

# Weekly Bulletin

May 21<sup>st</sup> 2021



*Creative Kestrel in warmer weather*

This week in school, our open-air swimming pool, originally built in the 1960's, has been decommissioned following its annual inspection. As swimming and water safety is a statutory element of the national curriculum, there is an expectation that children should leave primary school with the skills to keep themselves safe while enjoying swimming. We had hoped to be able to run one more year of swimming for our pupils this summer, giving our PTA time to raise much-needed funds for a replacement pool but sadly, this was not to be.

Our pool has provided swimming lessons at our school for many years; our pool contractor's decision to decommission the pool due to safety, has meant that **our pupils will not take part in swimming sessions this summer**. To find out more about our PTA's Save our School Pool campaign, and to donate, please visit [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/savemeldrethschoolpool](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/savemeldrethschoolpool).

On a more positive note an [upgrade to our website](#) this week, means that our website is easier to navigate on a wider range of web browsers and devices including your phone. There are also a range of smaller changes to improve your experience of the site. We hope that you find it useful and enjoy browsing, whilst you are there, do **like and follow our Facebook page** to hear more from us.

In addition, following a visit from the EHO (Environmental Health Officer) this week, we are delighted to say our kitchen has retained their **five star food hygiene rating**. Well done to Mrs. Holliday, Mrs Truran and the catering team!



## Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor and are seeking nominations for an enthusiastic and committed parent or carer to join our governing board. To find out more and to stand for nomination or nominate a friend, take a look at our website



## Next Week in School

Our PTA will be holding a **pre-loved uniform sale** during morning drop offs (8.30am-9.10am) on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May in the school car park (weather permitting).

Come and bag a bargain! Pre-loved school logo fleeces and jumpers will be on sale for £2, logo polo shirts, pinafores, dresses, trousers and skirts will be £1 and non-logo polo shirts will be 50p. We can take card or cash, but no change can be given.

**Lookout Club summer bookings** can now be made through your MCAS account.

## Do you like a Half Term Creative Challenge?

Our Mary Course challenge was set up in 2008 to commemorate the life and preserve the memory of Mary Course who was a passionate advocate of our village and of all things 'local'. Mary was a Local District Councillor for over twenty years and well known throughout Meldreth before her death in 2007. Children are invited annually to take part in a project that reflects Mary's interests and loves – the countryside, crafts, local history and the community. This year the challenge is for children to create a new village sign for Meldreth that reflects some of the local landmarks and rural nature of our village. This could be an actual sign of the type shown in the poster or it could simply be a poster that extols the virtues of our wonderful village. There will be funding for prizes from the Parish Council and we look forward to seeing your children's fantastic work after the half term break! **The closing date for entries is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June.**



*From the Team at Meldreth Primary School – we wish you well!*



**For this year's Mary Course Prize, children at Meldreth Primary School are invited to**

## **Design a New Village Sign**

You could make a sign out of different materials, but make it as eye-catching as possible.

Try to include things that are important to Meldreth and Meldreth's history, for example:

Meldreth Manor, The Mill and the stream, Melwood, the Stocks, Andrew Marvell, Tudor cottages, the railway, the Meridian line...

**Alternatively, you can create a fantastic, eye-catching poster that tells people to visit Meldreth for all the wonderful things they can see and do here.**

**You could use collage, paint, photographs, words – whatever you like!**

**Hand in your entries by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June.**

**Super Prizes to be won!!**