

Weekly Bulletin

September 10th 2021



Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! A particular welcome to all our new children and their families. I have no doubt that everyone will make you feel included and welcomed to our friendly community.

It was so lovely to welcome pupils and parents back into school this week; they all seem genuinely pleased to be back. Our staff are very mindful that some of our pupils may have felt anxious or a little worried about coming back to school and I would like to reassure you that we are giving pupils the time to talk and to support them so that they feel happy and safe in school. Thank you for all your positive comments and I appreciate any feedback from a parent's point of view

Though schools have been encouraged to loosen coronavirus restrictions, we are taking a cautious approach and we thank you for wearing facemasks whilst on our school site at these busy times. **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.

On behalf of all our staff, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the very wonderful gifts, cards and kind words we received at the end of last term. At the end of what was another busy and exciting year, we genuinely value your thoughtful words and appreciation. Thank you so very much! We look forward to working with you, and our new families, this year.

This is an advance warning of our **school closure, for staff training, on Monday 20th September.**

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 2021 with offers made on 1st March 2022. More information, including the LA guidance, can be found [on our school website](#).

Home School Contact

Now that you have access to your child's class teacher each morning and after school – please remember that morning contact is for urgent information only and to book a meeting later in the day. Our staff priority is safeguarding pupils first thing in the morning.

As the children settle into their new classroom routines, please take a look in the classrooms in **our 'meet the teacher' drop in next Wednesday at 3.10pm**. Do not forget to keep up to date with all the learning that is taking place by checking your child's class page on our website. These contain a parent's page with staff photographs and class information about PE days, year group expectations and assessment links. We hope that this will be an opportunity for you to see what exciting learning activities your child is taking part in at school.

Thank you for your kind words and helpful information about how well your children are settling back into school life and welcome to our newest and youngest pupils in Puffin class. Parents, we hope that your early access to our Tapestry platform has supported you in building a better relationship with our school and staff.

As always, you can pick up helpful information to support at home and learn more about your child's day at school from class pages and our school website.

Clubs

Extracurricular clubs begin next week and can be found [on our website here](#). If your child would like to join a club this term, **bookings can be made via your MCAS app – clubs**. If the club is full, please still add your child to the waiting list as numbers can change.

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 jewelry, 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.

School Meals

I hope that you have all heard great things about our new school meals this term, provided by Hertfordshire Catering Limited. Their core aim is to improve school meals and make lunchtime a positive and integral part of a child's school experience. You can find out more on their [Parent Page](#).

Currently, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically entitled to enjoy **FREE** school meals, even if parents don't receive one of the qualifying benefits or tax credits. **School meals are £2.50 a day, £12.50 a week or £90 for the half term.**

Free School Meals in Years 3 - 6

If you are unsure whether you are eligible and would like to check, you can use this [speedy checking tool](#).

Travelling To and From School

Parents of our **Year 5 and 6 pupils** should have received guidance to support you in making the decision on whether to allow your child to walk or cycle home from school. More information for parents of younger children and our school expectations can be found [here](#).

Our school milk scheme

Our school provides a milk scheme that is available to all of our pupils and we would like to invite you to register your child. **School milk is free for under-5s**, and for over-5s it is available at a subsidised price of around £15 a term.

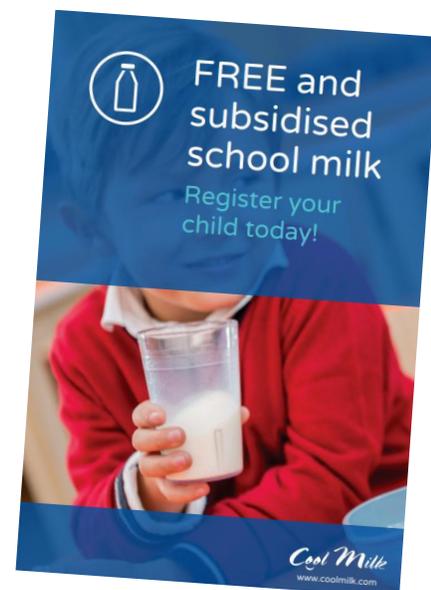
Each child that registers with Cool Milk will receive a 189ml portion of semi-skimmed milk every day, delivered fresh and chilled to the classroom. It bridges the gap between breakfast and lunch to help children stay focused.

If your child is under five:

- Register online at www.coolmilk.com
- Register by a Tuesday at 5pm for your child's free milk to start the following week
- Free milk will continue until the Friday before your child's fifth birthday. You will receive a payment request four weeks before their birthday - if you wish your child to continue to receive school milk, simply make a payment

If your child is five or older:

- Register and pay online at www.coolmilk.com
- You can pay Cool Milk either online, over the phone or at a local PayPoint in half-termly, termly or annual instalments.
- Please pay by a Tuesday at 5pm for your child's milk to start the following week



Award Winners



Year 1 - Ruby R
Year 2 - Toby S
Year 3 - Evie B
Year 4 - Charlee F
Year 5 - Amelie D
Year 6 - Toby C



Year 1 - Amelia B
Year 2 - Amelia H
Year 3 - Lewis W
Year 4 - Aaliyah Rose T
Year 5 - Toby L
Year 6 - Chloe P & Zoe F



Year 1 - Matilda B
Year 2 - Vinnie L
Year 3 - Ruby S
Year 4 - Ethan B
Year 5 - Haiden D
Year 6 - Imogen B

Our Learning Gallery



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