

Weekly Bulletin

January 17th 2020



It is the time of year to test our communication methods. Do you get our email messages as notifications via Bromcom? **Did you know that you can now update the information that we hold in school for your child through the MCAS portal?** Support notes are available on our [school website](#).

In the event of extreme weather, whenever possible, Meldreth Primary School will remain open. When heavy falls of snow develop overnight and continue into the following day or extreme icy conditions occur, we will inform you by 7.30am if the school is to be closed.

The closure will be announced on the school website at www.meldreth.cambs.sch.uk and please check for an email message from school. On bad weather days check on the front page of www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk, search for '[Cambridge School Closure](#)', or listen to one of the following stations:

- BBC Radio Cambridgeshire
- Heart 103 and 102.7

Once the school is open, we will remain open until the end of the school day at 3.10 pm. If heavy snow falls during the day and you are concerned about getting your child home, you are welcome to collect your child earlier. **Please do not telephone in these circumstances**, just call into school to collect the children. Phone lines do become extremely blocked as you can imagine. It is our aim to open school every day but the safety of our children and our staff are our main considerations when making difficult decisions.

Bedtime Story at School 29th January

Children and parents are invited back to school from 6 – 6.30pm to join in our big bedtime story event. Children can wear pyjamas/dressing gowns and bring a pillow. Parents as we need you to stay in the school building, refreshments will be provided with an opportunity to find out more about our curriculum and talk to school staff.

Spring Blossoms

You may have noticed the bulbs that have started to push through around the base of the tree in front of the school office. **This area is now off limits** to allow the bulbs time to flower, frost permitting! Please ensure your child stays to the paths. Thanks again to the parents involved in planting the 200 bulbs, and for your co-operation.

Dogs on school grounds

Schools have a duty of care to ensure the safety and well-being of pupils, staff and visitors to the school and to minimise the risk of accident or injury to people or animals within the school grounds. Our most recent review of school risk assessments now requires all parents and visitors to adhere to our Code of Conduct when bringing their dogs to school.

This states that:

- All visiting dogs must be on a lead that keeps the dog reasonably close to the adult who is control of them;
- **Dog handler(s) must remain with dogs at all times** and should wait outside the school grounds wherever possible so that children have a choice whether they want to come in direct contact with dogs;
- No dogs accompanying children to and from school are allowed inside the school gates;
- All dog handlers believe the dog is fully trustworthy in a school environment and has never shown any aggression towards children;
- Children are taught how to approach and interact with the dog by the handler;
- It is understood that bringing dogs to school is a privilege not a right and is done at the absolute discretion of the Headteacher.

500 Words Competition

[BBC Radio 2](#) launched their annual 500 words competition for children aged 5 to 13 this week. Parents can download a learning pack from the [LEARN](#) section of the BBC 2 website, and can also find advice from celebrity judges Frank Cottrell Boyce and Charlie Higson in the [500 Words Live Lesson](#).

The purpose of the competition is to celebrate imaginative writing and to get children excited about writing. Writing is a big focus within our school and we want to encourage as many of our pupils to enter this competition as possible.

The rules are simple! Write a fictional story of no more than 500 words about any topic. Stories are judged by teachers and librarians all around the country, on creativity and enjoyment. The top 50 stories in the

country will be judged by a group of famous authors alongside HRH The Duchess of Cornwall. The winners will have their stories read live on the radio by some superstar celebrities and even receive their height in books!

We also invite you to bring a copy of your child's story to school to be read in assembly. There will be a prize for the most imaginative original story from each class and a prize for the class with the most entries. The deadline for entries to the school competition is Friday 6th March.

Certificate Winners

Headteacher Award winners... Chloe-Ella C, Declan P, Ronnie W, Matthew L, Dylan W, Alex F and Maya S.

Olympic Values Trophy winners... Joseph J, Tia WB, Bobby K, Rosalie C, Matilda P, Isla J and Darcey Mc

Star Writers.... Finlay H, Emily H, Vinnie L, Elfie E, Maia KB, Alicia W, and Nicholas H

Attendance this week is 96.83 % ↓ **this year it is 95.6%** ↑

Next Week at School

Thursday 23rd January **Lunchtime Co will be carrying out a pupil menu survey in school**

Thursday 23rd January **Lookout Club – Kapla session**

Sunday 26th January – **Messy Church 3.30 – 5.30pm**

Coming soon

Wednesday 29th January – **Bedtime story event**

Friday 7th February **Year 4 Bikeability**

Friday 7th February **PTA Discos**

Friday 14th February – **Kite Class Valentine's Day themed cake sale**

