

Weekly Bulletin

November 20th 2020



Early Years Maths in Action

COVID-19 cases are high throughout most parts of the UK, and all four nations of the UK have brought in further restrictions aiming to control the pandemic. But unlike the lockdowns in the Spring, we are staying open this time around. We have been asked to share [this video](#) where Chief Inspector Paul Rogerson from the Neighbourhood Policing Team at Cambs Constabulary talks about Lockdown II and what the regulations mean for parents.

Please remember that:

- You should be making essential journeys only
- Children should be going straight to and home from school with no congregating in play areas
- Families must ensure that they are socially distancing from others
- School bubbles don't count out of school
- The rule of 6 no longer applies, and
- Play areas are open for exercise with members of your family or one other person only.

We ask that you follow this guidance to ensure that school can stay open for your children throughout this challenging time.

Protecting schools from COVID-19

To provide reassurance to parents at this crucial time, track the spread of the virus and better understand how COVID-19 affects children, COVID Symptom Study have launched a new School Community feature through the COVID Symptom Study App.

This allows parents and carers to log how their child/children are feeling to a secure school community network, so schools can receive daily insights into the health of their students and make data-driven decisions to keep pupils and staff safe.

Our Unique School Network Code is **BL9YRAR**. To avoid outsiders joining, please do not share this code with anyone who is not a parent of our school. For more information including full instructions on how to join and use the COVID Symptom Study app please head to: <https://covid.joinzoe.com/schools>

Meldreth Advent Trail

An Advent Trail will be taking place through the village in December - one picture going up each day, culminating in a crib scene in the church porch on Christmas Eve. Children are invited to spot the new pictures as they go up (all 23 of them). They will be displayed in windows and gateposts on High Street starting at the station exit and finishing at the stocks.



Cambridge Literacy Festival

Two of our favourite former children's laureates **Jacqueline Wilson** and **Michael Morpurgo** join us from their homes to talk to your child and answer their questions at this year's Literacy Festival on **Sunday 29th November**. For the grown-ups, **Pragya Agarwal** has put together a vital toolkit for parents on how to talk openly and honestly about race to your children. Find out more [here](#).

Starting School in September 2021

The window for **applying for a place for a 4 year old** at primary school is now open and **applications must be received by – 15th January 2021**. Please do not leave completing the application until close to the deadline as **late applications are considered after all first places have been offered**. We are more than happy to offer help in completing your application. Visit our [prospective parent page](#) for more information and our welcome videos.

Upcoming Events



NEXT WEEK. Bikes and helmets can be walked into the school playground and placed by Hawk classroom.

Come to school on **Thursday 26th November** dressed in your **Christmas jumper**.

Booking is **now closed** on MCAS>dinner for **our Christmas lunch** on **Wed December 9th** If you require more information, please contact the School Office

Any late bookings for Breakfast and Afterschool Club will now need to be completed by emailing lookout@meldreth.cambs.sch.uk. Please note that **all changes and cancellations to bookings must be made by email** to lookout@meldreth.cambs.sch.uk. Thank you.

Meldreth Community Food Bank

Our Meldreth Community Food Bank is planning ahead to be in a position to offer Christmas boxes - basics and nice Christmas things - to families who need this over the holidays. They have set up a [JustGiving Page](#) for those families who feel that they have the capacity to **donate to this worthy cause**.



The food bank is open now, as usual. Please ring or text Anne who runs the Foodbank on 07592 355279.

CHECK NOW.... is your child eligible for Additional School Funding? - use this [speedy checking tool](#).

Requests

- Preschool are looking for any **donations of games and resources** including Baby Annabel sized baby clothes for our youngest children. Donations can be handed to Mrs Howard for quarantine - Thank you
- As Christmas approaches, don't forget to use [#easyfundraising](#) or [#AmazonSmile](#) when you do your Christmas shopping. It is a really simple and **FREE way to support the school**.

School Awards

If you would like to find out why your child was awarded visit our [virtual celebration assembly page](#).



Congratulations to our Star Writers: **Lily F, Isabella C, Oscar D, Poppy B, Daisy E, Isla J, Asher H**

Joshua G, Rory O, Jess P Bobby K, Millie K, Callum H, Sienna Z, William M, are this week's Headteacher Award winners

Olympic Values Award winners: **Hugh B, Ellie B, Alex F, Charlee F, Darcey McM, Freddie-Lee Ch, Lucia M-R**



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