

# MELDRETH MESSAGES



## Headteacher Awards

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

**Molly B, Hollie M, Darcey M,  
Bailey B, Chris L, Jayden P  
& Osprey Class**

## Olympic Values Trophy

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

**Ralph O, Sam J, Toby L, Alicia W,  
Scarlett M & Harry M**

## House Points

This half term's competition is on, and the children are working hard and showing great behaviour in order to be awarded an amazing 165 house points! The total so far...

Oak	Ash
<b>34</b>	<b>54</b>
Elm	Beech
<b>33</b>	<b>44</b>

## Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and that 2019 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 new members of our staff team who have joined us this term. **Mrs Willoughby joins us as our new Finance Manager and Mrs Morris who joins us as Swift class teacher** sharing the class with Miss Jackson. We also welcome **Miss Hollie Jackson and Mrs Kate Pumfleet** as Puffin class Teaching Assistants.

Spring term is always our shortest term but do keep an eye on our website calendar and newsletters for dates of events. There is still so much to pack in! In return, **please remember to let the office know if your contact details change** or if your child will be absent due to illness, as this is a legal requirement.

## School Performance

Our school's 2017-18 performance data can now be accessed [online](#). Again outcomes for our pupils are significantly above local and national averages in 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.

## January

Tuesday 8th Y6 SATs Evening

## February

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Hawk & Puffin measuring checks

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd School Closed for Half Term

### 2018-19 Term dates available here

Most of our information is also available on the school website calendar.

### Important

At Meldreth Primary School we are proud to wear our school uniform. Please remember that **only school shoes, not boots or trainers** are part of our safe footwear for school. For safety reasons children must wear the appropriate footwear for school in order to fully take part in school activities.

### Dinner money

Could we politely remind parents that dinner monies should be no more than £10 in debt.

Payments can be made on ParentPay. Thank you.

## School Closure

Although it seems unlikely with our current climate, it's that time of year again to remind you of 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](http://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](http://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 3.10 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.

### We'd like to know what you think!

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 our Meldreth Primary School families a successful and positive start to the Spring term.