

5th May 2017

MELDRETH MESSAGES



Headteacher's Award

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

Joni M, Jay class, Kingfisher class, Rhys S-J, Nicole W, Year 5's in Woodpecker class

Robin Learner of the week: **Jack S**

Olympic Values Trophy

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

Callum H, Liam L, Quinn J, Owen B, Elias R and Henry S

Writer of the Week

This week **Scarlett M** impressed her teacher with her description of 'The beautiful blossom tree.' **Well done Scarlett!**

Home Learner of the Week

This week **Toby L** impressed Mrs Morris with his extra maths practice at home. Counting on and back on a number line. **Well done!**

Running Club Trophies

Awarded to **Alex G-W & Matt L**

House Points

So far this half term...

Oak	Ash
1118	1234
Elm	Beech
1173	1147

Our value this half term of 'self-belief' will be tangible in school next week as our Year 6 pupils prepare to sit their Standardised Assessment Tests (SATs) and demonstrate some of the wonderful skills, attitudes and knowledge that they have learned with us over the past seven years.

Year 6, we are really proud of the effort and hard work that you have demonstrated over the years. Trust in your abilities, set yourself challenging goals, think positively and work hard.

With the start of the warmer weather, it's it is good to see that lots of you are getting those bikes and scooters out of the shed again for the daily school run. May I please remind you that in order to safeguard our children, our risk assessment dictates that the school **staff car park is closed to all motor vehicles between 2.50pm and 3.30pm**. We would appreciate your support, care and attention when our children are leaving school on their bikes and scooters.

Important Announcements

Please be aware that as a school we encourage the use of 'fidget tools' to provide helpful self-regulation for those pupils with additional sensory needs including 'fidgit spinners'. We will continue to promote their use in school only for those children where class teachers and our SENCo have agreed this with parents as part of their additional support.

Watch out for **Swallow class meal choice** on Thursday 18th May. Children have chosen a '**build your own burger**' and '**ice-cream parlour**' menu.

It is great to see so many of the children coming through the school doors independently this term. **Well done parents and carers for encouraging this independence.** If you still miss your quick chats with the class teacher at the beginning of the day please consider:

- A quick chat with staff at the end of the school day;
- Calling into the office to leave a message;
- Email the school at office@meldreth.cambs.sch.uk

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Diary Dates

May

Monday 8th – 12th Year 6 SATs week

Wednesday 10th – 12th Grafham Visit

Tuesday 16th – Y5 day at MVC

Thursday 18th Y5 Maths Challenge

Friday 19th **Chaffinch class** cake sale

Friday 19th PTA Disco

Tuesday 23rd Y3/4 Mini tennis

**Thursday 25th - 26th school closed
for staff training**

June

Thursday 8th Quadkids - Athletics

Friday 9th Y6 KS2 Kwik Cricket

Monday 12th **Jay & Kingfisher class**

Phonics Check week

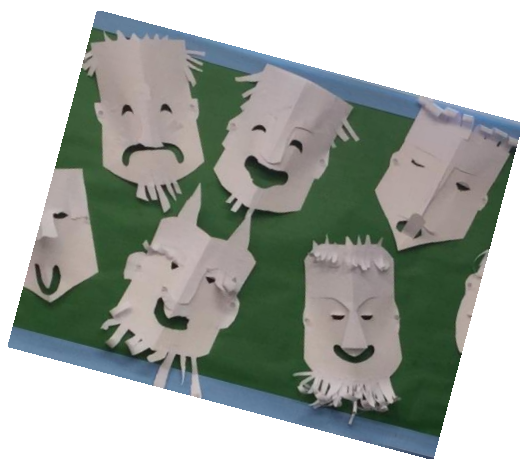
Friday 16th **Robin & Jay Eye**

Screening

Tuesday 20th **Year 4** Mini Olympics

Friday 23rd Sports Day

Monday 26th Year 6 Residential



Swallow Class Greek theatre masks.

Can you see which ones are comedy,
tragedy or satire?

Rugby Representatives

Over the bank holiday weekend eight of our pupils took part in a rugby tournament in Great Yarmouth. **Jonny T, Archie R, Zac D-S, Alfie R, Eddie C** and **Henry DS** who all play rugby for Royston Rugby Club, played up to eight games of rugby against teams from Seven Oaks, Biggleswade and Epping. Every evening a rugby court was held for misdemeanours committed on the pitch by players. These resulted in penalties such as having to eat water biscuits, lemon or marshmallows! Reports are that all our players were good ambassadors for both the sport of rugby and our school.



Attendance Matters

Many of you may be busily planning your summer holiday and we are pleased that many of you have taken advantage of the two **school closure** days before the summer half term **Thursday 25th - Friday 26th May**. Could we please remind all families that in response to government legislations introduced, Headteachers are not able to authorise any requests for children to be taken out of school to go on holiday during term time. We are aware that the costs of holidays are challenging but regret that the legislation for schools is quite inflexible on this point. Any request for absence will only be authorised for "exceptional circumstances" such as bereavements and medical appointments.

We have been informed of a recent ruling made by The Supreme Court, which we have been asked to pass on to all our parents/carers. The ruling is that as of this term, **any parent who takes their child/ren out of school for term-time leave of more than 6 consecutive sessions (3 days) over a 4 week period, which is not authorised by the school may receive a Penalty Notice.**

We have also been advised by our Education Welfare Officer that if you have not informed the school as to why your child is absent by the end of the school day, it will now be recorded as unauthorised. Therefore, **if your child is absent** from school for any reason **please notify the school office before 9:30am either by phone or email**. If you have had to make an emergency medical appointment during school time we will require either an appointment card or prescribed medication. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child/ren have the opportunity to achieve their best in school.

Our attendance target is:
**To May
95%**
96%