

5<sup>th</sup> January 2017

# MELDRETH MESSAGES



## Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen by their teachers to receive a Headteacher's award:

**James F, Willem W, Sunday P, Asher H, Oliver Y and Gracie P**

## Olympic Values Trophy

For respect, excellence and friendship in sport, our trophy winners are...

**Jack I, Kara H, Chloe V, Phoebe B-E and Matthew L**

## House Points

Winners last half term...

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| <i>Oak</i>  | <i>Ash</i>   |
| <b>1133</b> | <b>1656</b>  |
| <i>Elm</i>  | <i>Beech</i> |
| <b>1057</b> | <b>1197</b>  |

## Welcome back and Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and that 2018 has started well for you and that you are all still holding fast with those New Year resolutions!

As at the start of every year, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the staff to thank you for all the wonderful cards and gifts we received at the end of last term. We were all very touched at the thought put into the gifts and messages that we received. Thank you.

Our school's 2017 performance data can now be accessed online at: [www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk](http://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk) and Cambridge Evening News recently reported that across all schools in the County 'pupils at Meldreth Primary School made the most progress in maths.' If you haven't made a new year's resolution yet...consider reading to and with your child at least until secondary school. At Meldreth Primary we know that brilliant things happen when families read together. Research shows that a child who reads for fun will do better at school, even in subjects like maths. You will also benefit from an incredible bonding experience – forming precious family memories. So could you find just ten minutes a day?

## Dinner money payments

Dinner money for this half term is £62.10 or £2.30 each day. Cambridge Catering Services ask that dinner money is paid in advance by ParentPay, cash or a cheque made out to 'Meldreth Primary School'. Please feel free to use the secure finance letterbox.

Please feel free to use the letterbox by the school office window. *Thank you.*

Please remember that children are asked to wear school shoes to school, **trainers are not allowed.**

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## Diary Dates

### January

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Y6 Wellbeing conference  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> ESFA Football Finals  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Y4 day at MVC

### February

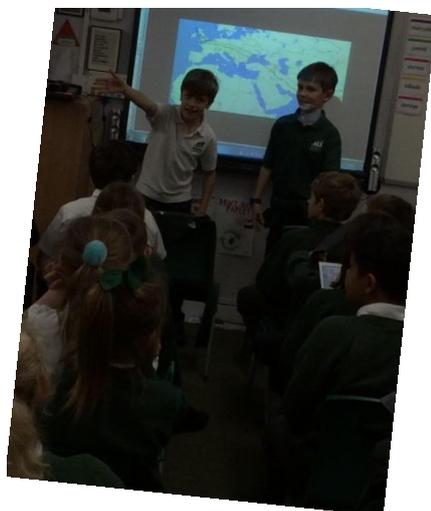
**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> – Spring  
Half term**

### March

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> **Swallow, Chaffinch,  
Woodpecker** Cross Country  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> **Y6 and Robin** class  
child measurement programme  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term



Chaffinch and Swallow class took 'flights' to 'India' to launch their new topic yesterday



## Emergency Contacts

It's that time of year again and thanks to our earlier snowfall we have tested out our communication methods. Do you get our email messages as notifications via the eSchools Mobile App? More info on the website.

Over the next week all parents will be asked to check and update the information which school holds for your child. This includes all people who have any legal responsibility for your child and anyone else who could be contacted should an emergency arise when you are unavailable. **We ask you to check these carefully in case of illness or an accident.**

If you are a parent who is not living at the same address as your child, you may wish to receive information from school. This would include school reports, parent's evenings and other school events. Please send a copy of your current address to school and we will keep you informed. Please notify your former partner that you are receiving information from school. Weekly newsletters are available on the school website.

In the event of extreme inclement 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 7.30 am if the school is to be closed.

The closure will be announced on the school website at [www.meldreth.cambs.sch.uk](http://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](http://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

Please do not telephone in these circumstances as our 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.

Our Attendance Target is 96%...September to December 96.1% *Well done all!*