

Weekly Bulletin

January 22nd 2021



We are loving seeing your home learning keep it coming!

This week, I was reminded of a tweet written during the earlier lockdown: "***We are not all in the same boat. We are in the same storm. Some of us are on super-yachts. Some of us have just the one oar.***" It was, of course, referring to the impact COVID-19 has had in revealing (and widening) the inequalities in our society. In our community, we are all navigating the same storm in our own boats – we may take similar or different courses and meet different obstacles in our journey, finding unique and surprising ways to overcome them. The phrase '**stronger together**' is so relevant in the way we can navigate stormy seas, let us not lose sight of this.

IMPORTANT contact school immediately if you or your child has symptoms, whether or not your child is attending the school site email head@meldreth.cambs.sch.uk

Wellbeing Wednesdays

During the current pandemic, we are all feeling less secure and missing our usual routines, friendships and social interactions. But just as doing exercise improves physical health, you and your child can do activities to boost their mental health and wellbeing. We want to promote this through our Wellbeing Wednesday activities, a time to pause, reflect, support and think about ourselves. Take a look at [our website page](#) for ways to better support you and your child's wellbeing.

Family Support

Following a recent change in advice from the Government, our children eligible free school meals who are not in school, will again be receiving food vouchers in their email inbox.

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

Virtual School Library

Visit the [Virtual School Library](#) in partnership with the National Literacy Trust.

Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads. This week it is **Jacqueline Wilson**. <https://library.thenational.academy/>

Having access to books is incredibly important for children to nurture a love of reading and enrich children's literacy skills, academic achievements and mental wellbeing. The Virtual School Library will help to ensure that children have access to the magical world of stories all year round, from home. Inspiring authors and illustrators to ensure that the books and activities in our Virtual School Library will support children's wellbeing through reading.

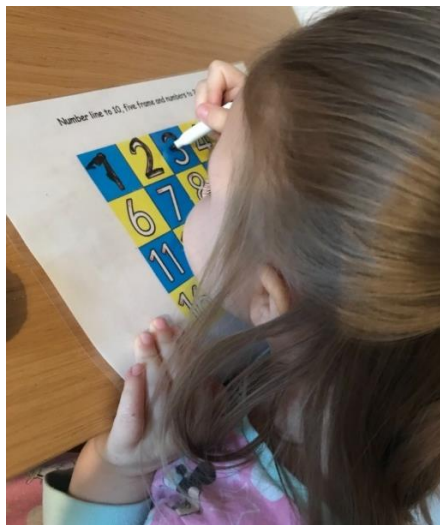
Make it a Happier New Year for children and young people in care

Fostering with Cambridgeshire County Councils means you are fostering with a local authority that truly cares about you and our children. We offer comprehensive training courses both before and during your fostering adventure with us. We also allocate a social worker who will support you and we provide a 24/7 helpline so you will never feel alone! So whether you are single, married, retired, working or a full time parent to a birth child **YOU CAN FOSTER!** Make this a happier New Year for our children and young people. To find out more, call 0800 052 0078, email fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering

Emergency services new digital safety education platform

[StayWise](#) brings together many educational resources from the emergency services and voluntary safety organisations so you can easily find trusted resources to teach your child how to stay safe.

The site is packed with FREE resources for parents to help children aged 3-11 to learn about safety and bring learning to life, in a fun way, in these difficult times.



From the team at Meldreth Primary School...keep your fabulous home learning coming – we love it!