



# MELBOURNE INFANT SCHOOL

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**Weekly Bulletin** - Week ending 17th December 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Unfortunately, we have seen a slight increase in the number of children who have tested positive on a PCR test and also those awaiting the result of PCR tests. We request that you inform the school of both positive and negative PCR results.

As government guidance is changing on a regular basis, please keep up to date with the latest guidance.

### **Farewell**

We say farewell to Miss Driver who will sadly be leaving us at the end of term. On behalf of all the staff, governors and children, we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work, she will be greatly missed by all.

### **Christmas Gifts**

We know that from previous years some parents like to buy the staff a Christmas gift, to which we are always very grateful. This year we would like Christmas and gifting to be all about our children in school and would like to try something a little different. Instead of buying the staff a Christmas gift, it would be fantastic if you can buy some much needed items from our Amazon wish list. The items purchased will then support our children in school. Please click on the link below:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/F8MRKNKU5WPH?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/F8MRKNKU5WPH?ref_=wl_share)

We would like to remind parents that this is completely voluntary and you should not feel under any obligation to contribute in any way. Thank you for your support.

### **Reading corner**

This week's reading quote from one of our Year 2's - 'I liked snuggling up to my Daddy whilst he reads to me,' Albert.

### **12 Days of Christmas reading challenge**

There are 12 activities for the children to try and complete over the Christmas period. Please see the poster attached for more information.

### **After School Clubs**

Please see attached letters for club details.

### **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.

### **PTA**

A massive thank you to everyone who took part in the PTA Christmas raffle! We made over £1300 - incredible. This will go towards much needed resources for the school. We had some amazing prizes donated by our local community and some very lucky winners. The winners have been contacted by the school and arrangements have been made to collect their prize from the school office.

Break the rules day is next Wednesday! Please see poster attached!

Don't forget if you are doing your Christmas shopping with Amazon this year, to use Amazon Smile so that a donation is made to the school from the sale - it is an easy way to donate for free!



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Raising money has been difficult this year and we owe you all a big thank you for helping raise what we have done so far. It really is greatly appreciated.

Finally, we would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas from the PTA.

### **Christmas Extravaganza**

This week the Reception and Year 1 children enjoyed their visit to the Parish Church for the Christmas Extravaganza. The children took part in some Christmas activities and enjoyed Christmas carols. Many thanks to the volunteers in helping to walk the children to / from church.

### **Carols by Candlelight**

17<sup>th</sup> December - Year 2 Carols by candlelight - 3.15 pm - We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas carols,

20<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 Carols by candlelight - 3.15 pm

20<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Carols by candlelight - 3.15 pm

**Reminder we request 1 adult per family.**

### **Upcoming Christmas Events**

21<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day

21<sup>st</sup> December - Magician and Christmas party.

22<sup>nd</sup> December - Christmas Dinner / break the rules day - Please see poster attached.

22<sup>nd</sup> December - Virtual Panto 'Cinderella'

Have a lovely weekend,

Charlotte Gibbs  
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