

19<sup>th</sup> October 2017

# MELDRETH MESSAGES



Our Junior Travel Ambassadors presenting their Road Safety Assembly this week.

## *Headteacher's Award*

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

**Poppy B, Joni M, Chloe V, George D, our Junior Travel Ambassadors and Josh P**

## *Olympic Values Trophy*

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

**Hollie M, Amy I, Sophie I, Bailey B, Ollie C-W and Woodpecker class**

## *Writers of the Week*

In assembly we presented writers awards for each class. **Esmee B, Haiden D, Maya S, Bailey B, Toby D-S and Annabelle H** showed us why their fantastic writing had wowed their teacher. Well done everyone.

## *Important Announcements*

Y6 parents, the last date for submitting your secondary school application is **Tuesday 31st October 2017**

Please look in book bags and check parent Pay accounts for **Dinner Money reminders** which were sent home earlier this week. All dinner money accounts must be paid in full before school re-opens on **30<sup>th</sup> October**.

Here we are at the end of the first half term and I am sure that you will agree that the time has gone by very quickly. It has been an exciting and very busy half term as the children have settled into their new classes and tremendous work has been happening throughout the school.

At Meldreth Primary School we advocate and teach pupils about the British Values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

During the last two weeks in school our pupils have had the opportunity to have their voices heard democratically through our Council elections. This year's new school councillors who were nominated by their classmates are:

Jay - **Florrie L, Haiden D**

Kingfisher - **Toby C, Maya S**

Swallow - **Lucia M-R, George D**

Chaffinch - **James S, Annabel W**

Woodpecker - **Isaac W, Annabelle H & Emma D**

Congratulations to our new Anti-bullying ambassadors **Quinn J, Florence F, Eva R, Levi D, Daniella W and Alex G-W** who were nominated by their classes. Our ambassadors offer their free time to lead our Anti-Bullying campaign in school and help to promote our anti-bullying charter in each class.

Our new team of Eco Councillors for this academic year have been elected! They are: **Elliot F, Miley C, Ella H, Alexander H, Cuan H and Finn H**. The Eco Council will be working with Miss Cole to decide how our school can be improved. Eco Councillors will be helping to address a variety of environmental themes, ranging from litter and waste to healthy living and biodiversity

Junior Travel Ambassadors are our pupils who encourage children to cycle, scooter, or walk and to school. They actively promote healthy and environmentally friendly travel. The Meldreth JTA's this year are: **Trixie L, Yunus B, Lily-Rose P, Alfie R, Lola B and Levi D**. They would like to invite all pupils to think about sustainable travel through their first **Road Safety competition**, Be Bright..Be Seen! Details attached to this email.

## Diary Dates

### October

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> **School closed for Half Term**

### November

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> **Chaffinch/Woodpecker** Fitzwilliam visit

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> High 5's netball at MVC

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> **Swallow** Fitzwilliam visit

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> School Photos

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> KS2 Egyptian Assembly for Parents 9am

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Flu Immunisation

### December

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Decoration Day

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Nativity Performance

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Nativity Performance 6pm

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> KS 2 Church Concert

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Widdershins Puppet show.

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term

### January

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> School closed for staff training**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Spring Term begins

## PTA Patronage

It's fair to say that the last academic year was a dramatic, and sometimes unsettling, year on the financial front for schools. It has been great to see so many of you volunteer your time and skills to support the PTA in raising money where it's needed. A huge thanks must go to all those members of our terrific PTA for their support in running events for the entire school community. We say thank you to **Penny Gibbs** our long time Treasurer whose children have now moved on, to **Sam Turner** our every enthusiastic Chair and **Sarah Helme** our Secretary and now new Treasurer. Both Sarah and Sam are staying on the PTA, and supporting new Chair **Sue Trory** and Secretary **Sarah Hardwick**. We are also thrilled to have been able to work alongside, and have the support from all other committee members over the past and we look forward to the coming year.

The new committee plan to launch their involvement with a **Decoration Day Festival on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**, look out for our PTA Christmas children's Disco later this month.

## Cakes

Every school year, each class has the opportunity to run a cake sales. These sales are organised by the class and Parents/Carers from the class are asked to contribute by donating cakes (cupcakes, whole cakes, biscuits etc., home-made or shop bought) which are then sold at break or after school. The whole school are invited to buy the cakes which are sold for between 25p and 50p each.

Proceeds from the sale are for the exclusive use of the class running the sale and are used by the class teachers to buy resources to enhance classroom learning. Sales dates have been set, are available on the school website calendar and promoted in the newsletter and often via email.

Watch out for **Swallow class Halloween cake sale on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. This year they will be joined after school by the Lookout **Halloween Face Painting Fundraiser** with Spooky cheek painting for 50p.

## A Very Special Thank you

Meldreth pupils and staff said good bye to **Mrs Jane Wells** as she cooked her last meals for the children. We would like to say thank you for all her care and attention to our children's food likes and dislikes. We will all miss her very much and wish her all the best.

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### *Football Fever*

For the **third time running**, in the final match of the first round of this year's English Schools FA Small Schools competition, our football team met Harston School, after both teams had won all their games in the group stage of the tournament. With scores level after extra time, the final went to penalties, which Meldreth managed to win. Incredibly, the final was drawn again, 1-1 after extra time and ran to penalties, just like last year. After penalties once again we were winners for the third year running! Honestly! You really couldn't make it up! Well done one and all. **Annabelle H, Charlie W, George M, Luca H, Daniel B, Cuan H, Elias R and Isaac W**



Our football team in action. But how did Mrs Willan get a place in the team we wonder?

### *Remembrance Day*

**Poppies** and other merchandise, including every popular **wristbands**, will be available in school after half term for a **donation of between 50p to £2**. They will be taken round school daily make sure your child has the relevant money if they wish to get one. The poppies are the 'stick on' kind so they are safe for our children.



### *Communication Counts!*

Now that our children are settled into their school routine, we encourage our **Robin and Jay class** children to become as independent as possible when coming into school. By coming through the school or library doors on their own, saying goodbye to parents at the front door or in the school playground, children are helped to organise themselves and their belongings and develop a real sense of responsibility. This also ensures that the route is clearer to walk through and children can see that staff are on hand to welcome them.

We encourage all parents to liaise with their child's class teacher at the end of the school day where possible and staff at the front door are more than happy to pass on messages to busy class teachers at the start of the school day.

At Meldreth Primary we have an open door policy and welcome feedback and suggestions at all times. If you have worries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us. Appointments can also be made to discuss anything in depth as we all want the very best for every child at our school.



Robin Class have been very busy learning in their Yummy Scummy topic recently. And are looking forward to feeding parents at their Parent Café today!

