

Weekly Bulletin

September 18th 2020

A photograph of a handwritten school logbook entry. The text is written in cursive on lined paper. The entry is dated 'Nov. 1st 1918' and describes a school closure due to influenza. It mentions 13 cases and a telegram to Dr. Robinson. The entry continues with 'Nov. 18th 1918' and 'Nov. 25th 1918', detailing the school's return and the percentage of books present.

dental inspection.

Nov. 1st 1918 School closed by order of S. M. O. until Nov. 15th inclusive. This is because of influenza in the village.

Nov. 18th 1918 School assembled this morning, but owing to 13 cases of influenza, a telegram was sent to Dr. Robinson informing ^{him} of the facts & asking for instructions. A wire was received, extending closure for another week. Children were therefore dismissed @ 11.15 a.m.

Nov. 25th 1918 School re-opened this morning 68 on books 58 present.

I thought you might enjoy this photo of our school logbook from November 1st, 1918 – the last time that the school was closed for the Influenza virus.

A continued thank you to all of those who are managing to follow the one-way system and staggered drop off and pick up times at school. It is likely that these will be in place for some time and we must make sure that they remain high priority for the safety of everybody.

Schools have strict guidance to follow should a child show any of the symptoms of COVID-19. This does require self-isolation and a negative COVID-19 test before we can admit the child back to school. I know that the current national testing programme must be a frustration for those of you whose children have been sent home or who have reported symptoms. Unfortunately, it is what we are required to do and I would ask for your continued patience. I am also aware that during the autumn months, we will see children develop more coughs and colds.

I hope that despite this, your children are continuing to enjoy being back in school. There really is such a positive atmosphere around the classrooms and children enjoying their learning. If you would like to see our first virtual school celebration assembly...[look here](#).

School Inset Day

A quick reminder that **school is closed** for staff training **on Monday (21st September)**. Have a lovely long weekend.

My Child At School

We are a cashless office and all payments including bookings for breakfast and afterschool club should please be made via your MCAS account. You will need your invitation code if using your account for the first time – please email the office. Don't forget you can make payments of £10 or more into your account monthly or at any time if you would like to spread the cost of lunches, trips, etc.

Many parents download the free MCAS parent app. All messages sent to you via email can be received as instant notifications in the app. If you haven't already done so, please do download the app, it's free and easy to do, simply download the app from your app store (iPhone or Android).



Annual Childhood Flu Immunisation

You will have received an email from the school office this week about our nasal flu immunisation programme on 16th October 2020. All children from Reception to Year 6 can have the vaccination that is free and is a quick and simple spray up the nose. Please don't forget to **consent or decline at:** <https://tinyurl.com/y8wklivr> to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be a dangerous illness and can cause serious complications.

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.
- All **long hair MUST be tied back** for school
- Children should not come to school wearing nail varnish, tattoos/transfers, make up or jewellery, except stud earrings.
- **Earrings should be removed 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.

Secondary Already?

The application window for our Year 6 pupils to apply for secondary school is now open. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2020 with offers made on 1st March 2021. More information, including the LA guidance, can be found [on our school website](#).

School Absence/Illness

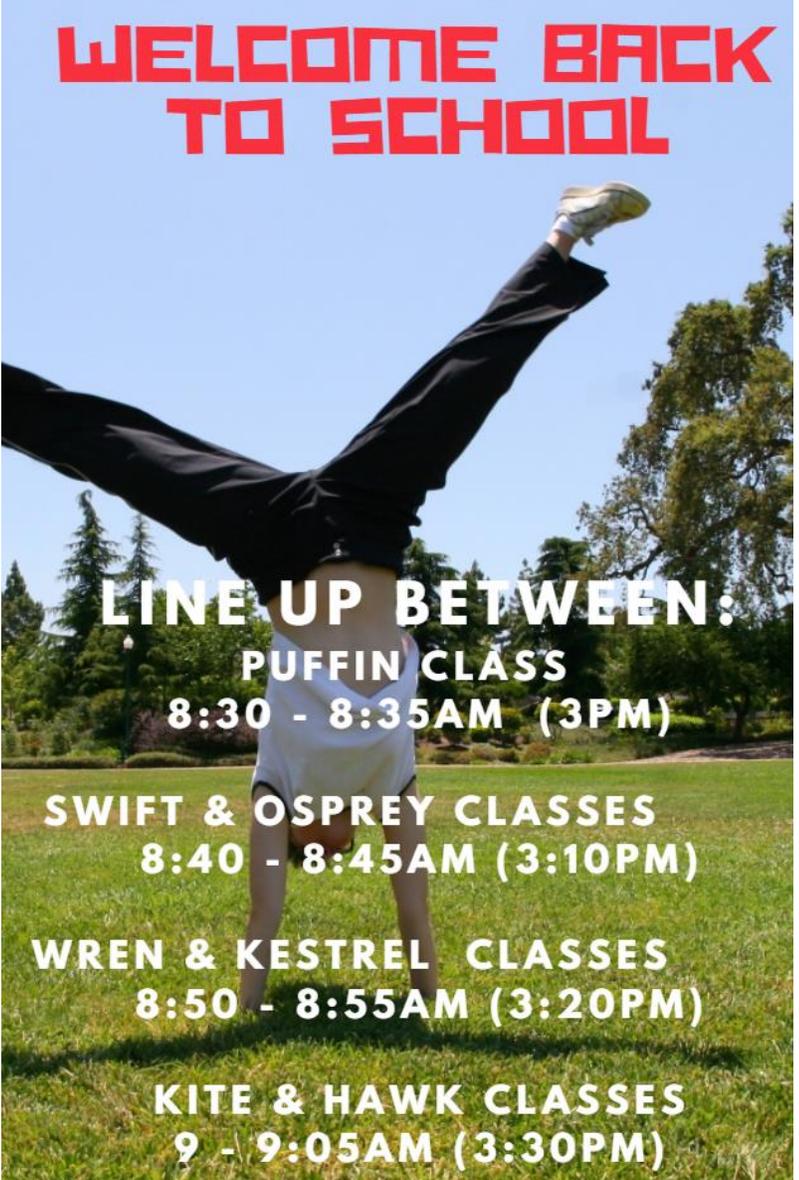
If we do not receive any information from a parent/carer in the morning, we will phone all contacts as part of our safeguarding procedures. **Please do leave a message by 9.00 am on the first day of any absence.**

If your child has either vomiting or diarrhoea, they should stay at home for 48 hours from the last bout of illness. This is a recommendation from Public Health England to protect other pupils and staff. Any absence can result in a loss of continuity for your child's education and upset their balance of learning.

We ask that you please make every effort to **avoid booking medical and dental appointments during school time as it can be difficult to access children without disrupting the learning and safety of others.** Where this is unavoidable, parents/carers should email the school office and attach a copy of the appointment card, email or letter before the date of the appointment.

Puffin, Swift & Wren classes - CHECK NOW....
is your child eligible for Additional School Funding? - use this [speedy checking tool](#).

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



**WELCOME BACK
TO SCHOOL**

LINE-UP BETWEEN:

**PUFFIN CLASS
8:30 - 8:35AM (3PM)**

**SWIFT & OSPREY CLASSES
8:40 - 8:45AM (3:10PM)**

**WREN & KESTREL CLASSES
8:50 - 8:55AM (3:20PM)**

**KITE & HAWK CLASSES
9 - 9:05AM (3:30PM)**