



*I hope you enjoyed half term. The staff and children were certainly ready for a few early nights and now we're back ready for the next stretch. Everyone has jumped into new topics and of course, Christmas is on the horizon.*

- Mon 22nd Nov - School photographer day (Indvl & sibling portraits)
- w/c 22nd Nov - Y6 Bike-ability
- Tues 23rd Nov - Health Team administering flu jabs
- Fri 3rd Dec - History Van (Y1 & 2)
- Tues 7th Dec - History Van (Y5 & 6)
- Mon 13th Dec - History Van (Y3 & 4)
- Tues 14th Dec - Nursery Xmas Party
- Wed 15th Dec - Rec & KS1 Xmas party
- Thurs 16th Dec - KS2 Xmas Party

### CHARITY PLANNING

Remember to let us know if you have any preferences about charities you would like us to support.

### PARENT GOVERNOR

We did not receive any nominations for parent governor so we will be running this process again. If you would like to speak to an existing governor about the role, either collar Tom Bassindale or Emilio Bayarri or contact the school office and we will connect you with one of our governors.

### EMAIL ADDRESSES

Please please please make sure we have your most up to date email addresses. If we don't have them, you won't get letters, which is frustrating for you and for us! Many thanks.

Hopefully you have already seen the letter about Christmas. Here are the dates for the outdoor class performances:

Nursery	Thurs 16th Dec 10.45am & 2.45pm
Reception	Mon 13th Dec - 2.50pm
Year 1	Wed 8th Dec - 2.50pm
Year 2	Thurs 9th Dec - 2.50pm
Year 3	Tues 7th Dec - 2.50pm
Year 4	Tues 14th Dec - 2.50pm
Year 5	Fri 10th Dec - 2.50pm
Year 6	Wed 15th Dec - 2.50pm

### NEW WIFI

Over half term we had the wifi system replaced. We are on a mission to update our infrastructure. This will take time, patience (and money!) but we are determined to get Meersbrook Bank up to date. We have a Computing training day for the staff in the Spring term too.

### COVID TESTING

Just a reminder lateral flow tests should only be used when there are no symptoms. When there are symptoms, a PCR test is needed.

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

All of the children have been thinking hard about bullying and how to deal with it. Thankfully this is a rare occurrence at Meersbrook as the vast majority of our children treat others with a great deal of respect. The children are wearing odd socks every day this week to raise awareness of this important issue.

### POPPIES

All of our children contributed to this amazing piece of art which is proudly hung on the railings on Binfield Road. As part of our Remembrance activities.



## GIFTS FOR STAFF

Last year, bringing gifts into school was problematic due to covid. This year, things are a little less prescriptive so we are able to relax those rules a bit so if you wish to send a gift in that's OK. However, last year the staff (and children) really appreciated their new reading books which were posted directly to us so we will be renewing our Amazon gift lists for any parents who would prefer to choose this option. As ever there is absolutely no expectation that you buy gifts - we appreciate that this is an expensive and busy time of year.



## CARDS

We have been advised once again that cards which are posted into a box in the morning will be 'safe' to open in the afternoon, so we be offering a post box and a delivery system again!

## SHOPPING LINKS

You can now support Friends of Meersbrook Bank School on #easyfundraising! When you sign up as a supporter, 4,300 shops and sites will donate for free, every time you shop online. This includes all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat and many more! <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofmeersbrookbankschool>



## CAN YOU HELP?

We have collated all the ideas from the children and parents about the playground project and put together our plan. We just need someone who could capture this in an artistic way! Could that be you? Might you know someone who could help? Please let us know, so that we can share the 'vision' with everyone!

## SEND Get-Together - For parents of children with SEND

Come and join us for our monthly virtual SEND get together. Each session lasts 1 hour and is delivered by a Parenting Practitioner and a SEND Practice Lead. We will deliver a short presentation and then there is a chance to ask questions and share any worries or concerns.

**November**-Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 10.00am-11.00am. Children and Young people understanding their emotions

**December**-Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 10.00am-11.00am. Parents taking care of themselves

**January**-Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am-11.00am. Connecting with your child and stress-free time

**February**-Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022 10.00am-11.00am. Social and Independence skills

**March**-What's your child's sensory profile-Date to be decided

To book a place please log onto [Sheffield Parent Hub Events | Eventbrite](#)

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