

Weekly Bulletin

September 11th 2020



Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! A particular welcome to all our new children and their families. I have no doubt that everyone will make you feel included and welcomed to our friendly community.

It was so lovely to welcome the pupils back into school this week; they all seem genuinely pleased to be back. Our staff are very mindful that some of our pupils may have felt anxious or a little worried about coming back to school and I would like to reassure you that we are giving pupils the time to talk and to support them so that they feel happy and safe in school.

As you are aware the arrangements for drop off and pickup times have changed. Please do ensure that you keep your distance from others, and arrive during your specific time slot; leaving promptly once you have collected your child/ren. Thank you for all your positive comments and I appreciate any feedback from a parent's point of view

Secondary already?

The application window for our Year 6 pupils to apply for secondary school is now open. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2020 with offers made on 1st March 2021. More information, including the LA guidance, can be found [on our school website](#).

A Message for Our Pupils

'It is so lovely to see you all returning to school this week with such a positive attitude. You all look extremely tall now and I can tell that you are eager to see your friends and teachers. I have even spotted you all enjoying your learning and working hard. I hope that you enjoy playing outside in your class outdoor areas, marked off with barriers and I am pleased to see that you are washing your hands regularly and keeping your distance from children in other classes when you need to.'

Mrs Howard

Home School Contact

This year's back-to-school open house takes the form of a **phone call from your child's class teacher**, so please expect a call in the coming days. Thank you for your kind words and helpful information about how well you children are settling back into school life. Please use this opportunity to share any important information with your child's class teacher.

Welcome to our newest and youngest pupils in Puffin class who have been given a guided tour of their classroom spaces on Tapestry accounts. Parents, we hope that your early access to our Tapestry platform has supported you in building a better relationship with our school and staff.

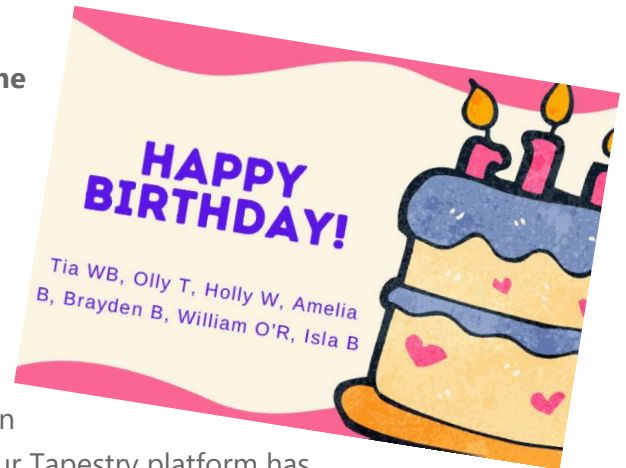
As always, you can pick up helpful information to support at home and learn more about your child's day at school from class pages and our school website.

School Meals

I hope that you have all heard great things about our new school meals this term, provided by Hertfordshire Catering Limited. Their core aim is to improve school meals and make lunchtime a positive and integral part of a child's school experience. You can find out more on their [Parent Page](#).

Currently, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are automatically entitled to enjoy **FREE** school meals, even if parents don't receive one of the qualifying benefits or tax credits. **School meals are £2.50 a day, £12.50 a week or £85 for the half term.**

If you are unsure whether you are eligible for Free school Meals in Years 3 - 6 and would like to check, you can use this [speedy checking tool](#).



For more information on how to protect yourself,

visit [NHS.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)



Travelling To and From School

Parents of our **Year 5 and 6 pupils** should have received guidance to support you in making the decision on whether to allow your child to walk or cycle home from school. More information for parents of younger children and our school expectations can be found [here](#).

Our school milk scheme

Our school provides a milk scheme that is available to all of our pupils and we would like to invite you to register your child. **School milk is free for under-5s**, and for over-5s it is available at a subsidised price of around £15 a term.

Each child that registers with Cool Milk will receive a 189ml portion of semi-skimmed milk every day, delivered fresh and chilled to the classroom. It bridges the gap between breakfast and lunch to help children stay focused.

If your child is under five:

- Register online at www.coolmilk.com
- Register by a Tuesday at 5pm for your child's free milk to start the following week
- Free milk will continue until the Friday before your child's fifth birthday. You will receive a payment request four weeks before their birthday - if you wish your child to continue to receive school milk, simply make a payment

If your child is five or older:

- Register and pay online at www.coolmilk.com
- You can pay Cool Milk either online, over the phone or at a local PayPoint in half-termly, termly or annual instalments.
- Please pay by a Tuesday at 5pm for your child's milk to start the following week



Our Learning Gallery



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