

Weekly Bulletin

October 8th 2021



Last weekend our dedicated **staff and parents** took part in the **10K Shine Walk** to help raise money for the life-saving work carried out by Cancer Research UK. The team walked in pouring rain and have raised a total of **£1,250 for research into Childhood Cancers**. Thank you to all who have sponsored us. Well done team! If you would like to support too, please donate via the following link:

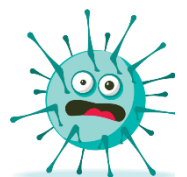
<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/meldreth-primary-school-2021>

Parent Consultation Meetings

This term, our parents' consultation meetings on **Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th November** will take a different look. You are invited to make an appointment to meet your child's class teacher for a **virtual discussion** using your child's Google classroom login. Remember that you and your child's teacher are a partnership. After half term, your child's class teacher will provide a **written overview of your child at school**, which will be uploaded to your MCAS account. If you have regular contact with the teacher and keep the same goals in mind, then your child will see the benefit.

Annual Childhood Flu Immunisation

Please complete and return forms to school as soon as possible. Flu can be a dangerous illness and can cause serious complications. Paper copies can be collected from the school office.



Home-School Partnership & Learning at Home

At Meldreth Primary School, we actively promote the principle of parents as partners in learning. Parents' active engagement with their children's school and their learning is the most important long-term influence on academic success and positive behaviour.

We are committed to securing strong family and community links, and there are a number of ways for parents to engage with your child's learning and contribute to their ongoing success.

Research tells us that learning and understanding are deepened through repetition and practice. We believe that **reading should be part of a child's daily routine**. Key skills such as learning times tables for maths and practice of spelling patterns can also be practised at home. Learning beyond the school, with or without the support of parents, enables pupils to enjoy spending time on an extended task and lets them develop their creativity.

Since recently our children have missed out on many life experiences, we have created **new enrichment activities** for your child's class. These are taken from the Department for Education's '**My activity passport**' Activities aim to promote family learning and develop your child's confidence, social skills and oracy all of which have taken a knock in the pandemic. We encourage you to take part in one or more half termly activities and bring in something to show or tell the rest of your class. Take a look at your child's [enrichment activities here](#).

Our parent partnership expectations...

- You are aware of year group learning expectations published on class webpages;
- You support your child with learning which children need to practise and rehearse:
 - reading and/or talking about their reading to an adult daily
 - learning spelling words linked to age-related expectations;
 - learning multiplication tables to increase their fluency so that they can be applied in other areas of maths;
 - encouraging children to use mathsseeds, mathletics and purple mash
- You give your child opportunities to learn across the curriculum and be creative through our enrichment activities.

Children's Christmas Card Designs

Today you will have received an order form and sample of your child's card design either as a paper copy or uploaded to Tapestry.

This Christmas, we are taking part in Cauliflower group company Christmas Card designs and money raised will be toward our Widdershin's Theatre Visit. Please visit <https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk/> to order using the school code B181 and your child's unique code, which you will find on your child's design.

It is always very exciting for your child to see their design work as a finished Christmas card. Cards would make great family Christmas cards. Orders need to be placed by next Friday (15th October).



Please do continue to inform us 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

| October | |
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| Friday 22 nd | Harvest Festival – recorded for you to watch from home |
| Monday 25th – Friday 29th | HALF TERM |
| November | |
| Monday 8 th & Tuesday 9 th | School Photographer in school |
| Thursday 25 th | Decoration Day |
| December | |
| Wednesday 1 st | Nasal flu immunisation |
| Tuesday 7 th | Puffin Class Vision Screening |
| Wednesday 8 th & Thursday 9 th | 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 |

Award Winners



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| Harry S | Toby V | Lucas P | Bobby K | Isla E | Oscar D |
| Nathan M | Mljet E-M | Maya E | Esmée B | Reggie P | Amelia B |
| Bethany P | Eleanor W | Esmé H | Kara H | Fearne W | Sam T |
| | Sienna Z | | Iris B | | Isaac W |

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