



Welcome to your new-look Newsletter!! We're moving to a shorter Weekly Update to try to give everyone the most up-to-date information and help make planning ahead a bit easier. Our school website (www.mdcps.org.uk) is still the main source of information for parents and gives the longer-term view, but this Weekly Update is aimed at giving you a quick look at what we've done this week together with any news we have to share and a look forward to the week ahead. We're aiming to publish this on a Friday afternoon each week and would value any feedback you may have on layout or suggestions for items to include in future Updates.

Term 5, Week 1 - 23rd to 26th April



It's great to be back after the Easter break!

The weather has been kind to us this week and the children have been able to get out and about - Years 3&4 to the Library and Reception to Moor Farm. Please have a look at the Twitter feed on the front page of our website for more photos.

Y6 have made an excellent start to their SATS practice this week and will be continuing with more practice sessions next week.

We are delighted to share with you the news that Mr and Mrs Pickering are expecting their first child in October 2019 and are sure you will help us support Mrs Pickering throughout her pregnancy.

Term 5, Week 2 - 29th April to 3rd May

Next week is "Powerdown Week" - an excellent initiative championed by our Eco Council. We will be reading the meters every day to look at our energy consumption, and seeing what difference the new solar panels are making. We are looking to save energy by:

- Not using interactive whiteboards.
- Unplugging electrical items in the classroom (laminators, photocopier(!), charging units etc)
- Using pre-charged laptops instead of desktop computers.
- Not using lights, or at least turning them off when not in use.
- Making the most of natural daylight.
- Taking lessons outdoors.
- Closing doors and windows if it's cold to maintain heat inside.
- Using the air conditioning sparingly.
- Turning off radiators and heaters - wear extra layers of clothing if it's cold.
- Using paper towels instead of hand driers.
- Bringing in our own water bottles so we don't need plastic cups.

Hopefully this will encourage the children to think about using energy and resources, so anything you can do at home to back up these ideas would be great!

Weekly Planner: Term 5, Week 2 - 29th April to 3rd May

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Clubs	Cooking with Mrs Moxham (Year 2) 3.30-4.15pm	LEGO with Mr Ratchford 3.30-4.30pm Key Stage 1 Sports 3.30-4.15pm Key Stage 2 Art & Craft 3.30-4.15pm Gymnastics - lunchtime Choir - lunchtime		Key Stage 2 Sports 3.30 - 4.15pm	
Sporting Events			Ocelots Swimming 10-11am	KS2 Girls Football Tournament (Local Cluster) @ MDCP 1.30-3.15pm	
Special Class Events					
Whole School Events	Powerdown Week	Powerdown Week	Powerdown Week	Powerdown Week	Powerdown Week Celebration Assembly 2.30-3.15pm
PTFA Events					