

NEWS



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Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers, and Pupils,
The first half term is completed and as we head into the half term I want to thank all children, parents and staff for their hard work and support over the last eight weeks.

The children have returned to school eager to learn and have settled back into school life really well.

Over the last eight weeks in school, the children have had visitors, trips and behaviour treats as well as attendance rewards.

As we continue to work hard in school, please take the time to read the updates on this newsletter as well as the key dates on the right. More key dates will follow so please check the arbor app and the school Facebook page.

DIARY DATES

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.

Friday 7th November: Blackburn Rovers 150th anniversary celebration. Children can wear their Blackburn Rovers top or blue or white t-shirts with normal uniform.

Tuesday 11th November: 6L Class assembly 10:15 - 10:40

Friday 14th November: Children in Need - 'Day of Challenges' - More details to follow

Friday 21st November: Panto at Blackburn Empire Theatre. Please make sure payments are made via the Arbor app by 14th November.

26th November: Stay & Read. More details to follow.

28th November: Non uniform day - please bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair

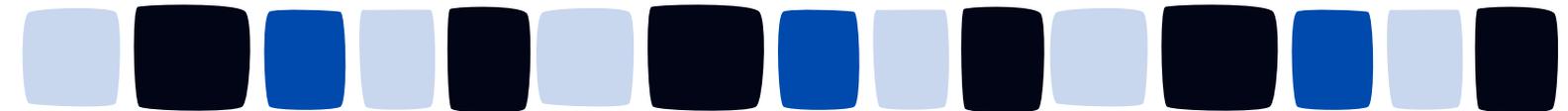


Behaviour Treat

High aspirations, Bright futures



This is a special reward for all the children who have remained on green or above on our go for gold behaviour system. It's a fantastic way to celebrate the children's hard work and positive choices.



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, 12th 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 and can be found on our website under the section, **children → classes.**

Uniform

I would like to thank you all for sending your children into school wearing the correct uniform. Children look smart, wearing the correct items and are ready to learn. Maintaining the high uniform standards is an important aspect of school life, and 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.

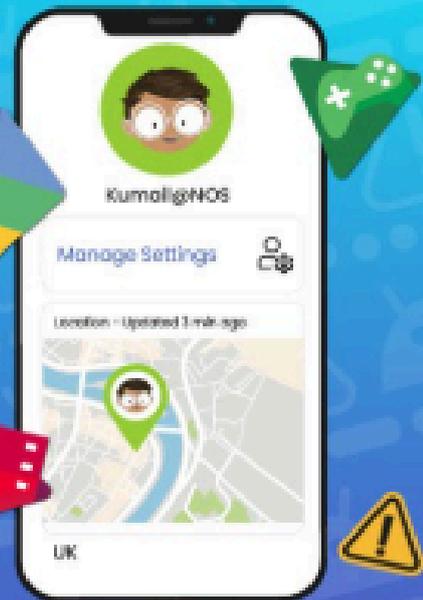
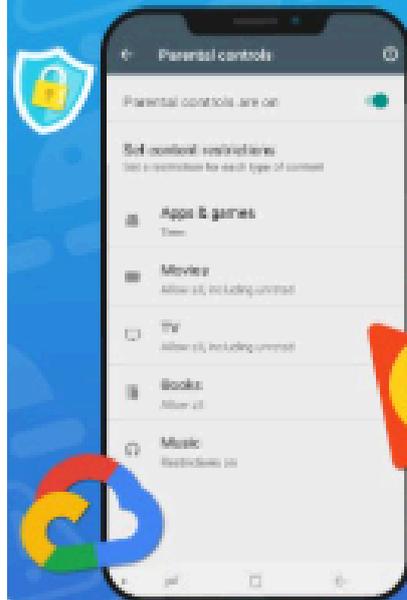
If you have ordered new uniform to be collected in school, this can be picked up at the school office.



How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS

Android Phone

On Android phones, restricting access to particular apps usually requires going onto Google Play. From there, it's fairly easy to navigate your way through the settings to manage the parental controls and authentications relating to any apps on the device. These features can prevent your child from downloading or buying anything unsuitable for their age. Updated versions of apps or games that your child has already installed may occasionally contain something inappropriate, so we've explained how to stop those, too.



How to Block App Downloads (This Also Disables In-app Purchases):

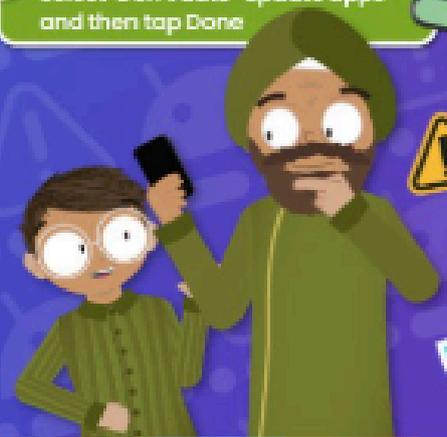
- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Scroll down to the Family section and tap Parental controls
- 5 Toggle 'Parental controls are off' to 'Parental controls are on'
- 6 Create a PIN and tap OK
- 7 Confirm your PIN and tap OK again
- 8 Tap Apps & Games
- 9 Set the age limit you wish to set
- 10 Tap Save to apply your changes

How to Stop Auto-updates

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Auto-Update Apps
- 5 Select 'Don't auto-update apps' and then tap Done

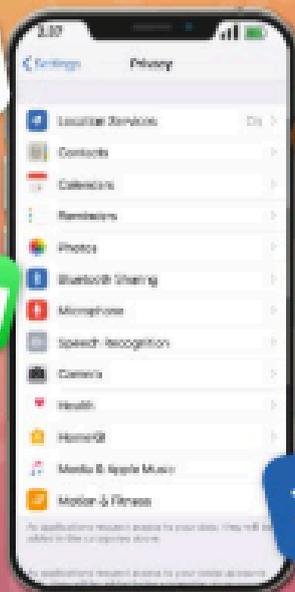
Restricting Apps Through Google Family Link

- 1 Open Google Play Family Link for parents
- 2 Tap the three horizontal lines in the top left
- 3 Select your child's account
- 4 Tap Manage
- 5 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 6 Tap Apps & Games
- 7 Select the age limit you wish to set



How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and Features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)

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

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.

