

Weekly Bulletin

May 7th 2021



Osprey Science Reports

Once again, our school is glowing with pride at the achievements of one of our former pupils. This week, Daniel Goodfellow, who left our school in 2008, was far away on the other side of the world, competing in the FNA Diving World Cup in Tokyo, where he took the Gold medal in the men's synchronised 3m diving competition, along with his partner Jack Laugher. We shared Daniel's success in assembly this week, where his example and achievement remains an inspiration to us all! Well done Dan - we are incredibly proud of you!

Next Week in School

Since 2014, the government has provided free meals to all four to seven year olds in school, **saving parents £437 per child per year**. Nuffield-funded research has found this has also been helping to reduce childhood obesity rates.

The healthy funded infant school meal policy has hugely reduced the use of home-packed lunches for Britain's youngest schoolchildren. On average **children's lunchboxes weighed in at 624 calories**, and two thirds of lunchboxes contained at least two items of high calorie nutritionally empty foods (sweetened drinks, crisps and chocolate bars). To ensure that the policy, which has been threatened on several occasions remains in place, **we ask all children in Puffin, Swift and Wren classes to try a school meal every day next week.**

Parents, if you wish, you can bring a healthy snack into school (just in-case). [Follow this link to view our menu.](#)

Summer Holidays

Many of you may be busily planning your summer holiday and we are pleased that many of you have taken advantage of the two school closure days before our summer half term Thursday 27th & Friday 28th May. Could we please remind all families that in response to government legislation, Headteachers are not able to authorise any requests for children to be taken out of school to go on holiday during term time. We are aware that the costs of holidays are challenging but regret that the legislation for schools is quite inflexible on this point. Our unavoidable absence form is [available on our website here](#).

If your child is absent from school for any reason please notify our school office before 9:30am either by phone or email. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child/ren have the opportunity to achieve their best in school.

Starting School in September?

We thought you may be interested in this 5 week course for those of you with children who will be starting reception in September 2021. The course is live streamed online and free for Cambridgeshire residents. For more info and to book just call 01353 613013.



Foster for us today and show why you care!

Cambridgeshire County Council is supporting this year's Foster Care Fortnight campaign (10th – 23rd May) and urging people to consider fostering as a career. We particularly need carers who can support children and young people between 10 -15 years old, sibling groups of brothers & sisters and short breaks Link foster carers. Foster carers accomplish incredible things every day, and despite the practical and emotional challenges from coronavirus, foster carers continue to provide day-to-day support, love and stability to children and young people who can't live with their birth families.

We offer round the clock out of hours' support should you need it, a dedicated supervising social worker who will provide regular supervision and support and generous pay and benefits. Find out more by coming to our virtual information session on the 26th May from 6-8pm. Register today at

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering or call 0800 052 0078.



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