

# Weekly Bulletin

March 24<sup>th</sup> 2023



There was magic in the air when Year 3 and 4 performed their tale of wizards using teamwork to save their Sun Castle from the evil Ice Creatures, after the sun begins to dim. Only by working together could the wizards cast a spell powerful enough to banish the baddies and bring back the sun.

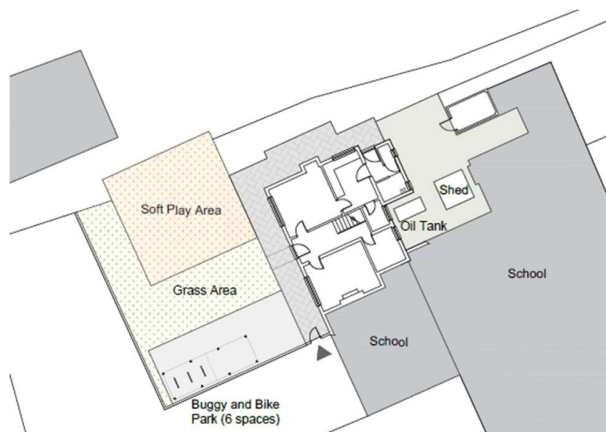
The children worked with great enthusiasm to develop their characters, learn their songs and choreograph their dances, with great results in three performances to parents, pupils and staff. Well done all!

Over the Easter holiday, you may be wondering what is happening to the schoolhouse, originally built adjacent to school as the Headteacher's house in 1910. The building was formerly used as the Headteacher's house and our caretaker's house and has been vacant since 2020 when our caretaker retired.

We now have good news as we have secured planning permission for the Local Authority to make the necessary changes to the house for it to become **an additional 12 place preschool provision for our 2 year olds** and **space for our popular out of school club "Lookout Club"**. Lookout Club provides care for children from 7.40am to 6pm out of school time and we look forward to working with the children to develop and personalise their own space.



THE SCHOOL HOUSE



PLANNED DEVELOPMENT

In the next few weeks, you will expect to see contractors from G&S Hutchinson busy about the site making the following changes:

- painting
- installing new preschool toilet facilities in the ground floor existing bathroom
- installing new kitchen units and cooker
- installing new flooring
- creating a disabled entrance and secure porch to the front door
- installing a new soft play area and buggy park to the front of the house for outdoor learning

We are incredibly excited about using the fantastic outdoor garden at the front of the house and we look forward to working with the children to develop and personalise their own space.

## Parking Safety

We are all aware of how busy the roads around our school can be during pick up and drop off times and we would like to remind everyone of the importance of road safety during these times. **There is no parking in our staff car park.** Parking is an issue around our school and we send out frequent reminders of safe parking. I would like to ask again that you do not park on yellow lines at either site. Please also adhere to the speed limit of the roads around school and drive with caution.

Please pay careful attention, at all times, if you are driving along High Street to keep both pedestrians and cyclists safe. **Single yellow line parking restrictions are used to prevent vehicles parking by the side of the road;** please pay attention to the upright signs with information about when vehicles are not allowed to park here. Remember, child pedestrians are less visible to car drivers because a line of parked cars hides the child from car drivers.



## PTA Bag2School collection - Thursday 20th April

If you are planning a wardrobe clear out over the Easter holiday please consider donating items for our next Bag2School collection on Thursday 20th April. This is a really great, simple way to raise money for the school. You can donate any size clothes (not school uniform), paired shoes, hats, bags, jewellery or belts in good condition for re-use. Please, if you can, hold on to donations for now and we will let you know how to drop them off closer to the time.



## Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a new school governor and are seeking nominations for an enthusiastic and committed person to join our governing board.

There are no particular qualifications required for the role but, following an analysis of the results of our skills audit, we have skills gaps in the areas of **legal and financial** and would be particularly keen to receive nominations from someone with experience in any of these areas.

The core functions of our governing board are:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction.
- Holding senior leaders to account for the educational performance of the school, its pupils, and the performance management of staff.
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

The term of office for all governors is four years. Speak to our chair – [chair@meldreth.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:chair@meldreth.cambs.sch.uk) for more information about the role.



## Competition - design your "Wonderpass" frame

You may have seen the recent information about the community art project for the underpass between Melbourn and Meldreth Station. We are asking children to contribute artwork – the first prize will be painted into a frame on the wall at the underpass. All artwork will be displayed throughout school with prizes for our favourite works in each phase.

### IMPORTANT THINGS TO CONSIDER:

When you make your design, please...

- Fill the space **within the frame** as much as you can but don't go beyond the allocated shape.
- Keep it simple!
- Keep words to a minimum
- As the designs will be painted on to the walls of the underpass please **avoid** prints (e.g. handprints), collages, unusual paint effects, etc.
- Your design can be as colourful as you like, or you can use just a few colours. FLAT COLOURS are best (no complicated textures or patterns)



MELDRETH Primary School

We are asking children to join the community art project in creating artwork to be painted in a frame in the underpass between Melbourn and Meldreth Station

Choose your own shape. Artwork will be scaled up when reproduced on the wall.

Deadline for art to be brought into school for judging - Monday 19th March

A10 UNDERPASS ART PROJECT



Evie C	Fearne W	Emily O'D	Beth P	Freya N	Jamie T
Cleo X	Kite Class	Elijah F	Oscar D	Ivy S	Amelie L
Charlotte L	Lewis D	Lily F	Isla H-P	George T	Georgia C-N
	Edward D		Callum H		Samuel T

## Upcoming Events

Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Sex & Relationships Education Week
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Grafham Visit Meeting @ 5pm
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	PTA Easter Egg Tombola & Last Day of Term
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer Term Begins
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Skipping week

THIS SCHOOL IS  
**NUT FREE**



**THANK YOU**  
for keeping our school safe!

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

UK Health Security Agency

Should I keep my  
**child off school?**

**Yes**

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

**No**  
but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Toxoplasmosis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

**Advice and guidance**  
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrcodes.nhs.uk/minfoc>

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**WIN FROM WITHIN!**

**MASH MULTI SPORTS**

**EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS**  
Location: ST MARYS SCHOOL, ROYSTON  
Date: WEDNESDAY 5TH AND THURSDAY 6TH APRIL 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  
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07713820073

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