

Meadowside Matters

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Growing at Meadowside Primary School



We are registered for The Sun's Books for Schools. Please help us to collect 3,500 tokens from Saturday 23 November to Saturday 18 January 2020. We can then claim over £600 worth of free books for our school



£600 Worth Of Free Books

Christmas at Meadowside

Over the last couple of weeks' a number of letters, tickets and information have been sent home, please check your child's bag for these. We appreciate that this is a busy time of year for everyone with lots going on so please continue to check for emails and texts from school, as well as the school website.

Please see email sent 29th November summarising all Christmas events at Meadowside

Christmas Lunch 12th December

If you have not ordered Christmas Lunch on School Grid please ensure your child has a packed lunch with them on this day. 'Spare' lunches will not be available on the day.

Additional Funding – Deadlines for applications 16th January 2020

PP+ Post-Lac funding

Our school may be entitled to additional funding if your child is adopted, has a special guardianship order, or child arrangements order or a residence order. The PP+ Post-Lac funding is spent on meeting the educational needs of children and whilst it is not a personal budget we have considerable freedom on how this is spent and we would involve parents and guardians in this process. Please inform the school office if we are not already aware.

Pupil Premium Funding

Pupil premium is additional school funding for disadvantaged children. It is paid directly to your child's school to improve the quality of their education. This enables us to help you financially with costs such as school trips, extra-curricular clubs, music lessons and other costs.

Your child's school may be entitled to pupil premium funding if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit
- National Asylum Seekers Support
- Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (income related)
- Universal Credit (income dependant)

Infant years: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2: All children at this age are eligible for free school meals so you will need to apply separately for the pupil premium for your child's school. Please be aware that a child must reside with the applicant to receive the pupil premium.

Year 3 and above: If your child is in year 3 and above, and you want to check eligibility for pupil premium, please use the free school meals form to apply for pupil premium entitlement. The school the child is attending will automatically get a pupil premium amount if the child is eligible for free school meals.

Class News

Buttercup – Nursery

This week the Buttercups have enjoyed the story of Stickman and have been re-enacting this in the tuff tray. We have had lots of fun in the Christmas grotto, wrapping presents, writing cards and decorating the Christmas tree. In maths we have been using the language long and short to measure and lastly we have been preparing for our Buttercup Boogie.

Owl & Robin Class –Year R

We are feeling very festive in Reception year! We have been making lots of Christmas crafts including Christmas Tree decorations. We have also been practising for our '5 Gold Rings' production

Lark & Rook Class – Year 1

In Year 1 we have been practising hard for our Christmas production. We have been reading Christmas poems and we have written our own star shaped poem too.

Swan & Dove Class – Year 2

In Year 2 we have been making lots of Christmas crafts this week. We are really excited about our Christmas production, and we have been rehearsing lots to give our best performance.

Swift & Sparrow Class – Year 3

What a busy time it is in Year 3! We are preparing for our Class Assembly, which is on Thursday. In English, we are really getting to grips with what a play script looks like and are writing our own. We are trying to encourage every child to choose suitable level reading books and complete AR (Accelerated Reading) tests to showcase their reading and understanding skills. There has been plenty of singing of Christmas carols too.

Osprey & Heron Class – Year 4

This week Year 4 have been designing Ancient Egyptian burial masks in topic. In Science we have been investigating which materials make good electrical conductors or insulators.

Kestrel & Kingfisher Class – Year 5

This week in Year 5 we have been completing our newspaper reports in English whilst also brushing up our singing skills in preparation for our Christmas Carol Concert next week. We hope you enjoy the mince pies!

Hawk & Eagle Class – Year 6

Year 6 have been looking at 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens to get us in the mood for Christmas! We are really trying to unpick the language and the corresponding emotion that this awakens in us, as readers. We have moved to decimal work in maths and are trying to really get to grips with how place value understanding is so important when working with these numbers. Can we show you what we have been doing?

Dates for your Diary

9 th Dec	Yr2 SATS Presentations
9 th Dec	Buttercup Day Trip
10 th Dec	KS1 Production (in School)
10 th Dec	Yr3 Carols at Baptist Church
11 th Dec	KS1 Production (in Church)
11 th Dec	Yr5 Carols & Mince Pies
12 th Dec	Christmas Lunch Day
12 th Dec	Rocksteady Concert
12 th Dec	Year 3 Assembly
13 th Dec	Panto Day (in School)
16 th Dec	EYFS Nativity Dress Rehearsal
16 th Dec	Buttercup Christmas Boogie
17 th Dec	EYFS Nativity
18 th Dec	EYFS Nativity
18 th Dec	Christmas Card Post Box closes
19 th Dec	Mufti Day & Class Christmas Parties
19 th Dec	Choir at Burton House
20 th Dec	Last Day of Term
23 rd Dec	Christmas
-2 nd Jan	Holiday
3 rd Jan	Training Day – closed to pupils
6 th Jan	School re-opens to Pupils