

MELDRETH MESSAGES



Headteacher's Award

Kingfisher class for their care and kindness

Robin learner of the week: **Mia**

Olympic Values Trophy

This award returns next week

Cycle Safety

Bikeability is 'cycling proficiency' for the 21st century, designed to give our Year 6 pupils the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. Sessions are designed to help improve the children's cycling skills, no matter what they know already.

This week we have seen new riders learn to control their bike before moving on to developing on-road skills. Perhaps you have seen them around the village?

Congratulations Year 6 on all your cycling successes!

Welcome back to the start of the new half term. Winter weather has been kind to us so far but during the next few weeks we expect that the weather to get much colder. Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school and, if wearing boots on the way to school, that they have school shoes in order change when inside the building. We are sensitive to the changing weather conditions but most days the children will be learning outside at some point.

The date for submitting **applications for secondary school** has now closed (31st October). If you have not completed a form in order to secure your child a place at the secondary school of your choice you will need to apply using a paper application form. This application will be considered as a late application. Telephone the admissions team on 0345 045 1370 for more support.

The window for applying for a **place for a 4 year old** at primary school opens on the **16th November 2015** until the 15th January 2016. You can apply online or complete a paper application form. A guide to applying for a place at school is available for you to download on the home page of the school website. **Please do not leave completing the application until close to the deadline as late applications are considered after all first places have been offered.**

If you are having difficulty in completing the form please feel free to ask us for help.



Children in Need

Children are invited to wear their **sleepwear** to school and bring a teddy to school for the day. All we ask is that you make a suggested donation of £1.00 to this worthwhile charity.

The School Council are also planning one or two surprise competitions and contests that children will need some small change (no more than 50p) to enter — please send your children into school with small change in a named purse or envelope if they would like to take part. **CHILDREN in NEED DAY is FRIDAY 13th NOVEMBER.** Don't forget to dress up warmly (e.g. dressing gown and slippers)!

Diary Dates

November

Thursday 12th - Kingfisher class
Fitzwilliam museum visit

Friday 13th - Children in Need
- School Discos

Monday 16th - Friday 20th Anti
bullying Week

Tuesday 17th -Y5/6 Tag Rugby
competition

Friday 20th -Y4/5/6 Stibbington Trip

Thursday 26th - Decoration Day

Saturday 28th - PTA Christmas
Market

December

Thursday 3rd -Y5/6 Cross Country
competition

Monday 7th-11th - Computing Hour
of Code Week

Wednesday 9th - Nativity Play
10.00am

Thursday 10th - Nativity Play
6.00pm

Friday 11th - Swallow class cake sale
- Widdershin's Puppet
Theatre

Thursday 17th - Christmas Lunch

Friday 18th - Last day of term

January

Monday 4th (school closed)

Tuesday 5th - Spring term begins

Robin, Jay and Kingfisher classes were spotted having a great time during their light festival this week

Christmas Shopping

Every time you shop on-line you can raise money to benefit our pupils at Meldreth Primary School, **at no extra cost to you**. Simply register at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/meldrethpta> and download the "**Find and Remind**" feature

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/raise-more/find-and-remind/>.

Every time you shop you will be prompted to tick a box that means that the school will automatically receive a donation, often 2-5% direct from the retailer. Holidays, insurance, travel to name a few can all be placed via Easy fundraising. Don't forget to register for gift aid if you are eligible as this is an easy way to boost our payments.

Thank you to everyone who is continuing to use EF for their on-line purchases. Our current fundraising total stands at an amazing **£1,212.45 Don't forget to pass the message on!**

Decoration Day

Come to school on Thursday 26th November dressed in your **Christmas jumper**. In exchange for this, we ask you to bring in a jam jar for the children's raffle filled with sweets, loom bands, toy cars etc. Thank you for all your support.

For those parents new to the school, on this day the usual school timetable is put on hold as the children spend the day working in mixed class groups in order to decorate the school for Christmas.

A number of parents kindly give up their time to help the children and by the end of the day everyone has made a variety of different festive decorations to transform the school in time for Saturday's Christmas Market.

If you don't mind a bit of glitter and glue and would like to help **please come and join us with this fun day**. If you can help either all day or a half day please let the office know in advance. We look forward to welcoming you.

Xmas raffles

The Christmas Hamper is always a great fundraiser, but we need your help. If every family could donate just one item to the hamper raffle prizes, we can make something really special for our winners. It could be you! Donate a new item in the colour chosen by each class, for example Cadburys chocolate for the Jay class Purple themed box. This year's class colours are:

Robin - red Jay - purple Kingfisher - green Swallow - gold
Chaffinch - silver Woodpecker - blue

The Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 28th November from 2-4pm in the School Hall.

