

Weekly Bulletin

November 5th 2021



Welcome back to the start of the new half term. The winter weather has been kind to us so far but it is certainly getting much colder. Please ensure that your child brings a **warm coat** to school. We are sensitive to the changing weather conditions but most days, as you can see above, the children will be learning outside at some point.

This week saw Cambridgeshire becoming one of the Government's enhance COVID resource areas. It is important to remember that the identification of symptoms in your family is a key preventative measure and with positive cases in school currently, we still have to remain vigilant. Please do continue to let us know if your child or a member of your family shows any symptoms.

This week, school councillors fed back class discussions on school lunches and our [new school menu](#). They reported that children were '*looking forward to trying new foods*' and that they are '*intrigued about the lamb slice and sticky sausages.*' Our meeting ended with a tour of the school kitchen and discussion with caterers. We found out that the kitchen uses **free-range eggs and chicken!**

School Photographs

We don't want you to miss out on those happy memories of school life so our photographer will be in school on Monday and Tuesday next week to take individual photos; please make sure your child has their full school uniform. **Puffin, Swift, Kestrel** class on **Monday** and **Wren, Osprey, Kite & Hawk** classes on **Tuesday**. Preschool on Wednesday and any children who weren't in on Monday or Tuesday.



Children in Need



A message from our school councilors... 'It's Pudsey Day! A day when we donate money to charity to help people in need. It is on **Friday (19th November)**! we invite children, parents and staff to **wear their sleepwear to school** All we ask is that you make a **suggested donation of £1 to BBC Children in Need**. Do not forget to dress up warmly (e.g. dressing gown and slippers)! We will be at the gate to collect your donations. You can also win a prize in our Pudsey treasure hunt.'

Bag2School

Clear out this weekend for our PTA **Bag2School collection on Monday 8th November**. Collections includes all items of clothing and linen but no cushions, duvets or school uniform. Drop off your bags at the school garage.



Odd Socks Day Monday 15th November



Please wear odd socks to school on **Monday 15th November**. Let's celebrate what makes us all unique at the start of Anti-Bullying week!

University of Cambridge parental research

Between November 2021 and January 2022, we are recruiting 12 fathers and 12 mothers of at least one child aged 7-11 years old. Parents who volunteer to participate will be asked to take part in a 45 to 60 minute interview with a researcher from the University of Cambridge via Zoom, during which they will be asked to talk about how their physical activity has changed as their children have moved from infancy to primary school.



Studies suggest that parents of younger children (under 5s) are less active than parents with older children. Considering the many physical and mental health benefits of physical activity, we want to find out what changes in the physical activity behaviours of parents as their children move from infancy to primary school to find ways to increase the physical activity levels of parents of younger children. We also want to find out whether and how experiences differ for mothers and fathers. We have created the Parental Experiences of Physical Activity study to hear about the experiences of physical activity of both fathers and mothers.

All participants will be given a £15 voucher to thank them for taking part.

If you are interested in participating, please contact me at parentalPA@mrc-epid.cam.ac.uk for more information about the study.

School Health & Safety Reminders

All children need **appropriate shoes (not boots)** whilst in school that support their growing feet and outdoor play safely. We find that this does reduce the number of accidents that children have in school.

We expect that **long hair is tied back** for school to keep you child safe in PE lessons, science and technology lessons as well as to help reduce the risk of head lice spreading in the classrooms.

Children should not come to school wearing nail varnish, tattoos/transfers, make up or jewellery, except stud earrings.

Earrings should not be worn on PE days, or if this is not possible, covered with tape.

Children should ensure that they have **jumpers or cardigans to wear in the classrooms**. As we are required to ensure sufficient ventilation to the classrooms, doors and windows are often open which means that the rooms are slightly cooler than normal.



Please do continue to inform us if you feel that your child has COVID symptoms and needs to take a PCR test. We will continue to update our website with any classes where children have COVID symptoms and will inform you if there is a positive case in your child's class.

Award Winners



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| Evelyn E | Amelia L | Clemence H | McKenzie B | Jack D | Emily H |
| Josh G | Lewis D | Victoria-Grace A | Nicholas H | Jacob F | Seren B |
| Felix G | Darcey McM | Oliver S | Nola W | Charlotte K | Leo E |
| | Ruby B | | Sunny P | | Emily T |

Diary Dates

| November | |
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| Monday 8 th - Wednesday 10 th | School Photographer in school |
| Monday 8 th | Bag2school collection - find out what to collect |
| Monday 15 th | Odd socks day for anti-bullying week |
| Friday 19 th | Children in Need – Pyjamas in school |
| Friday 19 th | Bring in previously loved Christmas jumpers for PTA sale |
| Sunday 21 st | PTA Xmas Fair at the village hall |
| Monday 22 nd | Weather permitting – PTA Christmas jumper sale |
| Thursday 25 th | Decoration Day – wear your Xmas jumper! |
| December | |
| Wednesday 1 st | Nasal flu immunisation |
| Tuesday 7 th | Puffin Class Vision Screening |
| Wednesday 8 th & Thursday 9 th | Puffin, Swift & Wren class Nativity |
| Thursday 9 th | Santa Day Fun Run |
| Friday 10 th | Theatre of Widdershins Visit |
| Tuesday 14 th | KS2 Carol Concert |
| Friday 17 th | Last Day of Term |



Kestrel class debating



Kite class science



Swift class firework trail

From the team at Meldreth Primary School...we wish you all well!



To help raise funds for
Meldreth Primary School
Swimming Pool and
Home Start