

Weekly Bulletin

March 15th 2024



Puffin and Hawk class Secret Garden exploration

It was lovely to see the children so enthusiastic during Red Nose Day today! **So far, we have raised a total of £540.82 for Comic Relief - a fabulous thank you to you all!**

It has been a fun filled experimental week here at Meldreth as children have been learning about all things scientific. In our science week this year, children in all classes took part in a number of extra scientific activities, some inside and some outside.

Before the Easter break, all children will be taking part in discussions about the **changes that happen as we grow**. We feel that it is important that children grow up to be confident about themselves and about changes they may experience, not only as their bodies change but as their emotions and relationships change. A selection of the resources we share with the children can be seen on our [website](#).

Your Child's Sleep

The Children's Wellbeing Service are aware that many parents struggle with their child's sleep and have produced four short videos [Part 1](#) - [Part 2](#) - [Part 3](#) - [Part 4 - \(adolescents\)](#) to support you further.

Life Bus Visit



As part of our Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education (PSHCE) scheme of work, we are fortunate to be having a visit from the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Life Education Centre on the last two days of term.

Children in Years 1 - 6 will visit the high-tech classroom and have a lesson to understand the human body in order to make healthy choices for later life.

Summer Uniform

A huge thank you to parents and pupils for the standard of school uniform this term. If you are thinking of upsizing to your [next school uniform](#) before the summer holidays or dressing in cooler summer uniform please bear in mind our guidance:

- white or dark green polo shirt, or white blouse
- dark grey trousers, skirts or shorts (no leggings please)
- green and white check or striped summer dress
- flat, dark shoes or sandals with a good grip and proper support (no flip-flops or crocs please)
- Jewellery and nail polish are not permitted in school. The exception to this rule are small earring studs or a watch in KS2.

School Attendance

Meldreth Primary School is committed to 100% attendance. However, we recognise there are times when your child cannot attend school - when they are ill or they have an unavoidable appointment. Missing school regularly can severely affect a child's success and to this end we track your child's attendance carefully and **will contact you and meet with you if your child's attendance falls below 95%.**

The legal position is clear: parents do not have the right to take their child out of school for holidays during term time. **By law, you must ask permission for your child to miss school** and if you still go away on holiday you will be referred to the County Education Welfare Officer and may risk receiving a £60 penalty notice per parent per child and/or prosecution.



Spring Disco! Reception, Years 1 & 2 - 4.30pm-5.30pm Years 3-6 - 6pm-7pm

£3 per child - Please note the change in times from previous discos! Children will need to bring water in a named bottle. Tuck shop available - suggested spending money £2.

To keep everyone happy and safe at the discos we need at least 10 adults at each session. In addition to the PTA committee who set up and run the discos we rely on other parents to volunteer their time. **CAN YOU HELP? Sign up here volunteersignup.org/L9MKT**

Upcoming Events	
Thursday 21 st March	Y3/4 Performance
Wednesday 20 th March	
Thursday 21 st March	Y1 Educational Visit
Friday 22 nd March	Osprey Class cake sale - PTA Disco 4.30pm-5.30pm & 6pm-7pm
Monday 25 th March	Sex & Relationship Education Week
Wednesday 27 th March	Life Bus 2-day visit
Thursday 28 th March	Y5/6 Educational Visit & last day of term

Connie M	Esther C	Elis X	Bethan D	Freyja T	Ellie B
Freyja N	Felix L	Carter H	William O'R	Sadie-Jean T	Ronnie W
Isaac I	Caia Z	Harry R	Clara W	Adele O'R	Amelia L
	Hawk Class		MIjet E-M		Jamie D

MEASLES

Don't let your child catch it

- get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- 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
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible*
- if you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- if you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected

*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.