

MELDRETH MESSAGES

House Points

This half term's competition is on, and the children have worked hard and shown great behaviour in order to be awarded an amazing **1047** house points! The total so far...

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| Oak | Ash |
| 250 | 278 |
| Elm | Beech |
| 236 | 283 |

Congratulations Beech House!



KS1 Concert ...more photos on our website



Christmas is coming and the dining hall is full! Our kitchen staff worked very hard this year serving 189 delicious Christmas dinners. What a great lunch it was, cooked by our fabulous kitchen team, with our magnificent team of staff providing festive cheer and crackers to deck the hall!

We are enjoying a wonderfully festive last few days of term in school and it has been delightful to see the whole school joining together to share in this special time of year. I would like to say many thanks to everyone within our community: to parents, PTA members, friends, Governors, staff and especially to 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 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 3rd January 2019.

Fond Farewells

After 23 years, five headteachers and countless other changes **Mrs. Plumb** is set to retire as our school's finance administrator this Christmas. Mrs. Plumb was initially hired as a Teaching Assistant at school and has worked with children for many years before overseeing orders for the school and taking dinner money... her role has changed considerably since then! She is a fantastic person to work with and will be a very sad loss to the school. We wish her well in her retirement and future adventures to come.

The children and staff also wished **Mrs Jameson** and **Mrs Ward** all the best for their future as they leave us, celebrating with them in true Meldreth style in assembly this week.

Diary Dates

January

Thursday 3rd Back to school

Tuesday 8th Y6 SATs Evening

February

Friday 1st Hawk & Puffin measuring checks

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

2018-19 Term dates available here

Most of our information is also available on the school website

Lookout Club

Thank you for parking in the spaces on the **right hand side of our staff car park only**, when dropping off and collecting your child from our club.

Please remember to return your Breakfast and After School Club booking forms as soon as possible and before the end of term. Forms are available from the school office or from Play leaders. Thank you.



Thanks to our PTA -
Widdershin's Puppet Theatre

Christmas Carol Concert

A huge well done and congratulations to all the pupils, staff and volunteers for making last night's Key Stage 2 Carol Concert a huge success. It was a packed Church and I can't commend the children enough for their confidence and talent on what can be a nerve wracking evening performing to you all.

This concert is always a highlight of the Meldreth Primary School calendar and it is also a time to celebrate our children's musical talent. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved, including parents and staff who have spent a great deal of time preparing the children for this concert. Mrs. Haines and Mr. Hinton, thank you for your dedication to our school. Finally a special thank you goes to the children and their parents who each year support this event so enthusiastically.

Attendance Matters

At Meldreth Primary School we firmly believe that all pupils benefit from regular school attendance. Full and regular attendance at school is crucial for a child's future life chances and establishes a positive work ethic early in life.

It is very important for all children to attend school every day and to **arrive on time before the doors open at 8.40.am. The school day starts at 8.50!** Children who arrive late miss instructions and explanations and distract other pupils who have settled to work.

Government research suggests that:

17 missed school days a year = 1 GCSE grade DROP.

What you can do to help

- Make sure your child arrives at school on time. This encourages habits of good timekeeping and lessens any possible classroom disruption. If your child arrives after the register has closed, this will be recorded as an 'unauthorised' absence for that session.
- If your child has to miss school it is essential that you contact school on our answer phone line before 9am.
- If you know or think that your child is having difficulties attending school please speak to the school.

Thank you all for ensuring that your child is collected promptly at the end of each day and for contacting the school if your collection arrangements change

Very Merry Christmas
And all the Best Wishes for
A Happy New Year!

September to December attendance is 95.9% (Target - 96%)