

Weekly Bulletin

November 27th 2020



Christmas has definitely arrived this week in Meldreth Primary School. Decoration Day this week has signalled the approach of the Christmas festivities in school and all the excitement that surrounds our Christmas events.

The children looked full of colour in their Christmas outfits and traditional Christmas songs could be heard playing around our school. Please do look at our website where you will find photos of the day's activities. If you would like to further support your child's creative interests at home, you can purchase our PTA Christmas craft bags via your MCAS account.

We are really proud of the work that we do for local, national and international charities. Each term we support something different either because it has directly affected our school community or because there is a national crisis or need for funds. We talk about how important it is to raise money for others who are not as fortunate as we are. Thank you for your generous donations. We have raised the fantastic amount of **£488.00** for Children in Need so far. **Well done everyone!**



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

Your Child's Hand Health

With winter approaching, cracked dry knuckles are an infection risk and can be sore for you or your child. Here is some advice from one of our medical parents to keep it under control in the current climate:



- Use neutral non-perfumed **moisturiser regularly** after hand washing
- **Wash hands with soap** as it is less drying than alcohol gel
- **Pat hands dry** after washing rather than rubbing
- Make sure hands are fully dry after washing, **especially around the wrists**
- Washing with **cool water** dries skin out less than hot water
- Sweating will irritate and dry the skin, so **avoid overheating**
- Moving between hot environments and cold environments will dry out skin
- Keeping hands warm by **using gloves outside** reduces the risk of drying skin

Christmas Post

The School Christmas Post Box will be open for business on **1st December until 11th December**. Please make sure that all envelopes are addressed with the **forename, surname and class** of the recipient before posting them in the post box. This all helps our busy Year 6 'pixies' deliver cards to the correct class. Stamps are available via MCAS until Tuesday 8th December.

Your Child's Education

As a part of your child's educational experience, we aim to promote their personal wellbeing and development through a comprehensive programme of **Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education** which gives children and young people the knowledge, understanding, attitudes and practical skills to live healthy, safe, productive and fulfilled lives, both now and in the future.

We are particularly interested in your views about when to tackle different concepts and any areas you might like further support with at home. Please look at the materials on [our school website](#) and we welcome you to respond to [our survey](#).

Cycling Smarter

Every year we team up with [Bikeability](#) to promote safe riding. Our oldest children began their training on the playground at school showing basic control and bike handling skills. They were required to show that they could start and stop efficiently; look over their shoulders to check for other users; ride with one hand off the bars and show signalling; show control at slow speeds culminating in a figure of 8 and a 'Slow Race'.

Level Two took place on the local roads around the school site. Children learnt to start and stop safely; U-turns; passing a parked car and left and right turns into various side roads and main roads. You can [watch them here](#). The children had a great time completing their training, meaning they are safe to ride on the roads, when accompanied by an adult or older sibling. Safe riding Y6 and remember to show us what you have learnt!

Requests

- As Christmas approaches, don't forget to use [#easyfundraising](#) or [#AmazonSmile](#) when you do your Christmas shopping. It is a really simple and **FREE way to support the school**.
- Please remember that for the safety of our staff, **our school office is closed during the day** but do feel free to contact us by email or phone.
- The food bank is open now, as usual. Please ring or text Anne who runs the Foodbank on 07592 355279 The [JustGiving Page](#) is for those families who feel that they have the capacity to **donate to this worthy cause**.



Date Reminders:

Christmas Hampers: Last date for donations – Monday 30th November

The colour themes are:

Puffin---red, **Swift** --- purple, **Wren**---green, **Osprey** --- gold, **Kite** --- silver, **Kestrel** ---blue, **Hawk** ---pink.

Thursday 3rd December is the last date to purchase your raffle tickets by MCAS.

Zoom into Christmas: 4th December

Next Friday, the 4th December our **PTA Zoom into Christmas video call** will announce raffle prize winners.

Don your Christmas jumpers and warm up with a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie from home. Details will be sent out shortly before the event.

Nativity: Please bring your child in to school **dressed in their Nativity costumes**, on the following dates:

Wren – Year 2 – Monday 30th November

Swift – Year 1 – Tuesday 1st December

Puffin – Reception – Wednesday 2nd December

7th December is the last date to bring in your non-uniform clothes, shoes, bags, soft toys and other fabric items for our PTA bag2school collection. Please leave all donations by the garage door.



School Awards

If you would like to find out why your child received an award, visit our [virtual celebration assembly page](#).

Congratulations to our Star Writers: **Luca A, Esme H, Lily H, Dylan W, Rosie-Leigh F, Millie U and Amelia T. Reggie P, Tegan L, Toby V, Osprey Class, Annabelle P, Joe Y and Kimberley W**, are this week's Headteacher Award winners

Olympic Values Award winners: **Nathan M, William O, Sebastian P, Hannah F, Ben H, Chloe P and Kiera F.**



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

Christmas Craft Bags

Order a bag of craft activities to enjoy over the Christmas holidays.

Make a festive keyring



Colour in a festive friend then pop them in the oven and watch in wonder as each magical motif shrinks!

Wooden decorations



Get creative with pens, paints, glitter or stickers to give your wooden decoration a make over.

Plus Christmas 'tattoos', stickers and activity ideas!



£2.50 per bag

Order on MCAS

(in Online Payments)

by Friday 11th December.

The bag will be given to your child to bring home before the Christmas holidays.

*Prize for the best crafty Christmas decorations!
Share on our Facebook page to enter.*



Meldreth Primary School PTA organise events to raise funds for additional resources to enhance the childrens' education and to connect the school community.

