

4th May 2018

MELDRETH MESSAGES



Woodpecker class tennis coaching this week

Headteacher Awards

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

Seren B, Kara H, Jake A, Florence F, Matthew L, George M, Charlee F, Leo E, Chloe-Ella C & Cody B, Ollie C-W, Annabelle H

Olympic Values Trophy

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

Poppy B, Sunny P, Scarlett M, Toby D-S, Eddie C, Charlie W, Amelie D, Will H, Mac C, Montana B, Luca H and the Helme family

Home Learners of the Week

This week **Olivia & Lottie H** are our home learners for a fabulous salt dough dinosaur diorama and story plan! We are all very impressed.

Good Luck to our Football Team who are representing Meldreth PS in the ESFA Finals in Thamesmead this Saturday.

Parents of **Year 2 and 6** pupils – [click here](#) to please find additional advice from the DfE about **SATs** taking place this term.

Parent of **Year 1 and 2** pupils – [click here](#) to find out about the upcoming **phonics check** taking place this term

Our value this half term of 'courage' will be tangible in school over the next fortnight as our Year 6 pupils prepare to sit their Standardised Assessment Tests (SATs) and demonstrate some of the wonderful skills, attitudes and knowledge that they have learned with us over the past seven years.

Year 6, we are really proud of the effort and hard work that you have demonstrated over the years. Trust in your abilities, set yourself challenging goals, think positively and work hard.

With the start of the warmer weather, it's it is good to see that lots of you are getting those bikes and scooters out of the shed for the daily school run. We would appreciate your support, care and attention when our children are arriving and leaving school now on their bikes and scooters.

A huge thank-you to the pupils in **Chaffinch class** and to our **school councilors** who have been busy helping us in our interview process for new teachers next year. We have appointed **Miss Hill** as our new Key Stage 2 Team Leader from September and **Miss Whitton** who will be joining our Key Stage 2 team.

Yesterday a team of Year 5 mathematicians visited Monkfield Park Primary School along with teams from eight other local Primary schools for an afternoon of Maths challenges. A great time was had by all with **Alex G-W, Daniel P, Alexander H** and **Emma D** showing great team skills and being **praised for their high achievement and coming joint first** in this round of some very challenging mathematical challenges which stretched the minds of the children and adults alike.

It is fabulous to see so many of the children coming through the school doors independently this term. **Well done parents and carers for encouraging this independence.** If you still miss your quick chats with the class teacher at the beginning of the day please consider:

- A quick chat with staff at the end of the school day;
- Calling into or emailing the office to leave a message;

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Diary Dates

May

Monday 7th May Day school closed

Wednesday 9th Y4 & Y5 Residential

Thursday 10th Robin Class Trip

Monday 14th Year 6 SATs Week

Tuesday 22nd – Happy Shoesday!

Thursday 24th & Friday 25th School closed for staff training

Monday 28th – Friday 1st June HALF TERM

June

Monday 4th Back to school

Thursday 7th KS1 Trip to Whipsnade

Friday 8th Kwik Cricket Competition

Monday 18th Y3,4,5,6 WW2 Day

Tuesday 19th Y4 Mini Olympics

Friday 29th Sports Day

July

Monday 9th – Robin class Eye checks

Friday 20th PTA Discos

[2018-19 Term dates available here](#)

The logo for 'School dinners' features the word 'school' in a multi-colored font (green, blue, purple) above the word 'dinners' in a similar multi-colored font (red, orange, yellow, green).

We have new lunch menus for the summer term. These can be found on the school website or by following [this link](#). Please take some time to talk to your child about the choices available to them.

Attendance Matters

Many of you may be busily planning your summer holiday and we are pleased that many of you have taken advantage of the **two school closure days before the summer half term** Thursday 24th & Friday 25th May. Could we please remind all families that in response to government legislation, **Headteachers are not able to authorise any requests for children to be taken out of school to go on holiday during term time**. We are aware that the costs of holidays are challenging but regret that the legislation for schools is quite inflexible on this point.

If your child is absent from school for any reason **please notify the school office before 9:30am either by phone or email**. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child/ren have the opportunity to achieve their best in school.

Smoking Plea

In order to safeguard our pupils from the risks associated with breathing in secondary smoke, all our school premises are smoke free. This also extends to all contractors and visitors to school who are asked to smoke away from the front of the school, particularly at drop off and collection times.

We are very appreciative of all parents and carers who don't smoke outside our school and who ensure that our young children do not have to walk through your smoke on their way to and from school.

Thank you for your concern for our pupils and for making our school a much better place for our children.

Happy Shoesday!

On Tuesday, 22nd May 2018 thousands of children and grown-ups around the country will be wearing their happy shoes to celebrate 'Walk to School' week. This year our Junior Travel Ambassadors would like you to join in too.

HOW? This will be a day dedicated to **wearing the shoes that make you the happiest – shiny, decorated, red, cartoon, gorilla feet... whatever** brings that smile on the walk to school. All we ask is that you make a suggested £1 donation to *the road victims trust* (our JYA's chosen charity) and make sure shoes that the shoes that you choose are suitable for wearing for the whole school day and are safe for playtime.