



MEON INFANT SCHOOL

Leaping Forward Together

Newsletter

13th January, 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new term. I hope you all had an enjoyable break (which seems like a lifetime ago now). I also hope you were able to access the YouTube link for the children's Christmas Concert. I am sure you will agree they were amazing as usual and the camera did not phase them at all. Unfortunately, this link has now been taken down.

ASPIRATIONS WEEK: 17th – 21st January, 2022

Portsmouth City Council are organizing the above week. It is a chance for children to start thinking about what they might want to be in the future. "Early careers education offers schools a golden opportunity to cultivate curiosity, raise aspirations and ignite excitement in children about their own future". We are hoping to have some people from various professions come in to talk to the children and on **FRIDAY 21st JANUARY** we are asking the children to come to school dressed as something they would like to be when they grow up. (This is **not** a general non-uniform day).



DROP OFF/COLLECTION AT HOME TIME:



Following current Government and TSAT guidelines, in order to minimize the time parents are in on the school grounds we will now be opening the school gates at 8.45 ready for the 8.50 a.m. bell and ask that you do not arrive at school earlier than this. We also ask that once you have handed your child to the Teacher/T.A. you leave the playground immediately. At the end of the day the gates will be opened at 3.10 p.m. again we ask that you leave the playground immediately. We also ask that, where possible, you wear masks.

END OF SCHOOL DAY: We have noticed that quite a few Junior School/pre school aged children are playing on the equipment at the end of the school day. Please can I ask that if you have a junior school/pre school aged child in the playground they do not use the equipment or bike/scooter around unless supervised by an adult. Thank you.

FOMS:



On behalf of the staff and children I would like to offer a huge thank you to the marvelous ladies on FOMS who organized and ran the various events/parties before Christmas. In total we raised an amazing £2,035. I am sure the teachers will soon come up with a list of items they would like to purchase with it. We have already spent some money on updating the reading books in school.

MY ED COMMUNICATION LINK:



I am sorry to keep going on about this but I cannot stress how important it is that you download the My Ed app as this is the method we use to communicate with parents with either a text or email. If you have downloaded it but are still not getting messages please check with the school office that we have the correct email address/telephone number for you. Thank you.

PAYMENT FOR TRIPS ETC.

As previously informed we are now moving to +PAY for payment of some of the activities occurring in school. This can be accessed as part of the MyEd app. If you are having difficulty in setting up the +pay it may be easier to delete the app altogether and set it up again. You will then be given a link (code) to log into the +pay part of the app. Hopefully you will all have seen the instructions that were sent home by email earlier this week.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES: Reminder

Friday 18th February 2022
Friday 1st July 2022



SCHOOL LUNCHES:



There is a change to the menu next Thurs. (20th). It is an Italian theme with Pizza and pasta as the choice. (Jacket potatoes and sandwiches still available). The menu is displayed in the hall window.

SCHOOL PARKING: REMINDER



Please may I remind you not to park on the zig zag or single lines outside the school. There is a sign on the school fence which indicates no parking from 8.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m. Thank you for your co-operation.

SEESAW:

Seesaw will continue as our Online Learning Program; We will be using it for you to access homework and for Year R children to form part of their Learning Journeys.

As we move forward and electronic communication seems to have taken over our lives, I appreciate that there are two apps we are asking you to access – MyEd and Seesaw but they run independently and for different reasons – My Ed for communication with parents and payment system and SeeSaw is for curriculum based communication so you do need to have both up and running. Thank you for your continued support - I am sure we will all get there in the end!!!

TELEPHONE NUMBER: REMINDER

The school's main line telephone number is: **03333602170**.



Please can we ask that you make a note of it on your telephone as we have had several parents not answering calls from us as they think it is a bogus number. Thank you

WEBSITE:

We are currently updating our website but please take time to have a look as there is a lot of useful information on there.

www.meoninfantschool.org.uk

AND FINALLY:

Please can I ask that you send your child in dressed warmly for both inside and outside. We have to keep windows/doors open for ventilation and although the heating is on it can, sometimes appear a little cooler in school. For outdoor play please ensure your child has a warm (preferably waterproof) coat to wear and sensible, sturdy shoes as we do get them out as much as we can.

Kind Regards

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