

# MELBOURNE INFANT SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs C Gibbs B.Ed, (Hons)



**Weekly Bulletin** - Week ending 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has most definitely been an interesting start to the new year, and not the one we were expecting. I want to say how proud I am of all the children both at home and at school - they have shown determination, resilience and motivation during this challenging time. They never cease to amaze me! I also know that this time has not been the easiest for families; some of you have juggled home schooling alongside working a full time job. We want to say thank you for everything you have been doing too. Why not take a look at the 50 things to take a break for your own well being.

I hope you all get a chance to have a relaxing half term break and the children have some much needed down time.

## **Contact Tracing February Half Term**

You are required to continue to notify school if your child has a positive test for Covid up to, and including, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February.

After 16<sup>th</sup> February there is no need to notify school of any new positive cases until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February when the new term starts.

Please send an email to [covid@melbourne-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:covid@melbourne-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk) with the following information:

Subject line: Positive Test Result

Name of child:

Name of class bubble:

Date of first symptoms:

Symptoms:

Date of the test:

Date test result received:

Sibling - please indicate school and class:

**Checks for emails will be made at 10.00am each day from 12<sup>th</sup> February to 16<sup>th</sup> February.**

## What will happen

If we receive a positive case, class bubbles will be informed via email so that self-isolation can take place.

The rest of the school community will also be informed via email.

## **Half Term**

School will close and there will be no home learning from the end of the day on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February is a staff training day. School will reopen for key worker and vulnerable children from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and home learning will resume.



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## Half Term break challenge

Download the Strava APP (other APPs are also available) and then go for a walk, bike or scooter ride and try to create a picture, like the one shown on the Whole Class Story page of Class Dojo. Post the picture on your portfolio for us to see!

Be really creative! Have fun and get some fresh air! Good luck. There will be a winner for each class.

## February Birthdays

Children who are in school and have celebrated their birthday in February will have their birthday party on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February. If the birthday children wish to come to school in non-uniform for their party, they can.

There will be a virtual birthday party for those children learning at home, everyone at home is invited to attend. We will celebrate with you on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 11am. Please see whole school story on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February for the log in details.

## INSET Days 2021 - 2022

Our INSET Days for next academic year are:

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

## Parent consultations

Parent Consultations will be postponed until early in the Summer Term.

## World Book Day: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day (WBD) was launched in 1995 by UNESCO and celebrates the joys of reading, and the authors who have shaped our world. These important celebrations will continue to go ahead on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March. We are inviting children to enjoy a day of bedtime stories in the form of traditional stories and rhymes. We have many surprises planned to help celebrate this important day. Children are encouraged to wear their pyjamas on this day. The digital £1 book tokens will be available for the children to spend online or printed at home and used in store. This year, the tokens are valid from 18<sup>th</sup> February, and participating bookshops will honour tokens beyond 28<sup>th</sup> March. Paper copies will feature in McDonald's Happy Meal boxes and in some magazines. To find out more information or to see the range of £1 book titles available this year, please go to

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/>

Have a lovely half term holiday,  
Charlotte Gibbs  
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