

NEWS



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Welcome

Dear Parents, Carers, and Pupils,

We have reached the end of the Autumn term and no week has been busier than this final one. The lead up to Christmas is always busy, exciting and very special for all the adults and children.

It has been great to see such wonderful support from our school community over the last half term and especially in December. Your support at the Christmas fair, the carol concerts and the Santa stay and read has been amazing. All the staff and children really appreciate it. It makes a huge difference.

As we finish for Christmas, I would like to wish everyone a fantastic and peaceful Christmas with your loved ones.

DIARY DATES

19th December: School closes at 1:30

6th January: School re-opens at 8:40

Key dates will be sent out the first week back and updates will be shared regularly throughout the half term. Dates will also be displayed on each base door.



A recap of this month



Behaviour Treat

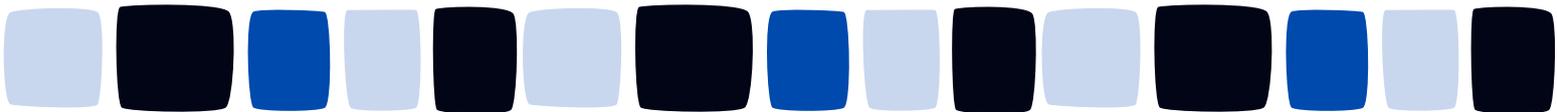
High aspirations, Bright futures

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. This half term's reward was Nerf Wars!



Carol concerts

Children performed carols for parents/carers. Thank you to everyone that came; it was very well attended.



Our Christmas fair was a huge success and we couldn't have done it without our school community.

A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported us.

Whether you hosted a stall, donated an item, bought a raffle ticket or played a game, it all makes a big difference. All

the money raised will go straight back into school and resources!

THANK YOU!



Free Half Term Family Fun available at the Family Hubs... Monday 22nd December-Wednesday 24th December...come and join us!!

<u>Monday 22nd December</u>		
Family Hub Little Harwood	10:00am-11:00am	Christmas Crafts
Family Hub Darwen	1.00pm-2.00pm	Jingle Bell Rock
<u>Tuesday 23rd December</u>		
Family Hub Darwen	10.00am-11.00am	Christmas Crafts
Family Hub Livesey	1.00pm-2.00pm	Breastfeeding support group
Family Hub Little Harwood	1.30pm-2.30pm	Jingle Bell Rock
<u>Wednesday 24th December</u>		
Family Hub Shadsworth	11.00am-12.00pm	It was the night before Christmas (story and Christmas themed activities)
Family Hub Shadsworth	1:00pm-2:00pm	Breastfeeding Support Group
Family Hub Livesey	1.00pm – 2.00pm	It was the night before Christmas (story and Christmas themed activities)

Free lunches for children are also available at the Family Hubs from 11:30am-1pm... Monday 22nd December-Wednesday 24th December.

Ring 01254 585000 to register.





Free HAF lunches

Monday 22nd December, 11:30 –
1:00

Tuesday 23rd December, 11:30 –
1:00

Wednesday 24th December 11:30 –
1:00

*You can collect your free lunch
from:*

Family Hub Darwen

Family Hub Little Harwood

Family Hub Livesey

Family Hub Shadsworth

- **To register, please call 01254 585000
or drop into your nearest family
hub/children's Centre.**



**Family
Hub**

Darwen | Little Harwood | Livesey | Shadsworth



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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS



If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.



RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

 Universal, suitable for all ages	 Parental Guidance required	 Suitable for people aged 12 and over	 Suitable for people aged 12 and over; anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult
 Suitable for people aged 15 and over	 Suitable for people aged 18 and over	 Adult content only available in specially licenced cinemas and specialist retailers	

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

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PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:

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LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.pegi.info



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.



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.

