

MELDRETH MESSAGES



Headteacher's Award

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

Javier C, Chloe V, Henry H, Tilly W, Trixie L and Ruby CW

Elmer is having a relaxing break over Christmas

Olympic Values Trophy

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

Amelie D, Emily T, Henry H and everyone in Swallow class

Writer of the Week

This week **Leo H** was noticed in class for his fabulous retell of the Christmas story. We enjoyed sharing his work in assembly.

Home Learner of the Week

Well done **Amelia T** for your fabulous school poem. We hope you feel better soon.

Running Club Trophies

Returns in the New Year

House Points

Wow! What a tremendous number of good deeds and amount of extra hard work seen in school this term! Well done Ash House as half termly winners.

2536

2756

2130

2634

Christmas is coming and the dining hall is full!! The kitchen staff worked very hard to serve 162 delicious Christmas dinners. What a great lunch it was, cooked by our fabulous new kitchen team, with our wonderful team of staff providing festive cheer and crackers to deck the hall! The children certainly had fun.

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 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 **Wednesday 4th January**.

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.

The 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, Mr. Hinton and Mr. Thomas, 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.

16th December 2016

Diary Dates

December

Tuesday 20th Last day of Term

January

Wednesday 4th Back to School

Thursday 5th Pantomime visit

Wednesday 18th Young Voices

Friday 27th Kingfisher Cake Sale

February

13th – 17th Half Term school closed

Monday 27th High 5's Competition

Hedgehog Donations

- Cat and dog food pouches/tins from meat NOT fish selections,
- Wild bird mealworms, or
- Kitten dry mix cat foods.

We are happy to pass on any donations to Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital.



See our photos on the website



Pantomime Visit

Following two successful visits from the Theatre Group M&M Productions we are now looking forward to another **Panto** on the morning of **Thursday 5th January**.

The team from M&M will be transforming our school hall and treating the children to a magical performance of Dick Whittington. This year we will be asking for contributions of £3.50 per child/ £6 per family. A letter should be found in your child's bag tonight. This is a unique opportunity to have a live show with performers in school.



Attendance to December 1st...

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 contacting the school if your collection arrangements change.

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 20th 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.