



# Newsletter

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## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Don't forget our coffee morning for Macmillan on **Friday 28th September** from **10am** in our school hall. We will be serving tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits to raise money for this good cause. There will be a raffle and competition to get involved with too. Please come along and bring your friends.



If you are able to contribute a cake for the coffee morning, we would be very grateful. Cakes can be delivered on Thursday, or first thing on Friday. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Becoming more involved...

There are two opportunities at the moment to become more closely involved with the school and support the work that it does.

Firstly, the PTFA AGM, on Friday 5th October at 8.50am will be an opportunity to elect new committee members. If you think that you can help the PTFA with their work, they would be very happy to receive your nomination form. The PTFA Committee is vital in supporting the school with fundraising and social events which bring our school community together. We definitely need as much help as possible. You know you want to help really...

Secondly, there is a vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Governing Body. The Governing Body makes the strategic decisions for the school, but is not operationally involved. Parent governors are "representative of" parents on the

governing body, rather than "representing" parents – there's a subtle difference – and the governing body is charged with ensuring its make up is as diverse as possible. Maybe you've considered standing before, but now is your time...

Please ask at the office if you cannot locate the paperwork for either of these opportunities.

## Year 6 Bikeability

Next week will be Bikeability training for our Year 6 pupils. Please can I remind you to bring bikes in the morning (obviously!) and to remember children's cycle helmets – children will not be able to take part without one. Bikes may be left in the school building overnight if this helps with travel to/from school arrangements.

## Illness

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please telephone the

school office first thing in the morning to let us know.

In cases of sickness and diarrhoea, please remember that children must be clear of symptoms for 48 hours before they are able to come back to school. This is to prevent the spread of infection to others.

## Catering Update

Lunchtime Company will be taking over our meals provision this term. In the last newsletter I said that this would be on 1st October, but this change will now be made on **8th October** instead.

To begin with, we will continue with a two-course set menu (with vegetarian option) as we do now, but on Lunchtime Co's new menus. Once everything has settled down we will be working closely with Lunchtime Co to look at how we can improve the offer for pupils.

The way you book and pay for your meals will not change. We will get the new menus out to you as soon as they are finalised.

## Congratulations to...

- Thomas (Class 3) for his 100m swimming certificate and his Grade 2 piano pass too!
- Poppy (Class 3) for sharing her trophy from her go-kart racing successes.
- Edward (Class 4) for passing Grade 2 guitar with merit!
- Jake (Class 4), Zara (Class 3) and Thomas (Class 2) for canoeing the River Stour from Sudbury to the sea. It's 24 miles – well done!

## Year 2 and Year 6 SATS Information Evenings

We will be holding information evenings for parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 about the statutory assessment processes for these year groups. Both meetings will be on **Tuesday 2nd October** with:

- Year 2 at **6.00pm**
- Year 6 at **6.45pm**

Both yeargroups' SATs changed significantly in 2016 and so if you haven't experienced SATs since that time it would be particularly important to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there.

### Reminders

- If you still have pool keys outstanding, please can you let the office have them as soon as possible.
- Year 6 Bikeability is next week – children will need their bikes and helmets in school.
- Melbourn Village College's Open Evening for prospective families (current Year 6) is on Thursday 27th September at 6.30pm
- There is a coffee morning for Macmillan on Friday 28th September from 10am.
- The deadline for parent governor nominations is Friday 28th September
- The Year 2 and Year 6 SATs evenings are on Tuesday 2nd October.
- The deadline for PTFA nominations is Wednesday 3rd October.

Best wishes,  
Mr Philip Atkin  
**Headteacher**

## Dates for Your Diary

<b>Monday 24th September – Thursday 27th September</b>	Year 6 Bikeability
<b>Friday 28th September</b>	Macmillan Coffee Morning, 10am
<b>Tuesday 2nd October</b>	Y2 and Y6 SATs information evenings
<b>Friday 5th October</b>	PTFA AGM, 8.50am
<b>Friday 5th October</b>	Harvest Assembly, c. 9.10am
<b>Tuesday 9th October</b>	Class 4 Trip to Cadbury World <b>NEW</b>
<b>Monday 15th October</b>	Parent & Child Consultations
<b>Wednesday 17th October</b>	Parent & Child Consultations
<b>Monday 22 October – Friday 26th October</b>	Half-Term
<b>Monday 29th October</b>	School Closed – INSET Day
<b>Monday 5th November</b>	Class 1 Visit to Aerozone Stansted <b>NEW</b>
<b>Thursday 8th November</b>	Individual and Family Photographs <b>NEW</b>
<b>Friday 9th November</b>	Remembrance Assembly, 10.30am
<b>Monday 12th November – Friday 16th November</b>	Anti-Bullying Week <b>NEW</b>
<b>Thursday 22nd November</b>	Small Schools Cross Country Competition <b>NEW</b>
<b>Friday 23rd November</b>	Open Morning, 9am – 10am
<b>Tuesday 4th December</b>	Flu Vaccinations, Reception to Year 5
<b>Sunday 9th December</b>	PTFA Christmas Fair <b>NEW</b>
<b>Tuesday 11th December</b>	Class 1/2 Production, 9am
<b>Wednesday 12th December</b>	Class 1/2 Production, 2.15pm
<b>Friday 14th December</b>	Parent & Child Christmas Crafts, 2pm
<b>Wednesday 19th December</b>	Carols at St Mary's, 9am
<b>Wednesday 19th December</b>	Last Day of Term

### Spring Term 2018

<b>Thursday 3rd January &amp; Friday 4th January</b>	School Closed – INSET Day
<b>Monday 7th January</b>	First Day of Term for Children
<b>Monday 14th January</b>	Values Day
<b>Tuesday 22nd January</b>	Young Voices (KS2)
<b>Monday 11th February</b>	Parent & Child Consultations
<b>Wednesday 13th February</b>	Parent & Child Consultations
<b>Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February</b>	Half-Term
<b>Monday 11th March – Friday 15th March</b>	Science Week
<b>Friday 5th April</b>	Open Morning, 9am – 10am