



Healey School Newsletter

Thursday 16th of November 2023

Please download and use our new school app!

All our payments for meals, trips, events and consent for competitions and clubs will eventually be done via the School Gateway app. To get set up you need to download the School Gateway app from App store or Google Play store.

Sign up and then follow the information on the email set to you.

Please ensure that you have this installed on your mobile device – our school office can help you if need be.

There are only 18 families not yet signed up on the app – Help us to get everyone signed up!

Does your child want a Christmas dinner in school this year?

If your child usually has packed lunches but would like to have the Christmas dinner in school this year, they will need to sign up for a school dinner on the School Gateway App.

The cost of Christmas dinner is £2.60.

This will be available to be signed up for from Monday – you must have the school app to order.

Children who already have school dinner do not need to sign up!

Christmas Dinner will be on Tuesday 19th of December.



Lots of fun was had at the Healey School Halloween Disco.

We raised over £700 for school funds!



Flu immunisations for all pupils – Friday 23rd of November

The school nurse team will be in school on Thursday the 23rd of November to offer free Flu immunisations to all our pupils.

If you wish for your child to have the flu vaccine this year please complete the form by following the link below.

<https://nhslmms.azurewebsites.net/session/82b854d8>

This link is now active and will close on the 22nd November.

Follow the link for more info.

Measles is on the rise again

We have been asked to inform you that there has been an increase in the number of children contracting measles across the country. This has been associated with a decrease in the number of children entering school with having had the MMR. Please read the attached information at the bottom of the newsletter.

Christmas Celebrations at Healey School.

I know Christmas seems a long way off, however I know how prepared our Healey parents like to be.

Therefore below are the dates of our Christmas performances this year.

Tuesday 12th of December – Year 3 and 4 performances at 2pm and 6pm

Wednesday 13th of December – Reception Nativity at 9:30am and 1:30pm

Wednesday 13th of December – Year 1 and 2 performances at 2pm and 6pm

Thursday 21st of December – Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert at 9:30am

Syke Christmas tree switch on.

This Friday sees the switch on of the Syke Christmas tree lights. We are delighted to have been asked to provide a choir to sing some carols at the event this year. Anyone is welcome to attend – there will be a few festive stalls in the Methodist church hall afterwards.

The events starts at 6pm – Mr Hopkins, Mrs Ross and Mrs Hibbins will be there, as will the Healey School Choir.

Before and After School Club.

Our before and after school club is busier than it ever has been with often over 40 pupils attending both morning and evening.

We know that our club provides a vital service for our working families to provide wrap around care whilst many of you are busy at work.

It is only meant to be used for this purpose and not as an after school activity club.

It may be the case in the future that we will have to cap the numbers who can attend for safety reasons.

Please only use the club if you need it for child care reasons.

Children In Need – Friday 17th November!

Tomorrow is Children in Need

Children can come to school in Pyjamas or spotty clothing for a £1 donation. They must return the colouring competition with 50p attached if they want to take part – Little Pudsey teddies and Pudsey ears to be won!

There will be a bun stall at break time – 50p a bun!

THE GREAT SPOTACULAR

BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED

WHAT

COME IN YOUR PJAMAS OR
YELLOW/SPOTTY/PUDSEY CLOTHING.
£1 DONATIONS

**WE'RE RAISING
MONEY FOR
BBC CHILDREN
IN NEED**

WHEN & WHERE

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2023



BAKE SALE!

**CUPCAKES &
BISCUITS WILL BE
ON SALE AT BREAK
TIME FOR 50p!**

MEASLES

Don't let your child catch it

– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

- Measles is in the news again. There have been serious outbreaks in Wales and England and the number of children catching measles is rising.
- Measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill.
- Your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination.
- Two doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection.
- If your child is due to have had two doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should make an appointment with the surgery.*
- If you can't remember if your child has had any, one or two doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to the surgery.
- If you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have two doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected.

*In response to a local outbreak then the two doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.



Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine

Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?

Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Although we have high rates of vaccination in the UK, the levels dropped some years ago when the MMR vaccine was mistakenly associated with autism. This led to some babies not being vaccinated and so measles is spreading rapidly among these children now they are older.

Because of the scare some years ago, I gave my child a single measles vaccination, can they have the two doses of MMR?

Yes; it's recommended your child has two doses of MMR. You will also be protecting them against rubella and mumps.

When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?

The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at three years and four months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with two doses one month apart.

Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?

Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to six weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the three diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?

As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles or two doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

Back in 1994, a large part of the population aged 5 to 16 was immunised against measles and rubella so people in this age group are almost certainly immune and therefore they too don't need to get vaccinated now.

For more information about
measles and MMR go to:
[www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/
Pages/Introduction.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx)