

15th December 2017

MELDRETH MESSAGES



Headteacher's Award

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

Leah S, Fraser K, Everyone in Swallow class, Ben O and Charlie W

Olympic Values Trophy

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

Hannah F, Everyone in Jay class, Rennie F, Ruby B, Oscar N and Lily-Rose P

Home Learner of the Week

In assembly we presented **Sienna Z** with the home learner award for her beautifully illustrated two times table story. Well done Sienna!

We are enjoying a wonderfully festive last few days of term in school especially with the welcome addition this year of a flurry of snowflakes and associated additional snow pupils in school. It has been delightful to see the whole school joining together to share in this special time of year. A huge well done and congratulations to all the pupils, staff and volunteers for making both the nativity and Carol Concert performances a huge success. Playing to packed audiences, I can't praise the children enough for their confidence and talent.

I would like to say many thanks to everyone within our community: to parents, PTA members, friends, governors, staff and especially the children who have contributed to making this another very special term of '*Teaching and Learning Together*' at Meldreth Primary School. I hope that over the holidays you will have time to relax and have fun together with your families.

Enjoy this festive season, it's a good time to slow down, and count our blessings! This is the last newsletter of the term and I would like to wish you and your families a wonderfully peaceful and Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Thursday 4th January**.

Important Announcements

Dinner money payments

Could we politely remind parents that all outstanding dinner monies should be paid by the end of term? Payments can be made on Parent-Pay, in cash or by cheques made out to 'Meldreth Primary School'. Please feel free to use the letterbox by the school office window. *Thank you.*

Take Everything Home Please! Tuesday 19th December

On Tuesday afternoon, we will be asking the children to take all their personal belongings home with them. Please could you support your child by providing them with a named carrier bag to help them to get everything home? *Many thanks.*

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Diary Dates

December

Friday 15th Puppet show.

Tuesday 19th Last Day of Term

January

Wednesday 3rd School closed for staff training

Thursday 4th Spring Term begins

Friday 12th Y6 Wellbeing conference

Tuesday 16th ESFA Football Finals

Tuesday 23rd Y4 day at MVC

February

Monday 12th – Friday 16th – Spring Half term

March

Thursday 1st **Swallow, Chaffinch, Woodpecker** Cross Country

Thursday 15th **Y6 and Robin** class child measurement programme

Thursday 29th Last Day of Term



Christmas Lunch Yesterday

More photos on the school website



Our Christmas Carol Concert

More photos on the school website

Decoration Day

A huge thank you to the parents, carers and families who visited our Decoration Day after-school event last week, and for becoming fully immersed in the Christmas spirit, enjoying a jar tombola, raffles and face paints all washed down with a cup of coffee and mince pies. Thank you, also, to the school choir for entertaining us all. The estimated profit from the event is £800 plus £350 from the school disco of which every penny will go towards school equipment. The next PTA meeting will be held at 22 Flambards Close at 8.00pm – all welcome.

Good Bye and Thank you

We are sad to be saying goodbye to **Mrs. Hunter** and **Mrs Thomas** who will be leaving us at the end of this term. Having been at Meldreth Primary School for over 16 years Mrs. Hunter has made a huge contribution to the school and her dedication and hard work has had an impact on so many children. Following a 7 year career with us at Meldreth, Mrs Thomas's creativity and musical talent will be missed as she has, over the years, been instrumental to the musical contribution of many of our school productions and concerts. Both members of staff will be missed and I am sure you would like to join me in thanking them for everything they have given the school and wishing them both all the very best for the future.

Christmas Meldreth Style

Today our children sat down to a wonderful Christmas Lunch. Mrs Holland and Carrie Davey worked really hard preparing turkey, roast potatoes, parsnips and all the trimmings for 157 hungry children. As you can see the children had a lovely time. **A huge thank you to the PTA** for providing the crackers and a massive thank you to all our staff who waited on at tables and truly got into the festive mood!

What really happened between the wolf and his three porky friends? Why was Goldilocks wandering in the woods? How did the goats overcome a mighty troll? All these perplexing fairy tale questions were explored and explained by the wonderful **Theatre of Widdershins today** in school. There was fun, laughter, some gorgeous puppets and a soundtrack that children were still singing at lunchtime. **Huge thanks to the PTA for their generous present of this fabulous show.**