



# MELBOURNE INFANT SCHOOL

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**Weekly Bulletin - Week ending 14th January 2022**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope you have all had a lovely break and are looking forward to the term ahead. The children have settled back in to routines well, and are eager to learn. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who gifted items from our Christmas Amazon wish list, this was incredibly generous and very much appreciated. These much needed resources will support our children in school.

### **Mrs Gibbs**

Due to illness, Mrs Gibbs will not be in school for the next three weeks. During this time Mrs Howell will take on the role of acting Headteacher.

### **School Clubs Spring Term**

Thank you to everyone for registering promptly to the school clubs which are now up and running for all children.

### **Rock Steady**

This week the children have experienced a fantastic music assembly from Rock Steady. A performance was presented to the children introducing them to various instruments and sounds. They enjoyed it so much we have arranged for Rock Steady to return to school on the 16<sup>th</sup> February for a longer workshop, where the children will be introduced to more music skills. If you would like further information regarding Rock Steady please visit <https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/info-for-parents/>

### **Healthy Snack / Water**

Please be reminded that children should bring only plain water (no cordial) in their drinks bottle and a healthy snack of only fresh fruit / vegetable in a container, clearly labelled with their name. Thank you.

### **COVID-19 update**

From Monday 17 January, people with COVID-19 in England can end their self-isolation after 5 full days, as long as they test negative on day 5 and day 6.

Please see the link below for more information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/self-isolation-for-those-with-covid-19-can-end-after-five-full-days-following-two-negative-lfd-tests>

### **Appointments**

Please be reminded that when taking the children out of school for appointments, arrange them where possible at the beginning or end of the day. If this cannot be avoided and over lunchtime, we ask that children are collected before 12 and not returned until 1.20 pm.

### **Attendance**

If your child is absent from school you must ring the office on 01332 862325 no later than 8.50 am. It is schools responsibility to record all attendance and follow up any absence.

### **Leave of Absence**

Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence for holidays during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances (see school Attendance Policy); in these cases it is the Headteacher who determines the number of days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.



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**Current Whole School Attendance is 93.73%**  
**Target 97%**

Every day matters and I acknowledge that there are times when children are ill and unable to attend school. However, good attendance means good progress. Please see 'Why attendance matters', below, this explains why attendance matters and the impact poor attendance can have.

## Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



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Build friendships



Develop life skills



### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

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### Job Vacancies

We currently have two mid-day supervisor vacancies in school. One is a full time position 5 days, and the other is part-time 2 days. Please follow the link below to apply, entering keyword 'mid-day supervisor' in the search <https://jobs.derbyshire.gov.uk/>

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs V Howell