

MELDRETH MESSAGES

Headteacher Awards

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

Sebastian P, William F, Fraser H, Edward D, Nola W, Bailey J, Effie B, Luca D, Florence E, Joni M, Emily T, Tilly W

Olympic Values Trophy

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

Amelia L, Lewis D, Annabelle P, Zoe F, Lukas Z, Caia Z, Matilda P, Ava L, Chloe V, Tom W

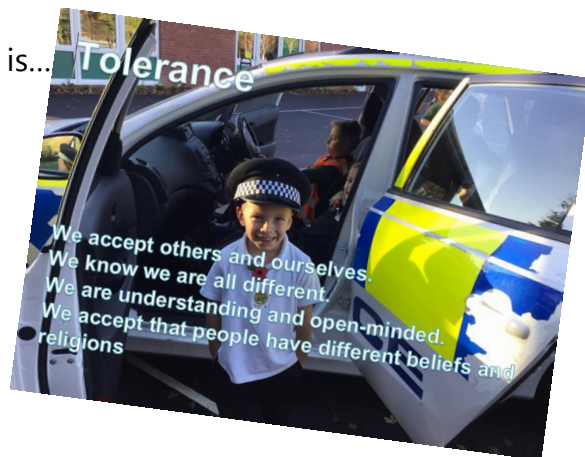
Writers of the Week

Isobel H, Arthur G-P, Florrie L, Toby C, Henry H, Eva R, Chris L, Lily-Rose P

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 596 **house** points! The total so far...

Oak	Ash
110	140
Elm	Beech
159	187



Watching Swift class parents today, all wrapped up against the winter weather supporting our Nature Detectives session, made me stop and think how much all our staff value your support for our curriculum activities. Without this support we would not be able to provide our children with the current rich curriculum that supports their learning.

We wish to thank all the parents/carers who help with our extra-curricular events, trips and activities; without you, these activities simply would not happen. Your tireless effort and enthusiasm for the school activities do not go unnoticed.

Click here to read more about our curriculum drivers of **possibilities, real experiences, initiative, adventure and community**.

If you think you'd be available to help with trips, events, activities or even please **come and join in the fun!**

We are very keen to find out what both our parents/carers think about school life at Meldreth Primary School and ask if you will spend no more than 5 minutes completing our **parent/carer survey**. We would be most interested to hear your views. Watch out for the email link this weekend.

My Activity Passport



Last month, the Department for Education launched a new Activity 'passport' to inspire children and boost resilience.

The list of activities is intended to support parents and schools in building children's personal skills and qualities during the school day and at home.

Children are challenged to go on a nature trail, visit a local landmark or make a treasure map and tick off these activities on their 'passport'. Why not bring your passport into school to tell your friends about your adventures? If you would like to access a copy of the Passport a PDF to use at home it can be found here.

Diary Dates

February

Tues 5th Y3/4 indoor football

Fri 15th Dress Down Day - Homestart

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

Tues 26th High 5s netball

March

Weds 6th Quicksticks hockey Y5/6

Thurs 7th World Book Day bedtime stories

Tues 19th Parent Consultations

Tues 26th Y5/6 Wandlebury visit

Thurs 28th Parent Consultations

Fri 29th PTA Disco

April

Weds 3rd Y3/4 Production

Thursday 4th Y3/4 Production

Fri 5th Last day of term

Information is also available on our school website calendar.

2018-19 Term dates available here

Our school term dates for 2019-20 are now available on our website

Once a Week Take a Peek!

Remember Friday night is Once a Week Take a Peek! Please comb and check your child's hair tonight, and re-check it every Friday evening.



Putting long hair in pigtails or buns may also reduce the possibility of head lice moving from one head to another. Thank you to the many parents and children who are already doing this.

Love your Home-Start



'Dress Down Day' Friday 15th February We are joining other local schools in raising money for this worthy charity which supports families in our local community. Home-Start is a local charity offering support to families with at least one child under the age of 9. Please join us in wearing non-school uniform for a suggested donation of £1 each child. We hope that you will join us in uniting the schools behind this local family charity

Parent Consultation Evenings

We are hosting our parents' consultation meetings on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 28th March. This is an opportunity for you to have a progress update from your child's teacher, and for the teacher to provide an overview of your child in school.

Look out for further notice of our online booking system opening after half term. We hope to see you there.

At Meldreth Primary School we know that reading is more than decoding of print on a page. We encourage our young readers to actively engage with all kinds of texts to broaden their knowledge and understanding and meaning in what is read.

Big Bedtime Story

On **Thursday 7th March** children and parents are invited back to school from 5.30pm - 6.00pm to join in our **'Big Bedtime Story Event'**. Children will share stories with friends and teachers, bring a teddy bear or soft toy, wear pyjamas/dressing gown and bring a pillow. Children will be given their World Book Day voucher to exchange for their free book or discount at bookshops.

Curriculum activities and support for parents is planned too from 5.30pm – 6pm in our newly designed library areas. We hope you can come and join us.

Attendance at school

As you are aware, schools have strict guidelines to follow when dealing with non-attendance. Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised unless there are truly exceptional circumstances.

Every day in school, or a trip away from school, is carefully planned to ensure all our children develop the knowledge, understanding, skills & experiences to flourish. In missing school time, children not only miss key learning but then have to ensure they have caught up on what has been missed.

September to December attendance is 95.6% (Target - 96%)