

Weekly Bulletin

January 14th 2022



We love seeing what learning your child brings home!

With the precarious nature of Covid-19 in the UK currently, we are seeing another challenging start to our new school term amidst high numbers of staff and pupil absence. The Department for Education has updated their guidance for schools in identifying Covid-19.

- Children and staff who have one of the three symptoms of Covid-19 **must** still go and get a PCR test.
- If children have close contact with a positive case in school, we will be advising you to take an LFD for the following 7 days after contact even if your child has recently had Covid.
- Children and staff with a positive LFD result **must** isolate and there is not a requirement for a confirmatory PCR test.

Our risk assessment has been updated to reflect these new changes and can be found alongside the current picture in school on our [school website](#). We thank you for your hard work and continued commitment to the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff.

This week, we welcomed baby Beatrice Emily, born on Monday weighing 7lbs 13oz. Ms Haigh says that William, Jessica and Charlotte can't wait to meet their new sister.



Parent Consultation Evenings

We are hosting our parents' consultation meetings this term on **Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th February**. 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.

When is the right time to let your child take their first steps of independence? What age are they able to start making their way to school without you?

At our school, staff and Governors agree that all children, up until the end of Year 4 (age 8-9) are collected from school by an adult. In Year 5 and 6 many parents are keen for their children to begin to develop some independence skills, by allowing them to walk home alone or to walk to a local 'pick up' place, where parents collect them and take them home from there. In these cases, we ask parents to complete a form giving us permission to release them from school unaccompanied by an adult. For more information, look at the [travelling to and from school page](#) on our website. Year 5/6 parents may submit permission via MCAS using the Parental Consent menu option.

Maths@Meldreth

Mathletics is a great tool for children to practice and consolidate the maths they have learned in school. All children have a log in to use at home and school. For every activity the children complete they earn points which will go towards **bronze, silver and gold Mathletics certificates**. These can be viewed by clicking on 'my awards' on the left side of the home screen.




- **1000 points = 1 bronze certificate**
- **5 bronze certificates = 1 silver certificate**
- **4 silver certificates = 1 gold certificate**

If your child has earned a certificate, please send it into school - we look forward to celebrating your maths learning!

CHECK NOW.... is your child eligible for Additional School Funding? - [speedy checking tool](#)



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.

					
Dexter P	Isla B	Cleo X/ Harry S	Isla HP	Reggie BE	James F
Vinnie T	Ashton W	Ruby R	Willem W	Luca A	Annabelle P
Felix G	Oli S	Rufus B	McKenzie L/Toby C	Vinnie L	Rennie F
Ruby S		Declan P		Evie M	

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 18th Jan

Kestrel Class [Children's University](#) Launch

Diary Dates

December	
Friday 28 th Jan	Kestrel & Hawk Holocaust Memorial Day Talk
Friday 4 th Feb	NSPCC Number Day
Friday 11 th Feb	Love Your Home Start Non Uniform Day
Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th Feb	HALF TERM
Tuesday 22 nd & Thursday 24 th Feb	Parent Consultation Meetings
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day
Tuesday 28 th & Wednesday 30 th March	Year 3 & 4 Performance
Friday 1 st April	Last Day of Spring Term

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



Royston, Buntingford &
South Cambridgeshire

NEEDS YOU!!



Are you a mum, dad, grandparent or carer? Wondering what to do with your time and energy in 2022?

We need local people with your experience to become a Family Support Volunteer for Home-Start Royston, Buntingford & South Cambridgeshire.

Sign up for our Volunteer Preparation Course which starts in February 2022. This training course will provide you with all the knowledge you'll need to support a family and you will become part of the amazing Home-Start team.

You could be the vital support a family needs to help change their life, and while you're doing it, it might just change yours!

For more info visit www.hsrsc.org.uk/become-home-start-volunteer or email admin@hsrsc.org.uk



"The heart of a volunteer is never measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others."

DeAnn Hollis



- ♥ In 2019/20, 118 families were supported by our volunteers
- ♥ 71% of volunteers say helping others helps to reduce stress
- ♥ our volunteers gave up 2900 hours of their free time in 2019/20