

22nd May 2019

MELDRETH MESSAGES



Headteacher Awards

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

Amelia L, Charlee F, Wren class, Grafham Year 4s

Olympic Values Trophy

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

Ruby S, James F, Edward D, Finlay H

Writers of the Week

Jacob I, Hannah F, Ava L, Zac D-S, Henry H, Ollie C-W & Year 6!

Home Learners

For fabulous science week recount & dinosaur research

Road Safety Design winners & Florrie L, Benjamin H

House Points

This half term's competition is on. The totals this week are...

Oak	Ash
234	245
Elm	Beech
231	266

I can't explain how proud we all are of our Year 6 pupils who have completed their National tests (SATs) last week, working extremely hard and having shown positivity and self-belief throughout the week. Thanks to all the staff involved in supporting children this week and especially children from across the school who have maintained a calm and quiet environment for our oldest children.

Our children at Meldreth are well-prepared for their assessments and in our Year 2's experience, have ended quite enjoying the challenge...*some even completing more at home!* Whilst teachers and children have certainly been working hard to prepare for these tests, at Meldreth we know the importance of a broad and balanced curriculum and we're making sure that we have plenty of learning fun too.

Hopefully the weather will continue to get warmer after half term, please do remember your child's water bottle each day.

Why do we use water bottles?

The medical profession has been telling us for many years that children do not drink enough water during the school day – and that the resulting dehydration contributes to a number of short and long-term health problems.

How does drinking water link to health?

- Drinking adequate amounts of water regularly throughout the day can protect health and contribute to well-being.

How does drinking water improve learning?

- The key to boosting the capacity to learn is to keep well hydrated throughout the day.
- When we are thirsty, mental performance deteriorates by 10%

PLEASE REMEMBER ... ONLY WATER IS ALLOWED IN SCHOOL.

Diary Dates

May

Monday 13th **Y6** SATs week

Tues 14th Mini Tennis **Y3 & 4**

Tues 21st **Puffin class** eye screen

Thurs 23rd & Fri 24th School closed

Mon 27th to Fri 31st Half Term

June

Thurs 6th School Visit

Thurs 6th Athletics Finals

Friday 7th **Osprey & Kite** Greek Day

Friday 7th Kwik Cricket

Friday 14th **Y6** MVC Transition Day

Monday 17th **Y6** Residential

Tues 25th Swift class visit

Thurs 27th Quicksticks Hockey Final

Friday 28th Sports Day

July

Weds 3rd **Hawk & Kestrel** visit

Weds 10th Cinderella Rockerfella performance @ 6pm

Thurs 11th Cinderella Rockerfella performance @ 6pm

Fri 12th **Year 6** Wellbeing Conference

Fri 19th PTA Discos

Weds 24th **Y6** Leavers Assembly 9am

Weds 24th Last Day of Term

Information is also available on our school website calendar.

[Term dates are available here](#)



Keeping in Touch

Please remember that the school office is only open from 8:40am to 1pm and then again at 1:30pm to 4pm. **Please only telephone between 1pm and 1:30pm in an emergency.**

If you are aware that you have a **dinner money debt of over £10** please can you make payment promptly to ensure that your child can continue to be provided with a school meal.

Swimming Support

We are fortunate to have swimming facilities on the school premises through the kind support of parents and our swimming pool supporting PTA, and also locally at Melbourn Village College. All our lessons are taught by your child's class teacher in school or by Swimming Teachers' Association instructors at MVC.

The benefits of our swimming classes go far beyond fulfilling the National Curriculum criteria: they serve to keep children fit, give pupils the opportunity to succeed in a discipline outside the classroom environment, are fun, and most importantly, they teach children how to remain safe in the water. In addition to learning a life skill, achievements are celebrated with certificates which are awarded for completing set tasks in the water.

We are always very grateful for extra assistance offered by parents and carers, who are able to help during class swimming lessons. Please contact your child's class teacher or office if you can offer help on a regular basis over the next few weeks.

Swimming season is nearly upon us and with it another bag to bring to school. Room in school for storing personal equipment is limited and is the main reason why things go missing is they fall from pegs in cloakrooms. Please help us to help your child towards becoming an independent learner and in bringing the right equipment for the day ahead.

- Consider **leaving a PE kit in school** for the term in **drawstring bags** which hang neatly on our school pegs. Class teachers will return this when it needs a wash!
- Remember that **labelled property** is more likely to get returned.
- **Leave your large rucksacks at home.**