

Weekly Bulletin

February 2nd 2024



Wren Class at the Sedgewick Museum

This week, we have welcomed our new team of Peer Mediators to the school playground – this is a very prestigious role that has a high profile in the school. Our peer mediators work towards empowering their peers to resolve minor conflicts and disputes in a peaceful, fair and calm manner.

Amongst many other things, our peer mediators help other children to:

- Take responsibility for their behaviour
- Cooperate with their peers in a constructive manner
- Improve their communication skills
- Be fair in their play

Well done for completing your training - **Oliver S, Ella H, Charlotte K, Abbygail N, Tegan L, Felix L, Gregory K, Alex F, Jessica P and Amelia L.**

Attendance

All parents have a responsibility to ensure that their children receive full time education. Regular attendance is essential if children are to progress with their learning. We have recently updated our [attendance webpage](#) to ensure that our protocols are clear:

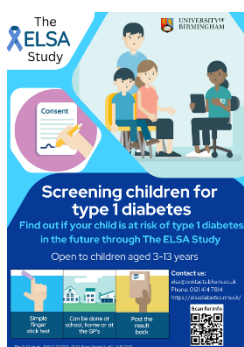
Absence from School -If your child is going to be absent from school please ring **before 9.00am**. Report your child's absence on 01763 260432, option 1 – **stating clearly what your child's symptoms are**.

Punctuality - School starts at 8.50am for all classes. Children arriving late must access the school via the school office. Lateness is recorded as unauthorised and interviews will take place with parents where there is concern.

Medical Appointments - We ask that non-urgent appointments such as dental checks and routine vaccinations are made outside of school hours wherever possible.

Other Absence Requests - Children who are registered at Meldreth must, by law, attend school regularly. Please complete an [unavoidable absence in term time request form](#) to explain if your child will not be in school. If permission is not granted but your child is absent, this will be recorded as unauthorised. As a result, each parent/carer may be issued with a Penalty Notice fine from £60 to £120 per parent per child.

ELSA – Diabetes Study



In March, we are working with researchers at the University of Birmingham and inviting you to take part. The study is testing children for early indicators of type 1 diabetes in order to better manage this. This is a simple finger stick blood test, you can do at our school with your child and practitioners will be visiting school on Thursday 14th March 2024. Every family who takes part in the ELSA study is helping us to understand more about type 1 diabetes. Please consent for your child to be involved in the ELSA diabetes study at the following web page - <https://www.elsadiabetes.nhs.uk/>

Medication in School

Please note that all medication should be given to the school office – NOT class staff. Please refer to [our website](#) for more information. Prescription Medication should be administered at home wherever possible. Prescription medicines will only be administered by school when prescribed 4 times a day.

Medicines should always be provided in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist and include the prescriber's instructions for administration.

Prescribed long-term medication will be kept in a cupboard in your child's classroom in a clearly labelled box containing our medication protocol. When a member of our staff administers medicine, they will check your permission form, to ensure that the dose and timing are correct. They will then administer the medicine as required, and record this.



NSPCC Kids Safety Net Online Workshops

Book below for online safety workshop delivered by the NSPCC to support parents in having better conversations with children about online safety.

Book Here - Monday 5th February 2024 – 6pm

Book Here - Wednesday 20th March 2024 – 6pm

Parent Consultation Evenings

BOOKING IS NOW OPEN for our parents' consultation meetings this term on **Thursday 29th February and Monday 4th March**. This is an opportunity for you to have a progress update from your child's teacher, and for teachers to provide an overview of your child in school.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 16th



Every February, Home-Start celebrates their impactful work within our community. Since 1983, this charity has been a pillar of support for families, providing 40 years of friendly, confidential, and compassionate assistance during challenging times. We're delighted to share that our school is once again participating in this wonderful event with a **'dress-down' day for all pupils for Friday 16th February**.

[Please help to fill this 'page of hearts' with messages and make your donation today!](#)

Upcoming Events	
Tuesday 6 th February	Hawk Class Smoking and Vaping Workshop
Friday 16 th February	Love Your Home Start Non-Uniform Fundraiser/ Hawk Class cake sale
Monday 19 th February	HALF TERM
Thursday 29 th February	Parent Consultation Meetings
Monday 4 th March	Parent Consultation Meetings
Monday 11 th March	Science Week
Thursday 14 th March	Diabetes study
Friday 15 th March	Osprey Class cake sale
Monday 25 th March	Sex & Relationship Education Week
Wednesday 27 th March	Life Bus 2 day visit
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term

Florence S-B	Koray M	Lilly W	Holly W	Connie M	Violet D
Alfie W	Tegan L	Ethan T	Callum S	Emily O	Toby S
Elijah F	Ruby S	Isla E	Will M	Macey L	Alex F
	Hannah F		River-Mae S		Georgia C-N

From the Team at Meldreth Primary School – we wish you well!