday, 2nd December:

Whole School Pantomime



Wednesday, 11th December:

Infant and Junior Christmas Stay and Read Session– more information to follow

Thursday, 12th December:

Christmas Fair 3:30 pm to 5pm. Christmas jumper (with uniform) day & Christmas Dinner

Week Beginning , 16th December:

Behaviour Treat – It is always a surprise!

Tuesday, 17th December:

Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm (2 tickets per family)

Wednesday, 18th December:

Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance 5:30 pm until 6:30 pm (2 tickets per family)

Thursday, 19th December:

Meadowhead Heroes Non-Uniform Day

Friday, 20th December:

Christmas parties – Non-uniform day
School Closes for the Christmas Holidays



Permission for the school Pantomime trip is essential. Please see the school office!



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. Persistent lates may result in unauthorised attendance marks, leading to a potential penalty notice.***

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 regardless on a PE Day or not.
- Hairstyles: We kindly remind parents that hairstyles should be neat and appropriate for school. Brightly colored hair, extreme cuts, and patterns shaved into the hair are not permitted. Long hair should be tied back for safety reasons.
- PE Kits: On days when children have PE, they are expected to wear the appropriate PE kit. This includes a plain white t-shirt, black or navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms, school jumper, and **BLACK** trainers. Please ensure your child follows this on their designated PE days. This will be enforced after half term to allow parents and carers to source the correct uniform

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.

The Governing Body have now approved the schools Suspension and Exclusion policy, this can be found on the school website.

🎄 ✨ Stay and Read: Christmas Special! ✨ 🎄

 **Date: Wednesday, 11th December 2024**

 **Time: 3.30 pm - 4.30pm**

 **Location: Meadowhead Junior School**

Get into the festive spirit at our Stay and Read: Christmas Special! Parents, carers, and pupils are warmly invited to share in the joy of reading this holiday season.

What's Happening:

- Dive into the magic of Christmas tales with your child in a cozy, festive atmosphere.
- Enjoy delicious seasonal treats and a warm drink to keep the winter chill at bay.
- Meet our very special guest storyteller – Father Christmas himself!  He'll be sharing one of his favourite holiday stories with all our readers.

This is a fantastic and FREE opportunity to celebrate the season, bond over books, and create magical memories together.

We can't wait to welcome you to this festive reading celebration!  





Winter Jumper Day **Thursday 12th December**

We are asking our children to wear a Christmas or winter themed jumper. Children will need to wear the rest of their school uniform.

We are asking our families for food (non-perishable) items to support our Christmas Mission.



We are hoping to support Blackburn Food Bank this year. Your donations are needed more than ever! Thank you for your support.



Thank you for all
your amazing donations!



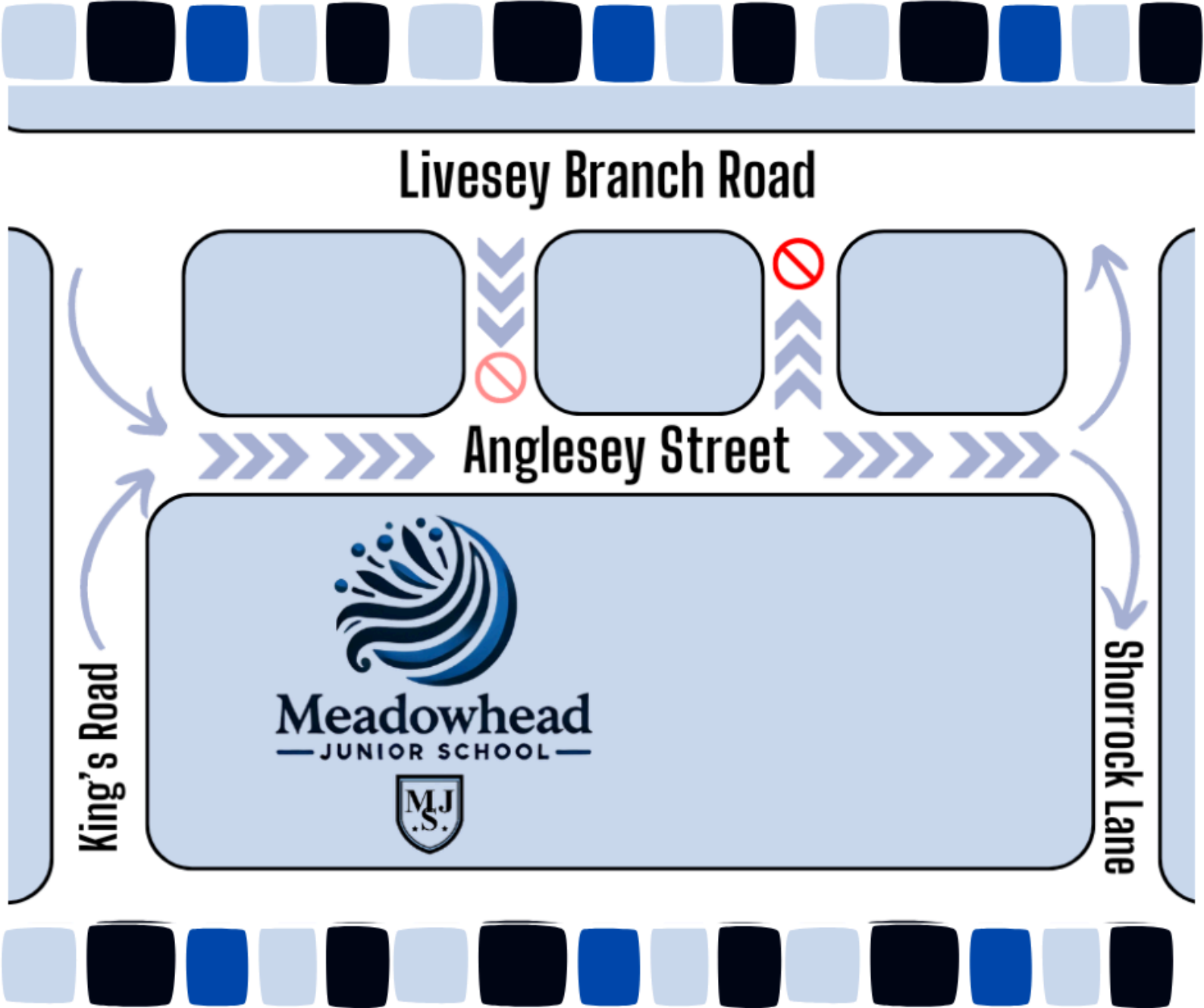
Meadowhead
— JUNIOR SCHOOL —

YOU ARE INVITED TO

*Our
Christmas
Fair*

**THURSDAY 12TH
DECEMBER
3.30PM TO 5.30PM**

Free entry



We would like to extend our gratitude to all those who consistently follow our unofficial one-way system during school drop-off and pick-up times. By adhering to this system, we help maintain a safe, calm, and orderly process for everyone.

Key Reminders:

- Please use Anglesey Street to enter, following the directional arrows as shown on the diagram.
- Livesey Branch Road serves as the primary approach route.
- Exiting should occur via Shorrock Lane to avoid congestion.
- Remember, the section marked with the red symbol is a no entry point, and we ask that everyone respect this.

Thank you again for your cooperation and understanding. Your efforts help create a smoother, safer experience for all involved.

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?**

