

MELDRETH MESSAGES



Headteacher's Award

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

Bailey J; Bertie L; Annabel W; Alexander P; Theo G-R and Liam P

Olympic Values Trophy

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

Sam F; Darcy S; Joshua P and Charlie Ch.

House Points

Three day of hard work has earnt our teams a total of 321 house points.
Well done Ash House...

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Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and that 2016 has started well for you and that you are all still holding fast with those New Year resolutions! As at the start of every year, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff to thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts we received at the end of last term. We were all very touched at the thought put into the gifts and messages that we received.

We wish a very warm welcome to a new member of our teaching staff who has joined us this term. **Mrs Gray joins us as Swallow class teacher** sharing the class with Mrs Pemberton.

Spring term is always a short one. This means that we have much to pack in. Do keep an eye on our website calendar and newsletters for dates and events. We will try to give you as much notice as possible. In return, please remember to let the office know if your contact details change or if your child will be absent due to illness, (we need to know the reason for every absence as this is a legal requirement).

We will be running another round of parents and carers consultation evenings, in February, and it is always lovely to see you there. Our new online booking system will be activated next week. Please watch out for an email alert. Later this term we will be sending out our annual Parents' Survey. Please look out for this online questionnaire in your email box (paper copies will be available on request). It is an integral part of our school monitoring cycle and we will feed back responses and views later in the term.

We wish all Meldreth Primary School families a successful and positive start to the Spring term.

Year 1 & 2 National Flu immunisations take place in school on **Monday morning**. Please see the flu vaccination advice leaflet in News section on our website (uploaded in September).



The journey of a river...more to see and learn from Woodpecker class in our library

Diary Dates

January

Monday 12th - Clubs start this week

Friday 15th – KS2 visit to Sutton Hoo

Tuesday 26th - Young Voices Choir
O2 performance

Friday 29th - EDF A Football Finals
Kings school Ely

February

Friday 5th - Kingfisher cake sale

Monday 8th - E-safety week begins

Friday 12th (school closed)
(Lookout club open)

Monday 15th - Friday 19th Half term

March

Friday 4th -Y3 Bikeability & Mothers
Day Tea party

Thursday 17th -Y5 Humanities Day
MVC

Friday 18th - Sports Relief Fun-run
and Robin class cake sale

Friday 25th - End of Spring Term

Parking Plea

Please remember to park considerately and with due care for children walking to and from school. As you may be have seen earlier this week the local police are vigilant in connection with parking on the zig-zag lines outside school and it is likely that cars which park on the corner of Elin Way or on these lines obstructing children's views of the road when crossing will be issued with a parking ticket.

Attendance Matters

At Meldreth Primary School we are committed to improve attendance as we understand the impact that good attendance has on your child's attainment. **Punctuality is very important too, both for your child settling into to class without worry and for the smooth running of the school day.** Remember how you feel when you arrive late and the session has already started!

Can I please remind all parents of the need to teach children the importance of being on time through ensuring that they are **in the classroom by 8.50am** when the register is taken? It is also every parent's responsibility to ensure that their child attends school. We celebrate and reward excellent class attendance (well done again Jay class). Remember, good attendance and punctuality is hugely important to how well children achieve at school.

Communication Matters

Staff are always pleased to talk to you about your child. However, at the beginning of the day they are responsible for settling and registering the children and so will not be able to speak with you easily then. Please feel free to come in to school to speak to staff at the end of the day or if it is urgent leave a message at the office. We will ensure this message gets to your child's teacher. Thank you.

Extra Funding for your child

If you have never claimed Free School Meals funding before but believe you would be entitled to do so, we would encourage you to take the time to complete a claim form. This online form is available under the school meals section of our school website or alternatively Mrs Robinson will be available every morning next week between 9.00am and 9.15am to provide support for parents wishing to register. **Every child that registers for Free School Meals could generate an extra Pupil Premium fund, to pay for valuable support such as intervention projects, additional teaching or extracurricular activities for your child.** All money that comes into school this way goes straight to support for those children that need it – this does not mean that your child has to have a school dinner but will help gain substantial additional funds to support your child in school.

School Places

If you have a child due to start school in September (born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012) , you must apply for a school place by **15 January 2016**. Please contact Admissions at <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions>

or telephone on 01223 699200/ 699662.



Scenes from this week's pantomime version
of the story "Sleeping beauty"