



Meole Brace
C of E Primary School and Nursery



Community Respect Perseverance

HEADTEACHER NEWSLETTER

September 2024

BACK TO SCHOOL



I hope you have all had a restful summer and have been able to enjoy some quality family time over the break. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the new school year and I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all the children and families joining us for the first time, along with our new Teachers, Mrs Rachael Kirby-Murray and Miss Grace Nolan and also to our new Teaching Assistants Mrs Catriona Parry and Miss Megan Kelsall-Pugh.

BUILDING DEVELOPMENTS

It has been very busy in school over the break as a great deal of maintenance work has been completed to create the best possible environment for the children. As you will see, some of that work is still ongoing as the biggest job of the summer, the replacement of the decking outside the KS1 and Year 3 classrooms, is yet to be completed. While the Year 1 and Year 2 children will be able to enter the building through their classroom doors as usual, Year 3 will need to enter and exit through the red doors to the left of their classrooms and the hall as you look at them. Miss Owens and Miss Cooper will be waiting outside those doors to greet the children and as always Mrs Lakin, Mrs Bowdler, Ms Quinn-Hill and myself will all be out on the playgrounds to ensure everyone knows where they are going!



The 'Red Doors' through which Y3 will enter

Please bear with us while this work is completed over the next couple of weeks. It was essential that the decking be replaced at this time and it will look fantastic once it is finished but we do apologise for any inconvenience caused.

With all the work to co-ordinate and clean up after, I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Holloway, Mr. Breeze and our dedicated cleaning team for all their efforts in getting school ready.

CLASSROOM SWAP

Over the summer holiday we have also had a bit of a move around of the Key Stage 1 classrooms in order to create a more logical flow of the rooms up through the year groups as you walk along the corridors. The Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms have therefore swapped and starting from the far end (closest to Lighthouse) the order goes: Y1 Seals, Y1 Polar Bears, Y2 Octopuses and then Y2 Penguins. Please don't worry though – there will be signs on the doors to help you find the right room and the Teachers will be out on the decking each morning as always.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

Finally, I just wanted to say how much we are looking forward to working with you all over this academic year. The parent/carer workshops for Maths and Reading were such a great success last year and we plan to hold a range of similar events this year to ensure we work together to get the absolute best for each of the children. Also, should you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to us. The Class Teachers are always available on the classroom doors during drop-off or pick-up times as a first port of call, or if you need some more time, you can always arrange a meeting with them. Alternatively, you can arrange to meet with me, Mrs Lakin, Mrs Bowdler (SENDCo) or Ms Quinn-Hill, our Pastoral Support Advisor, if you feel it would be helpful in any way.

I wish everyone a successful term ahead – we cannot wait to welcome the children back into school and to see their smiling faces!

Mr. Bray, Headteacher

TERM DATES 2024/2025

September 2024	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024	January 2025
M 2 9 16 23 30	M 7 14 21 28	M 4 11 18 25	M 2 9 16 23 30	M 6 13 20 27
T 3 10 17 24	T 1 8 15 22 29	T 5 12 19 26	T 3 10 17 24 31	T 7 14 21 28
W 4 11 18 25	W 2 9 16 23 30	W 6 13 20 27	W 4 11 18 25	W 1 8 15 22 29
Th 5 12 19 26	Th 3 10 17 24 31	Th 7 14 21 28	Th 5 12 19 26	Th 2 9 16 23 30
F 6 13 20 27	F 4 11 18 25	F 1 8 15 22 29	F 6 13 20 27	F 3 10 17 24 31
S 7 14 21 28	S 5 12 19 26	S 2 9 16 23 30	S 7 14 21 28	S 4 11 18 25
Su 1 8 12 22 29	Su 6 13 20 27	Su 3 10 17 24	Su 1 8 15 22 29	Su 5 12 19 26

February 2025	March 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025
M 3 10 17 24	M 3 10 17 24 31	M 7 14 21 28	M 5 12 19 26	M 2 9 16 23 30
T 4 11 18 25	T 4 11 18 25	T 1 8 15 22 29	T 6 13 20 27	T 3 10 17 24
W 5 12 19 26	W 5 12 19 26	W 2 9 16 23 30	W 7 14 21 28	W 4 11 18 25
Th 6 13 20 27	Th 6 13 20 27	Th 3 10 17 24 30	Th 1 8 15 22 29	Th 5 12 19 26
F 7 14 21 28	F 7 14 21 28	F 4 11 18 25	F 2 9 16 23 30	F 6 13 20 27
S 1 8 15 22	S 1 8 15 22 29	S 5 12 19 26	S 3 10 17 24 31	S 7 14 21 28
Su 2 9 16 23	Su 2 9 16 23 30	Su 6 13 20 27	Su 4 11 18 25	Su 1 8 15 22 29

July 2025	August 2025
M 7 14 21 28	M 4 11 18 25
T 1 8 15 22 29	T 5 12 19 26
W 2 9 16 23 30	W 6 13 20 27
Th 3 10 17 24 31	Th 7 14 21 28
F 4 11 18 25	F 1 8 15 22 29
S 5 12 19 26	S 2 9 16 23 30
Su 6 13 20 27	Su 3 10 17 24 31

Shropshire Council	
School Day	190+2
School Holiday	
Bank Holiday	8
PD Days	5

2024/2025	
Autumn 1st Half	29 days
Autumn 2nd Half	24 days
Spring 1st Half	26 days
Spring 2nd Half	35 days
Summer 1st Half	16 days
Summer 2nd Half	35 days
Staff Total	186 days
Pupil Total	190 days

(Pupils are required to attend for 190 days)

