

Weekly Bulletin

October 22nd 2021



Here we are at the end of the first half term and I am sure that you will agree that the time has gone by very quickly. A giant 'well done' to our new children in **Puffin Class**. They have all settled amazingly well; are keen to learn and are wonderful friends to each other. It has been a very busy half term and a steep learning curve for all of us in school as the children have settled into their new classes with more freedom in school.

It has been inspiring watching our children take part in their Friendship Mile activities this week whilst embracing the Spirit of the Games values of **determination** and **self-belief** and you can [take a look at our activities here](#).

The children have certainly earned a well-deserved break over half term. Do check out our [enrichment activities](#) for some inspiration for a half term project.

Finally, I want to say a **MASSIVE thank you to the whole Meldreth Team (children, staff, parents, members of the community and volunteers) who ensure we put children and learning at the heart of everything, we do!**

Our First Virtual Harvest Festival

Every class has been working really hard to produce their own harvest celebration to [share with families at home](#).

This year we are making a Harvest coin collection to pass onto our local family support charity, **Home-Start Royston & South Cambs**. Funds will then be distributed among the disadvantaged families that they help to support. This link will take you straight to their donation page: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com>. Thank you for your support. We hope you enjoy sharing our celebration together at home.

PTA Zumbathon

The children did indeed dance their socks off this week! Our school goal was to complete a combined total of 6000 minutes of Zumba. That's 100 hours... more than 4 days worth of Zumba!!! **Our fundraising total so far...is over £3,000!** An incredible feat, please [take a look at our photos](#) of the day.

Please return all sponsor forms and money or pay this in to the PTA via MCAS **All funds raised will go directly to help rebuild the swimming pool ready for summer.**

Wellbeing Half Term Tips for Parents

Consider 'flipping' your holiday; could it be possible to complete any work that you have to do at the start of the Half Term break, allowing yourself to completely switch off, knowing that everything is organised?

Take some time to think about yourself - even 15 minutes a day of self-care can start to make a difference.

What about a 'No plans' day...make time to slow down and be kind to yourself.

Avoid the temptation to let your child's sleeping pattern drift too far from normal - it can make it harder to readjust when going back to school.

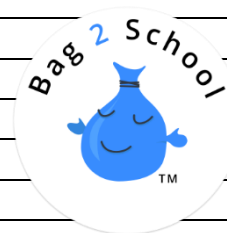


Please do continue to inform us OVER HALF TERM if you feel that your child has COVID symptoms and needs to take a PCR test. We will continue to update our website with any classes where children have COVID symptoms and will inform you if there is a positive case in your child's class.

Diary Dates

A reminder that school will be closed for the half-term holiday w/c 25 October. School will re-open at the usual time on Monday 1 November. Term dates for this academic year and the 2021-22 academic year can be found on our website:

November	
Tuesday 2 nd & Thursday 4 th	Parent Consultation Meetings – No afterschool clubs (except lookout)
Monday 8 th & Tuesday 9 th	School Photographer in school
Monday 8 th	Bag2school collection - find out what to collect
Sunday 21 st	PTA Xmas Fair at the village hall
Thursday 25 th	Decoration Day – wear your Xmas jumper!
December	
Wednesday 1 st	Nasal flu immunisation
Tuesday 7 th	Puffin Class Vision Screening
Wednesday 8 th & Thursday 9 th	Puffin, Swift & Wren class Nativity
Thursday 9 th	Santa Day Fun Run
Friday 10 th	Theatre of Widdershins Visit
Tuesday 14 th	KS2 Carol Concert
Friday 17 th	Last Day of Term



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