

# MELBOURNE INFANT SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Melbourne Arts Festival**

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered time this weekend to help with parking.

### Children's Trail

This trail will be free, and can be obtained from The Festival Gallery on Church St, The Rectory garden and other locations. A Festival Trail Map will be helpful to complete the trail, and these will be available to buy at various points around the village, including The Market Place, The Assembly Rooms and Castle Square.

On Sunday there will be a local Author reading extracts from her book "Bushy's Night-Time Adventure" at 3pm in the Rectory garden, and story stop along the trail with books for children to enjoy.

More information about helping wildlife is on the Hedgehog St website:

<https://www.hedgehogstreet.org/>

## **Clubs**

Premier Sports will be offering a multi-sports afterschool club to our Year 1 and Year 2 children from week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> September. A letter with further information will follow next week.

## **Homework - Years 1 and 2**

Homework will be starting for all children over the coming week. Each week homework will be uploaded onto Class Dojo as a portfolio activity. There will be phonics/ spellings/ reading each week. Maths will be uploaded as a new unit of work starts. This will also be uploaded as a portfolio activity. Over the coming weeks you will also receive homework ideas for your child's topic.

Reception families we will start to phase homework in over the coming weeks.

## **Bug Club and Spelling Shed**

All children will have now received their login details for Bug Club and Spelling Shed - please see letter attached for instructions on how to use Bug Club. Please see the following link for Spelling Shed - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uVHb4srsORU&t=16s>

There is an APP available for Spelling Shed should you wish purchase it.

These interactive resources are funded by our PTA each year.



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## Reading Corner

Author of the month... Julia Donaldson

## Class dojo

Non-urgent messages can be sent via dojo to your child's class teacher, teachers will respond between 8.30am - 4.30pm. For any urgent messages, please call the school office.

If you have not yet activated your account or are having problems please speak to your class teacher.

## Covid symptoms

Please can I remind parent that pupils and visitors will not be allowed in school if they are unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or have a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

Individuals will need to self-isolate straight away and get a [PCR test \(a test that is sent to the lab\) on GOV.UK](#) as soon as possible if you develop [Covid-19 symptoms](#):

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

Once the PCR has been returned negative children will be able to return.

## Leave of Absence Request

Over the last year, many families have had their holiday plans affected by Coronavirus and we do understand the difficulties faced by many as a result. However, school attendance is compulsory for those over 5 years old and registered as pupils at Melbourne Infant School.

### Holidays in term time

Please do not book any holidays for term time as they will not be authorised and you will be fined by the local authority unless the circumstances are exceptional. Examples of **exceptional circumstances** as agreed by Melbourne Infant and Junior School's governors:

- Accredited Exam - ballet/music (extra curricular)
- Gifted & Talented opportunity (part in the pantomime, Wimbledon ball person etc)
- Bereavement
- Serious family crisis
- Holiday due to work restrictions/requirements (Proof shown to the school to verify from employer)
- Wedding - close family relative (parent, grandparent, sibling, 1st aunty/uncle)
- Religious Day
- Other exceptional circumstances to be considered on an individual basis



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Unfortunately, the rising cost of holidays or lack of a family holiday for a year or more are not exceptional reasons.

With regards to holidays postponed because of Coronavirus, please be prepared to demonstrate proof that you booked the holiday before restrictions were in place and evidence that the travel company will not allow you to travel within school holiday times. These circumstances will be considered on an individual basis once all evidence is received by the school.

***If your request for leave is not authorised and you still choose to take your child out of school for a holiday or another reason, you may be issued with an offer to pay a fixed penalty of £60 per child per parent, rising to £120 per child per parent if not paid within 21 days.***

## **Dogs on site**

Please can I remind families that dogs are not permitted on the school site.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Charlotte Gibbs  
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