

Weekly Bulletin

March 6th 2020



What a fabulous World Book Week we have had this week. I hope that you have all located your book vouchers and are heading off to a bookshop to browse. If you are looking for some reading inspiration take a look at the suggestions from the [World Book Day website](#).

Sharing books with your child and reading aloud with them at bedtime until they are well into secondary school is a fun, warm and loving experience. Just by reading aloud, together for ten minutes a day will see them grow into eager, confident learners, acquiring listening skills and gaining new words that are far beyond their reading ability.

Parents Consultations

Our Parent Consultation evenings are scheduled for Thursday 19th and Tuesday 24th March. **Booking will be open today at 6pm.** Please watch out for your email alert! Log in to your MCAS account - information on how to do this is available on the [school website front page](#).



CAN YOU HELP?

We need 25+ additional adults to marshal the route for our annual Sports Relief Fun Run on Friday 13th March.

Department for Education Coronavirus helpline

We are continuing to keep you updated on the government's response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). This week, The Department for Education has launched a new helpline to answer questions about COVID-19 related to education. Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

For the latest information and updates on COVID-19 visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

HM Government NHS

**DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION
CORONAVIRUS HELPLINE**

0800 046 8687

8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Fun Run

Please join us in raising awareness and funds for **Sports Relief next Friday 13th March**. Children are asked to come to school in **sportswear with spare footwear to change into after the run**, (masks, whacky glasses, face paints optional). **Suggested donation £1**.

From 9:15 onwards, all children will be taking part in our annual fun run through Melwood. Please make sure all runners bring a change of shoes. We are currently on the hunt for willing volunteers to marshal the route. **If you can help...** just let our school office know.

Y4 Multiplication Check

In June, the [new Year 4 multiplication tables check](#) will become statutory. Your Year 4 child will need to take a short online test to make sure their multiplication knowledge is at the expected level. Pupils are asked to answer **25 questions** on times tables from **two to 12**. They are given **six seconds per question**, with three seconds rest between each question, so the test should last less than five minutes.

Questions about the **six, seven, eight, nine, and 12 times tables** are likely to come up most often, as these are the hardest for most children to learn. It is a good idea to focus on these tricky times tables with your child.

First, the check is about finding out which children are struggling with their times tables so that they can get extra support. It is not a judgement on what your child can do, but a way for the school to know how to adjust the focus of our teaching, if needed.

Staff Changes

The end term often brings staffing changes and so it has been proven to be the case once again. **Mrs Nicola Franks**, who has so ably supported Puffin class children for some years now, will be leaving school at the end of this term.

Miss Lys Haigh will be teaching Puffin Class after Easter on Monday and Tuesdays and **Miss Chloe Jackson will be teaching full time in Swift class** with **Mrs Helen Morris** returning to teach Swift class on Tuesday mornings. May I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Franks for all she has contributed to our school and wish her all the very best for the future.

PTA Quiz Night 27th March

The Quiz night is approaching and teams are filling up fast, please pop into the office to enter your team or pay on your MCAS account.

Teams of up to 8 people, £10 per person which includes a ploughman's supper.

There will be a bar selling drinks and lots of fun to be had.

School Meals

In order for us to carry out the necessary work before the end of the financial year in March, we request that **all dinner money payments MUST BE UP TO DATE**. Please speak to Mrs Willoughby for further advice.



Test your brain power, have fun working as a team and enjoy a ploughman's supper, all while supporting Meldreth Primary School.

School Hall, Meldreth Primary School

Friday 27th March
7.30 PM

Teams of up to 8 people

£10 per person
includes ploughman's supper

Advance tickets only - purchase in the school office

Bar selling drinks



This quiz night is open to the local community.
Please invite your friends and family to join in!

Certificate Winners

Will return next week

Attendance this week is 96.29 %



this year it is 95.4%



Next Week at School

Tuesday 10th March – **Swift Class Church visit**

Friday 13th March – **Fun Run for Sports Relief**

Coming soon

Tuesday 17th March – **Year 5/6 The chemistry of Light** (please return slips to the office)

Thursday 19th March – **Parents Consultation**

Friday 20th March – **Mad Science Lab visit day**

Puffin, Swift and Wren class Mothers' day tea party

Tuesday 24th March – **Parents Consultation**

Year 3-6 Cross Country, Wimpole

Thursday 26th March - **Puffin Class cake sale**

Friday 27th March – **Our school 110 year anniversary celebrations & Edwardian dress up day**

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