



Thursday 1st April 2021

Mease News

The end of another term! What an unusual one it's been! We're absolutely delighted that all of our children have been back with us for the last 4 weeks; they've settled back into school life seamlessly!

Our biggest change this half term has been allowing our Hedgehogs and Badgers to mix outdoors. It has been so lovely to watch new friendships blossom and to see children really taking care of one another.

Many thanks for supporting our Red Nose Day fundraising! We made £215! Isn't that amazing!

Thank you for joining Miss Simpson and Miss Iredale for Parent Meetings this week. Please find below a link to a very simple questionnaire (just 2 questions!) – we do value your feedback and would really appreciate it if you'd take a few minutes to complete it. We look forward to sharing with you your children's learning in their books in the summer term. Here's the link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9ZZHKPW>

You'll have seen that Miss Vernon posted her assembly from yesterday! We are about to embark on the eco-schools journey! Please chat to your children about this and, if they fancy the role of an Eco-Warrior, encourage them to make a poster. The children will have opportunity to share their posters and chat about why they would like the role after the holidays. As we learn in our Picture News assemblies, one of our British Values is Democracy - children will be encouraged to vote for the most suitable candidates for these prestigious positions!

Miss Vernon will also be training to be a Forest Schools Leader during the summer term! Exciting times as we continue to develop our provision.

Thank you to you all for your continued support following our return to school. We keep everything crossed that, as the road to normality continues, we can celebrate the end of the school year with you all in style!

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break!

Spare Clothing

We do have some spare clothing but would be really grateful for some more! Please think of us if your child has grown out of their trousers, skirts, t-shirts, shorts, tights and socks (in good condition)! Thank you!

Donations

Please let friends and relatives know that we are collecting! We would be really grateful for:

- Pots and pans for our Music Wall
- Prams, dolls and anything doll related
- Matchbox cars, model animals/insects
- Superhero figurines, books or comics
- Craft materials, eg, buttons, gems, feathers, material off-cuts
- Bunting
- Scooters (we know that's a big one but worth asking!)

Thank you so much!

School Meals

I have great news! Mrs Straw will be cooking on site from 10th May!

Whilst we've been really happy with the service provided by Ashwood Spencer, we are absolutely delighted that, at long last, Mrs Straw is going to be cooking in our sparkling kitchen!

A big thank you to Mr Purdy at Ashwood for looking after us so well for the last 18 months! Good luck to Mrs Straw (not that she needs it!).

We have new menus (these will be sent after the holiday). Week beginning 19th April – Menu 1; Week beginning 26th April – Menu 2; Week beginning 3rd May – Menu 3.

Term Dates – Summer term

Summer 1 2021	Monday 19 th April to Thursday 27 th May 2021 (<i>Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May</i>)
Summer 2 2021	Tuesday 8 th June to Thursday 22 nd July 2021
INSET days	Friday 28 th May (new date), Monday 7 th June 2021

Please see dates for next year on separate message. These are also on our website.





Track and Trace arrangements

To help in the national effort to limit the spread of COVID, the DfE has asked schools to put plans in place to allow enough time after we break up for Easter, for positive cases to be identified and confirmed by a test, and for relevant contacts to be traced.

If a child or staff member develops symptoms of coronavirus within 48 hours of being in school (up until 3.30pm on Saturday 3rd April), we will have to assist in identifying close contacts and advise self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

The following steps must be taken:

- If your child develops coronavirus symptoms up until 3.30pm on Saturday 3rd April, please notify me via email on headteacher@themeasespencer.co.uk, as soon as possible. I will check my emails periodically so please be aware that you might not receive an immediate response. **You will also need to arrange a coronavirus test.**
- Once you have the result of the coronavirus test (whether it is positive or negative), please let me know via email as soon as possible, on the email above. If I know anyone in the school community is waiting for a test result, I will be checking my email daily up until 7th April.
- If we receive notification of a positive case, we will need to identify children and staff who have had contact with the possibly infected person whilst in school. We will notify you via dojo to inform you if your child needs to isolate.
- In the event of having to isolate for 10 days, you will be sent a standard letter from Public Health informing you what actions to take.

If your child develops coronavirus symptoms after 3.30pm on Saturday 3rd April, you will not need to contact school. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Hopefully I will not have to contact you at the start of the holiday! We've done so brilliantly so far – let's hope our good luck continues!

Badgers news

Over the last couple of weeks, the children have thoroughly enjoyed spending more time outdoors exploring their local environment and learning all about the topics Spring and Minibeasts. We have enjoyed venturing in the grounds to find as many mini beasts as we could and were very excited when we discovered earwigs, woodlice, bees, spiders, ants and worms! The children have also loved investigating what happens in Spring and identifying changes during this new season.

In Maths children have been learning about 2D shapes and 3D shapes and developing their language to describe these shapes. This week we have been developing an understanding of the properties of shapes and discovering what 2D shapes we can create when printing using 3D shapes.

The children have finished this week with a fun Easter Egg hunt! We hope you have a lovely break and we're excited to learn all about Superheroes when we return to school.

Hedgehog news

The Hedgehogs have really enjoyed our topic work around minibeasts and Spring. We especially enjoyed our little walk along the footpath at the back of The Mease. We took note of what we could see, smell and hear. We were very excited to see a rabbit's bottom (tail!), frogs, frogspawn, ducks, birds and lots of other minibeasts. We used this lovely experience to write about what it would be like for Little Red Riding Hood to walk through the forest in our 'Writing Rainbow' lessons. We also enjoyed another English experience lesson where we lay on the floor in a dark room, looked up at the twinkly stars and listened to wolves howling. It was very calming and definitely a well-deserved treat for the children.

We look forward to welcoming you all back for another half term of fun! We will be learning all about Magnificent Beasts and launching our first day back at school with the dress-up day that we were supposed to have in January! We can't wait to see what dinosaurs/animals come bounding in through our Measey gates!

