

Weekly Bulletin

January 20th 2023



At Meldreth Primary School, we know that reading is much more than decoding of print on a page. We encourage all our young readers to engage with different kinds of texts to broaden their knowledge and their understanding and meaning of a text. On Wednesday, 1st February, we invited all children and parents back to school at 5pm to join in our big bedtime story event.

Children will share stories with friends and teachers, bring a soft toy, wear pyjamas/dressing gown and/or bring a pillow.

Reading activities and support for parents is planned too from 5- 5.30pm. We hope you can come and join us for a coffee and workshops.

What is Magic Spell? How do we teach children to calculate? What are the best books to buy?

All our staff wish to thank all the parents who help with our extra-curricular events, trips and activities. Without you, these activities simply would not happen. Your tireless effort and enthusiasm for the school activities do not go unnoticed. If you think you'd be available to help with trips, events, activities or even please come and join in the fun!

Possible Strike Action

Further to the news of industrial action proposed by the National Education Union (NEU), I wanted to communicate with you about the potential impact.

According to the [NEU](#), members have reported struggling with the cost of living crisis, childcare costs, energy costs and mortgage payments. They explain that, although the government offered a 5% pay increase to teachers, due to increasing levels of inflation, the reality is that the 5% increase is a 7% pay cut.

Currently we do not imagine that there will be any impact on our school but I will update you further if this position changes as NEU members seek further professional advice.

Football News!

Travelling down the road for the local derby on Tuesday afternoon, our B team enjoyed a thrilling friendly match against Melbourn Primary! For many of our players, this was the first time they had represented the school in a game of football. **William F, Arthur S, Ellie S, Edward D, Galileo W, Eleanor W** all had fantastic debuts for Meldreth FC and although the score was a 6-1 defeat, we left with our heads held high, smiles on our faces and a spring in our step.

There was a fantastic turnout from our supporting parents and friends, whose wild celebrations at **Alex F's** brilliantly taken goal could be heard across the village. **Haiden D**, our courageous and inspirational captain, ensured that our team spirit never dropped and ensured the rest of the team (**Charlie W, Priya M, Sophia B and Fraser B**) carried on fighting until the very end!

Free School Meals

Government Funded school meals are available for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This initiative from the DfE has the purpose of aiding child development, supporting academic performance and improving levels of healthy eating.

Do I need to apply for this?

You will not need to submit an application because all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will automatically be entitled to the free school meal. The meal will still need to be ordered from the school.

However, **if you are on a low income, we highly recommend that you do still [make a free school meals application here](#)** as it will also allow the school to unlock additional funding for your child, which will go towards supporting their development.

Every child who applies for free school meals (because they are from a family on a lower income) can unlock up to £1,320 extra funding for their school called Pupil Premium, which must be spent on supporting their development. So, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and will automatically get a free meal, please do still make an application. Otherwise, we will not know that your child is eligible for additional funding.

Parent Consultation Evenings

This term's parents' consultation meetings are face to face meetings on **Thursday 23rd and Tuesday 28th 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. **Look out for an email notification telling you that booking is live.**

Preschool waiting list

It is never too early to put your child's name on our Preschool waiting list!

Places at Preschool are limited currently and are allocated on a first come, first served basis. The earlier you submit your waiting list form, the more likely it is that we will be able to offer your child a place. Places for September are usually allocated in April. However, if you have left it late, please do still submit a form. We make every effort to accommodate as many families as possible.

Please [visit our website](#) to complete our waiting list form.

Wrap-around care

Any changes to booking breakfast or afterschool care places now should be made by emailing as far ahead as possible to lookout@meldreth.cambs.sch.uk.

Important Announcements

					
Fiadh B	Toby S	Skye P	Charlotte K	Skylar B	Ronnie W
Henry P	Tidus S	Mason A	Alex FI	Riley B	Jessica P
India M	Jamie D	Bethan D	Isla B	Hugh B	Florence E
	Willow W		Kara H		Charlie A

Upcoming Events	
Tuesday 28 th February	Y5 & 6 Quicksticks Hockey
13th to 17th February	HALF TERM
Wednesday 1 st February	Bedtime Story After School
Thursday 23 rd February	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 28 th February	

THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

From the Team at Meldreth Primary School – we wish you well!



THE DOG HOUSE IS BACK!

Could you offer a rescue dog a loving home?

Applications now open

www.channel4.com/4viewers/takepart/the-dog-house



**WIN
FROM
WITHIN !**



MASH MULTI SPORTS

FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CAMPS

Location: ST MARYS SCHOOL, ROYSTON

Date: MONDAY 13TH AND TUESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2023

Time: 09:00-15:00 (Early drop off 08:45 and late pickup 15:15)

Price: £22 per child per day

**Contact us to register your interest and for all the details at
mashmultisports@yahoo.com
07713820073**

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NOT ACCEPTED



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CHINESE NEW YEAR

Next Tuesday

MENU

Chicken Chow Mein

OR

Sweet and Sour Quorn
with Rice (V)

Cookie

HCL

