

Weekly Bulletin

March 4th 2022



Welcome back after the half term break. From the children's discussion around school, they seem to have enjoyed getting out in half term and seeing friends and relatives. This year so far we have had a good response to our parent survey, with 65 responses– NOT YET an all-time record! **The survey closes on Monday and [can be accessed here](#).** We very much appreciate the time that you spent and value all your views and feedback. We are very pleased with the high level of confidence you feel in all aspects of the school.

Thank you also to those of you who included additional comments or suggestions. These will be noted for further discussion, as we continue to improve. In the meantime, thank you for your support and partnership in our shared aim of giving your child a safe, happy and effective education. Here are a few comments...

Could not think of a better place for our daughter to start her school career!

Very grateful to the fantastic staff at the school who have worked so hard to keep things going and support the pupils.

I would like to see options other than football/netball, such as cooking, sewing, creative writing...

We are hugely grateful that our children have such a positive experience.

Lovely school with caring staff and a friendly atmosphere

What should you do if your child is unwell or has Covid symptoms?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, or preschool when they're unwell.

As always, we ask that you follow [government guidelines](#) for schools and nurseries that say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it is important to phone us on the first day to let us know that your child will not be in and why. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher or the school office know.

New public health guidance from 24 February:

Face coverings are no longer advised for parents, staff and visitors on school site

Children with symptoms should go for a PCR test and should not be in school.

Children should stay at home for at least 5 days and avoid contact with other people if they:

- have any of the [main symptoms of COVID-19](#)
- have tested positive for COVID-19 – this means you have the virus

If the number of positive cases substantially increases in our school, we might be advised that additional measures should be introduced

The [Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health](#) has made it clear that the overwhelming majority of children and young people still have no symptoms or very mild illness only when testing positive for Covid.

Reminder – school health & safety policy - hair

Thank you to the children and parents who ensure that their children's earrings adhere to our school policy. It has been noticed that some children still need to do this.

A reminder also about our policy in relation to hair:

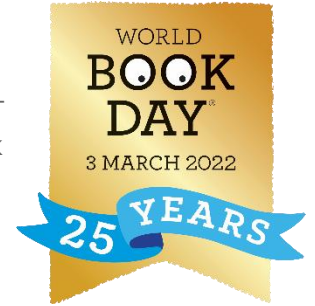
- Long hair (below shoulder length) should be tied back.
- Hair accessories should be minimal, plain and in school colours.
- Hair should be kept out of children's eyes using headbands, clips and slides; again plain using school colours.



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.

World Book Day

Next Thursday we will be celebrating **World Book Day** in school by inviting children and parents to join us in **dressing up** as a story character for the day. If you are short of ideas – take a look at the [World Book Day Site](#). On the day, your child can collect their World Book Day voucher and listen to stories shared by staff.



Drum Lessons in School



We are pleased to say that we can offer weekly individual 20 minute lessons at £9 a week or paired lessons at £4.50 a week. These take place during the school day, every Tuesday with a drum kit and all other equipment provided.

Our professional drummer/tutor, Tom has toured globally as a session drummer and appeared on chart topping singles and albums. To sign up, please contact Tom via email on tomrelihan@gmx.com

Friday 18th March is Red Nose Day



Red Noses are now available for a donation of £1.50 or more, **ORDER AND PAY VIA MCAS NOW!**



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

| Upcoming Events | |
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| Friday 25 th February | PTA Big Bingo Bonanza |
| Thursday 3 rd March | World Book Day & Life Education Bus |
| Friday 4 th March | Life Education Bus |
| Friday 18 th March | Red Nose Day |
| Wednesday 23 rd March | PTA Second hand uniform sale |
| Tuesday 29 th & Weds 30 th March | Year 3 & 4 Performance |
| Friday 1 st April | Last Day of Spring Term |



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| Clemence H | Curtis F | Evelyn E | Molly B | Isaac I | Priya M |
| Lily F | Esmee B | Charlotte L | Amelia B | Holly W | Fraser H, Callum H |
| Preston L | William L | Felix L | Maia K B | Esme H | Ashton W, Toby L |
| | Issac W | | Chloe V | Toby V, Emily T | Julia D, Imogen B |



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