

13th January 2017

Congratulations Ash House. Winners of the House point challenge last term.

MELDRETH MESSAGES



Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen by their teachers to receive a Headteacher's award:

Booker S, Chloe V, Elliot F, Harvey T, Jamie B and Gracie P

Olympic Values Trophy

For respect, excellence and friendship in sport our trophy winners this week are...

Alex F, Rennie F, Kimberley W, Toby L, Levi D and Megan H

Writer of the Week

This week **Lucy H** was noticed in class for her extended and creative Viking Saga Sven, Lars and the Lost Chalice. Well done Lucy

Home Learner of the Week

Well done **Sienna B** for your Polar research.

Running Club Trophies

Awarded to **Annabelle H, Henry D-S & Toby C**

House Points

Wow! What a tremendous number of good deeds already seen in school this term!

Oak	Ash
211	265
Elm	Beech
184	326

It's that time of year again and thanks to our recent power cut we have tested out our communication methods. Do you get our email messages as notifications via the eSchools Mobile App? More info on the website.

In the event of extreme inclement weather, whenever possible, Meldreth Primary School will remain open. When heavy falls of snow develop overnight and continue into the following day or extreme icy conditions occur, we will inform you by 7.30 am if the school is to be closed.

The closure will be announced on the school website at www.meldreth.cambs.sch.uk and please check for an email message from school. On bad weather days check on the front page of www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk, search for 'Cambridge School Closure', or listen to one of the following stations:

- BBC Radio Cambridgeshire
- Heart 103 and 102.7

Once the school is open for the day we will remain open until the end of the normal school day at 3.30 pm. If heavy snow falls during the day and you are concerned about getting your child home, you are welcome to collect your child earlier. Please do not telephone in these circumstances, just call into school to collect the children. Phone lines do become extremely blocked as you can imagine. It is our aim to open school every day but the safety of our children and our staff are our main considerations when making difficult decisions.

Important Announcements

Please remember that trainers are not allowed and that children are asked to wear **school shoes** to school.

Menu choices for the **Swallow, Chaffinch and Woodpecker class choice day next Thursday 19th to be returned a.s.a.p.**

O2 tickets to be collected please from the finance office.

All remaining clubs will start next week.

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Diary Dates

January

Monday 16th Young Voices school concert

Wednesday 18th Young Voices Concert

Friday 27th Kingfisher Cake Sale

Tuesday 31st Y3/4 5 a side Football

February

Friday 3rd Feb - PTA Discos

13th – 17th Half Term school closed

Monday 27th High 5's Competition

Hedgehog Donations

Thank you for all your donations to Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital.

- Cat and dog food pouches/tins from meat NOT fish selections,
- Wild bird mealworms, or
- Kitten dry mix cat foods, all welcome.



Chaffinch class flight to Greenland including bag search and snacks on board!



School Performance

Our school's 2016 performance data can now be accessed online at: <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk>. Once again outcomes are significantly above local and national averages in nearly all measures. If you haven't made a new year's resolution yet...consider reading to and with your child at least until secondary school. At Meldreth Primary we know that brilliant things happen when families read together. Research shows that a child who reads for fun will do better at school, even in subjects like maths. Not only that, but you will also benefit from an incredible bonding experience – forming precious family memories. So could you find just ten minutes a day to share a story with your child? See the reading section of our website for more advice.

Parent Governor Vacancy

Are you the parent of a child in our school? Are you enthusiastic about our school and your child's education? Do you have some spare time each month? We are looking for a Parent Governor who can come and work with the staff and other Governors and take responsibility for the strategic direction of the school, promoting high standards of education and ensure our resources have maximum impact.

Gymnastics at Meldreth

We are pleased to announce that Premier Sport is launching two brand new early morning gymnastics clubs at school next week. Each session will last for 40 minutes and hopefully leave the children energized and ready for learning. Places are limited. Please see the leaflet sent home this week and book online.

Dinner Money Payments

Dinner money for this half term is £63 or £2.25 each day. Cambridge Catering Services ask that dinner money is paid in advance by ParentPay, cash or a cheque made out to 'Meldreth Primary School'. Please feel free to use the secure finance letterbox.

Children and Young People's Mental Health

We have been made aware of some new services and resources available across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for young people and their carers. With half of all lifetime mental health problems emerging by the age of 14, ensuring that children and young people have the right support early on is vital.

www.keep-your-head.com is a new young people's mental health website for young people, parents and carers, teachers and other professionals. It is a central point for good quality information on keeping well, self-help and support services.