



# MEADFURLONG SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO 255

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## SPRING TERM 2011

Dear Parents,

As the Spring Term draws to a close may I take this opportunity to wish you all a pleasant Easter holiday. I would like to thank all parents for their support with events that have taken place this term, particularly 'comic relief' where we raised £466 which is a great achievement.

The summer term begins with some quite unusual holidays so please take the time to read the section below regarding the days when the school is not open and put the dates of future events into your diaries for future reference.

### Reorganisation of Penwith and Meadfurlong Schools

Some parents have contacted us expressing concerns that Meadfurlong School is closing for good next year. **THIS IS NOT THE CASE.** Meadfurlong and Penwith Schools are going through an amalgamation process so the signs on the gates of both schools are part of that process. If there are no further objections then both schools will formally close in July 2012 and then reopen with a different name as one school in September 2012.

All parents did receive a booklet about this last year and the school held meetings to discuss this matter.

### Gospel Choir

One of our parents is involved in the community gospel choir and is able to offer tickets to the London Gospel Choir event on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

If you are interested the tickets are available at [www.mkcc.org.uk](http://www.mkcc.org.uk) or call 01908 670655

Tickets are £11 to £18

### Reading

Parents will no doubt be aware that we are trying to encourage you and your children to read more as it is such a vital skill. There is a free web site that is easy to use that parents can access. May I remind all parents that we have asked that you spend a few minutes each evening reading with your children and checking their times tables, this will assist teachers and your children to make the necessary progress in their education.

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

### Bakugans Toys and Cards

Will all parents please note that these are banned from school and will be confiscated if seen by teachers; this is because children are playing with them in class and disrupting the learning taking place.

### School Closure Dates

School closes at the end of school on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April for the Easter Holiday

**School reopens on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.**

School closed on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for the royal wedding and Bank Holiday Monday.

**School reopens on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.**

School close at the end of school on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June.

**School reopens on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

School closes at the end of school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July for the summer holiday.

**School reopens on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.**

### Library Books

We have a number of library books that are long overdue and are likely to be in your home somewhere. Could you please get your children to search for any books that belong to school over the Easter holiday. May I remind you that any lost books will be charged at £5 each if they are not returned to school.



**Other Important Events**

Our Year 6 children have their SAT's Tests in the week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. All parents must make sure that their children will be in school during that week to complete these tests.

May I remind you all that these tests are statutory so the government insist on us completing them by law; they can only be done in the week stated.



The children in the rest of the school will be taking their end of year assessments in the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

The visit to France leaves on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May for four days returning on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.

The school will be involved in a 'Fitness Activity Week from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

Year 6 children who will attending the Academy have induction days on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

Sports Days this year will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July for Year 4 and Year 6 with Year 3 and Year 5 having theirs on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Our School Fair is planned for Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

The school concert will be on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

The Year 6 Prom will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July and their visit to Wicksteed on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July.



**Dinner Supervisors Request**

Some of our parents are currently dinner supervisors and they are doing a great job of looking after the children at lunchtime.

We are in desperate need of indoor games, ideas for playground games and suitable DVD's to use with the children at lunchtime.

If you have any unused items that are still in reasonable condition that you could donate to the school we would be really grateful.

**Clothes Recycling**

Throwing away clothing is not only wasteful but also harmful to the environment so why not help by giving your CLEAN unwanted clothes to the Salvation Army Clothing Collection Scheme.

If you have any unwanted clothes please bag and label them then bring them to school to put in the schools recycle bin. All school clothing which is in lost property is also put into this recycling bin.

**Water Bottles**

Now that we are preparing for the Summer Term it will be even more important that each child has a water bottle to enable them to rehydrate. If children become thirsty it affects their ability to concentrate which in turn affects their ability to learn. The water bottle must be cleaned and filled at home each evening and have a stopper that prevents spillage if it falls over.

**School Web Site**

Please remember to check the school web site for updates on information and a copy of this Newsletter. Year 4 have entered some encouraging information about the children.

[www.meadfurlongschool.co.uk](http://www.meadfurlongschool.co.uk)

**Education City**

Some parents have already accepted the invitation to take advantage of 'Education City' which is an on line resource that we use at school. If you have not done we are attached the letter again for you to read.

**Holiday Dates**

The Holiday Calendar from September 2011 until July 2012 are printed overleaf.

**Finally**

We are sure parents would like to know that Mrs Nagra has safely given birth to a beautiful daughter - Daya. We have sent our congratulations to Mrs Nagra and her husband

J.K.BAILEY