

MELBOURNE INFANT SCHOOL

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Weekly Bulletin - Week ending 22nd October 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you for all your donations this week for our Harvest Festival. The Padley Centre really appreciate them.

Currently in school we are refurbishing some of our classrooms. If you are disposing of any open backed book cases, shelves or other small pieces of furniture, please ask us first if we can make use of it. Thank you in advance.

PTA

The PTA do an amazing job each year at raising funds for the children in school. These last couple of years have been very difficult thinking of imaginative ways to raise funds. The PTA fund all of our electronic subscriptions - Bug Club, Spelling Shed and many more. Without the efforts of the PTA some of these resources would just not be available.

The AGM took place this week. Unfortunately, we did not get anyone to take over from the current committee. As such, Katie Pattinson has agreed to stay on for a little while longer as chair and Claire Warden as secretary. However, we still need someone to take on the role of treasurer. Please get in touch if you feel that you could help with this. No prior experience is necessary!

The PTA are always looking for both members and volunteers throughout the year to help to lead fund raising activities.

Break the Rules

The children had a lovely day today, they looked fantastic in their Halloween costumes. The total amount raised will be published on our PTA Facebook page once the money has been counted.

Special Letters

If you would like your child to receive a special letter, please complete and return the attached form, one for each household with a payment of £5 by **Friday 5th November**. If you don't have a printer and need a paper copy, there will be forms available from the office if needed. If you would like to be involved in writing/creating these letters please send us an email: melbourneinfantpta@gmail.com

Colouring Competition

The children will have come home today with a colouring competition in their book bags. An electronic copy is attached. Please hand completed entries along with your £1 to class teachers by Wednesday 3rd November ready for judging! Winners will be announced with the children on Friday 5th November.

Christmas Cards

You should have received your child's Christmas card design along with an order form. Please return order forms and payment to class teachers by Wednesday 3rd November. We only get to place one order with the company, so need to be **very strict with this deadline** to ensure that the order is placed in time for the items to be delivered ready for the start of December.



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Work on site

Starting in the half term holiday there will be works taking place in the boiler house next to the hall. When using that entrance please ensure children are kept close to you at all times. The work should be completed by the end of November.

Wrates

Children have brought their proof home in book bags this week. Orders can be placed online only at: [Wrates.co.uk](https://www.wrates.co.uk) and enter your unique username and password which you will find on top of the order form. For free delivery to the school, please order before **25th October 2021**.

Midday Supervisor Role

(Term Time) For an application form, please click on the following link

<https://jobs.derbyshire.gov.uk/education-non-teachingsupport-services-contract-midday-supervisor/27909.job> - closing date Sunday 31st October.

We would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to our midday supervisors Mrs Barker and Mrs Elliott and wish them both well for the future.

Morrisons

If you shop at Morrisons, you can help us get FREE gardening equipment for our school. You can register and find further information by clicking the link below.

<https://www.morrisons.com/help/its-good-to-grow/good-to-grow/>

Children in Need

We will once again be supporting Children in Need on Friday 19th November. Children can come to school in an outfit of their choice as long as they have suitable footwear and a coat for outdoor play.

A donation on the day will be really appreciated for a very worthy cause.

Friendship Week 15th - 19th November

The theme this year is 'One Kind Word'. During this week the children will participate in a range of activities and assemblies to promote positive friendships. On the 15th November, children will be invited to come into school in their odd socks as part of odd socks day to celebrate difference. KS1 will also have an NSPCC assembly, further information will follow.

Remembrance

Poppies will shortly be in school and all the children will be given the opportunity to purchase one from their class in return for a donation; to contribute to the welfare of those to whom we all owe so much.

Mrs Gibbs will be representing the school at the Melbourne Remembrance Service by laying a small poppy cross on **Sunday 14th November**.

Reading corner

This week's reading quote from one of our Year 2's - 'Reading is fascinating' Elise.



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Reading at home is so important and we recommend you hear your child read little and often, at least 3 times a week. Please post any reading with your child on Class Dojo.

We have spent a lot of money on new reading books over the last couple of months. Please ensure all reading books and library books are in bags every day, ideally, in a plastic wallet to keep them in a good clean condition. If books are not returned or are returned damaged there will be a charge of £5 to replace.

Extreme reading competition

Where is the most extreme place that your child has ever read a book?

We are running a competition over October half term to find the most extreme places that reading has taken place. Whether it is up a tree, on top of a mountain or stood on their head... we want your photos! We are really looking forward to seeing who in school has a passion for reading that they have to do it anywhere and everywhere! Obviously, we encourage you to keep safe and wouldn't recommend reading in the jaws of a crocodile!

A whole school display will be made from the photos. To help us display the photos, please bring in a 5' x 7' size photo by with your child's name, age and class on the back by Friday 5th November 2021. There is a special judge who will pick our most extreme reader who will receive a reward as a prize. Good luck!

Half term holiday

School closes today for October Half Term, and reopens on Monday 1st November for the half term holiday.

I hope you all have a lovely half term holiday,

Charlotte Gibbs
Headteacher



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