

MELBOURNE INFANT SCHOOL

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



Weekly Bulletin - Week ending 13th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Covid update

If any member of your household is showing symptoms of COVID-19, they must request a test and children should not attend school until the outcome of the test has been received. A negative test result means that children can return straight away. You will be told how long you have to isolate for if you have a positive result. If you are unsure, please contact the school for guidance. If you receive positive results over the weekend, please inform the school by emailing Mrs Gibbs on headteacher@melbourne-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk as it may be necessary to ask other children and staff to isolate and to close a bubble.

Children in Need

I would like to thank everyone for their generous donations supporting Children in Need, a fantastic amount of £495 was raised. Thank you

Parent survey

Please complete this short survey - <https://forms.gle/n46Nx2z3bHJSw6qw6> The closing date is Friday 20th November.

Year 2 application to the Junior School

Children will have received a leaflet this week explaining the process for applying to the Junior School. Even though we are on the same site we are separate schools and parent's must apply if wanting a space there for your child.

Year 2 Phonics

Over the coming weeks, all the Year 2 children will sit a phonic screening test, which should have taken place in June of this year. If you have any questions please email your class teacher. You will find out at the end of this term whether your child passed.

Anti-bullying week

The theme this year is United Against Bullying. On Monday 16 November children are invited to wear odd socks for Odd Sock Day which helps to celebrate how each person is different and special. Over the next couple of weeks, the children will be completing activities in school.

Christmas

We know that this year Christmas will be slightly different in school but we will be trying our very best to still make it as magical as ever. There will be a variety of Christmas activities during the last week of term. The PTA are also planning and funding some special events! More details will follow soon!



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Children's Christmas Cards

We know the children really enjoy sending Christmas cards to their friends in school. This year we still want to continue with this. Please can children send in their Christmas cards between Monday 7th December to Friday 11th December and post them in the post-box in their classroom. We will then quarantine the cards until the following week and then deliver them to the classes. Please ensure it is clear on the envelope which class the child is in that you are sending the card to. Thank you.

Pupil Premium eligibility

Pupil Premium supports children's learning as well as help with uniform, school trips and clubs. To find out if you qualify please go to: <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Please see our website <https://www.melbourne-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk/our-school/pupil-premium> for more information.

PTA News

Due to popular demand we would like to offer your children the opportunity to receive a personalised letter from Santa Claus and raise funds for the PTA!

We feel that it is especially important to run this popular fundraiser this year. However, due to national restrictions preventing us from meeting to prepare the letters, things will run slightly differently this year.

Please complete and return the attached form, one for each household with a payment of £5 by **Friday 20th November**. You can hand in your form to the yellow boxes in child's classrooms. Please label your envelope 'Christmas fundraiser.' If you don't have a printer and need a paper copy, there will be forms available from the office if needed. (Please see attached example of the special letter and order form).

For our new parents, the PTA have a Facebook Page - Melbourne Infant School Parents Association - Derbyshire. Please ask to join their group where they put key information about fundraising and events.

Have a lovely weekend,

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