

Weekly Bulletin

December 20th 2024



We are enjoying a wonderfully festive last few days of term in school and it has been delightful to see the whole school joining together to share in this special time of year. I would like to say many thanks to everyone within our community: to parents, PTA members, friends, governors, staff and especially the children who have contributed to making this another very special term of 'Learning Together for life' at Meldreth Primary School.

A huge well done and congratulations to all the pupils, staff and volunteers for making this week's Key Stage 2 Carol Concert a huge success. It was a packed Church and I can't commend the children enough for their confidence and talent on what can be a nerve wracking evening performing to you all.

This concert is always a highlight of the Meldreth Primary School calendar and it is also a time to celebrate our children's musical talent. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved, including parents and staff who have spent a great deal of time preparing the children for this concert. Mrs. Haines, thank you for your dedication to our school. Finally a special thank you goes to the children and their parents who each year support this event so enthusiastically

I hope that over the holidays you will have time to relax and have fun together with your families. Enjoy this festive season, it is a good time to count our blessings. This is the last newsletter of the term and I

would like to wish you and your families a wonderfully peaceful and Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Tuesday 7th January.

Communication

It has been so lovely this term to see many of our Year 2 and older pupils walking to their class from the gate each morning showing our value of independence. Parents, please remember that the start of the day is not a time to share messages with class teachers as they are busy ensuring pupils are supported with morning tasks on their arrival to school.

If you wish to talk to your class teacher, they are available at the end of the day and any urgent messages, can be passed on to staff by Mrs Barham in the school office.

NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that we can help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.



The poster features the NHS logo at the top right with the tagline 'Providing NHS services'. The main headline reads: 'Most pharmacies can help you with seven common conditions without needing a GP appointment'. Below this, a list of conditions is provided with their respective age groups: Sinusitis (adults and children aged 12 years and over), Sore throat (adults and children aged 5 years and over), Earache (children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years), Infected insect bite (adults and children aged 1 year and over), Impetigo (adults and children aged 1 year and over), Shingles (adults aged 18 years and over), and Urinary tract infection (women, aged 16 to 64 years). Small inset photos show a pharmacist interacting with a child and a parent. At the bottom, it says 'Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free* NHS service' and 'Visit your Pharmacy First!'. A small asterisked note at the very bottom states: '*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied'.

Attendance Matters

At Meldreth Primary School we firmly believe that all pupils benefit from regular school attendance. Full and regular attendance at school is crucial for a child's future life chances and establishes a positive work ethic early in life. **It is very important for all children to attend school every day and to arrive on time before the gates open at 8.40.am.** The school day starts at 8.50! Children who arrive late miss instructions and explanations and distract other pupils who have settled to work. Government research suggests that: 17 missed school days a year = 1 GCSE grade DROP.

What you can do to help

- Make sure your child arrives at school on time. This encourages habits of good timekeeping and lessens any possible classroom disruption. If your child arrives after the register has closed, this will be recorded as an 'unauthorised' absence for that session.

- If your child has to miss school it is essential that you contact school on our answer phone line before 9am.
- If you know or think that your child is having difficulties attending school, please speak to us.
- Thank you all for ensuring that your child is collected promptly at the end of each day and for contacting the school if your collection arrangements change.

Upcoming Events	
Monday 6th January	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Tuesday 7th January	Spring Term begins
Thursday 23rd January	STEM Club
Wednesday 29th January	Bedtime Story Event
Friday 7th February	PTA Bingo Night
Friday 14th February	Love Your Home Start Day – Wear Pink
Thursday 27th February	Parent Consultations
Monday 3rd March	
Monday 10th March	Science week

From the Team at Meldreth Primary School – we wish you well!

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**RECYCLE
 YOUR TREE**



Arthur Rank Hospice Charity



- Registration Opens 15th Nov 2024
- Registration Closes 5th Jan 2025
- Collecting 9-11th January 2025

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For costs, Arthur Rank Hospice Charity receive 90% and up to 10% will be distributed by Just Helping to other local charities. More information on where your donation goes can be found on our website.

JustHelping supports volunteers, businesses, and charities to contribute to their community and the environment. Our national Christmas tree collection raises essential funds for charities in the local community.





Make Praise & Story after School club 2nd Thursday monthly 3.10p.m. – 4.10pm.

We meet on the second Thursday monthly at 3.10p.m. for an hour. We start each session with a drink and a biscuit. In November we had Remembrance/remembrance as our topic and in December we talked about the nativity. Each session we plan to make a card or display to go up in Holy Trinity Church and the children make something to take home.

Our next session will be on Thursday 9th January and we will be following up the nativity story of December with the arrival of the Kings or wise men. You can enrol for this using the school system.

You might have seen these cards displayed in Holy Trinity Church when you were there for the excellent service the children had on 17th December, our congratulations to all who were involved in this wonderful event.

