



Mesne Lea Primary School

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Newsletter – November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

We are looking forward to another busy half term on the run-up to Christmas. It has been particularly nice to welcome more new families into school.

Uniform - all the children have come back to school looking extremely smart – thank you for your support with this. We do have high expectations as we are very proud of the school and we hope you support us in making sure the children have the correct uniforms throughout the year. **Please ensure that all articles of clothing and footwear are clearly marked with your child's name and have loops for hanging on pegs where appropriate e.g. coats, cardigans.** It is the children's responsibility to ensure their coats and jumpers are placed in the correct place when they are taken off. This builds on their skills of independence and responsibility.

School Shoes - please ensure that your child wears sensible school shoes. Children are very active during the day both inside school and in the playground. Their shoes need to be comfortable and safe. "Strappy" sandals are likely to cause trips and falls - in extreme weather children will be allowed to wear boots/wellingtons for their journey into school and then change into school shoes.

Jewellery/Make-Up - including nail varnish, is not allowed in school. If your child is wearing nail varnish they will be asked to remove it for the next day. If this is not done then the child will be supplied with nail varnish remover and cotton wool and asked to remove it. For safety reasons children should not wear jewellery. Should your child need to wear jewellery for religious purposes please provide tape or micropore tape to cover the jewellery during the lesson so that it doesn't present a hazard to your child or others working alongside them. Your child's named supply of tape will be kept in the classroom.

P.E. Kits - please supply your child with a draw string bag which should be left at school during term time. The bag should have your child's name and class on it and contain a pair of black shorts, a white t-shirt and black pumps. As the weather becomes increasingly colder please also provide a plain, dark coloured tracksuit or jogging top and trousers so that children can also do outside PE.

Trips & Visits - are an important part of our curriculum. We are extremely lucky to be so close to excellent transport links which means as a school we can access a variety of exciting and engaging attractions. Unfortunately, transport costs or entrance fees are involved in most trips and all parents are asked to contribute to the cost of the trip. We want all children to be able to take part in these valuable experiences however, if this contribution is low then trips will be cancelled.

Minibus - recent uses of the mini bus have included trips to:

- Rugby, karate and hockey competitions
- Haigh Hall
- Our local area

Forthcoming uses of the minibus will include:

- A maths competition
- A visit to Media City



Only 187 out of nearly 17,000 schools in the country achieved 100% Level 4B+ in Reading, Writing and Maths.

Well done Mesne Lea Primary School!

Congratulations from Nick Gibb MP (January 2016)

Homework - we have had many discussions and debates, with staff parents and children, regarding homework and homework expectations, in an effort to determine what are best for our school, pupils and families. We have therefore, decided to implement a few changes to our existing homework policy. Further details will follow.

This year, we are having a real push on ensuring the basics are practised at home: regular reading and times tables. Research shows that children who read widely, generally have more success. We are therefore, asking all pupils to read nightly and for you to talk with your child about the book, which in turn helps with their comprehension and general oracy skills.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions please arrange to see a member of staff or send an email to school. We are continually updating the website and we do regularly 'tweet' about things that are going on in school. We also send many messages out by text to mobile numbers so please ensure that you keep us up to date with any changes.

Yours sincerely

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