

Weekly Bulletin

December 18th 2020



We are now able to share with you our [Virtual Nativity](#) and our [Carol Concert](#) performances, for your family to enjoy at home. This week in school, we had special visitors bringing Christmas (PTA) gifts for our classrooms. I understand that they entranced both staff and pupils alike and their human friends were full of praise for the intelligent questions posed by our children.

I would like to say many thanks to everyone within our community: to parents, PTA members, friends, governors, staff and especially the children who have contributed to making this another very special, and hopefully unique, term of '**Learning Together for Life**' at Meldreth Primary School. I hope that over the holidays you will have time to relax and have fun together.

I would like to wish you and your families a wonderfully peaceful and Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on **Monday 4th January**.

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

Wrap-around care

We have been able to extend the online MCAS booking system for January until **Friday 1st January**, so there is still time to book online if you have not done so already.

Pupil Wellbeing

I would like to say **thank you so much to all staff** for their support and hard work on our *Pupil Learning and Wellbeing* and *Cambridge Ambassador for Pupil Wellbeing* projects this term. Our aim is not only to better support your children with our findings but also to enhance the support that all children receive in the future through our large-scale research projects.

We have just carried out follow up surveys on your child's wellbeing and resilience and hope to be in a position to communicate further in the New Year. Preliminary data shows that **our children have scored significantly higher than other schools for Wellbeing and Metacognition**, compared to over 62,000 pupils across the country.

Staff are now in the process of deeper individual analysis to provide further support for pupils where this is necessary. It has been a tough term, and I know that staff will use further findings to support your pupils' wellbeing in 2021.

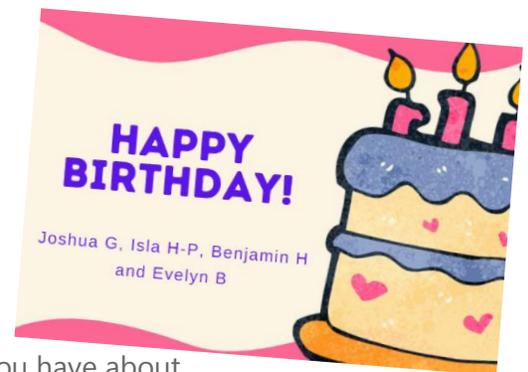
IMPORTANT contact school immediately if you have symptoms over the holiday....

Symptoms begin....	Contact school immediately?	
Between Mon 14th & Fri 18th Dec	Yes	School will notify families who may have been in contact. You will have to self-isolate for 14 days
On Sat 19th Dec	Yes	School will notify families who may have been in contact on Thurs 17 th and Fri 18 th Dec. You will have to self-isolate for 14 days
On Sun 20th Dec	Yes	School will notify families who may have been in contact on Fri 18 th Dec. You will have to self-isolate for 14 days
After Monday 21st Dec	No	Unless testing was delayed following onset of symptoms, there is no need to contact school.

Phone **01763 260432**; email **head@meldreth.cambs.sch.uk**

Missed that last letter?

Don't worry, visit our new [recent letters home](#) website page.



DfE COVID-19 Helpline – holiday hours

The helpline will be available over the holidays to answer any questions you have about coronavirus relating to education settings and children's social care.

These helplines will close on the bank holidays and have shortened opening hours on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours:

24 December – 8am to 4pm

25 to 28 December – Closed

29 to 30 December – 8am to 6pm

31 December – 9am to 4pm

1 January – Closed

2 to 3 January – 10am to 6pm

Until 24 December, the helpline opening hours are:

Free anxiety in children webinar

Parents & carers, don't forget to book for your FREE live YMCA webinars to help you support your child.

For more information and well-being to book a place – [click here](#).



From the team at Meldreth Primary School...we wish you all a happy and heathy Christmas!