

MELBOURNE INFANT SCHOOL

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



Weekly Bulletin - Week ending 26th March 2021

Easter Bonnet

Last year we were not able to have our usual Easter Bonnet parade! This year we are asking the children to be creative at home and make their own individual Easter Bonnet to wear, if they would like to. Please come to school wearing it on Wednesday 31st March. In our virtual Easter assembly we will show all the other classes the amazing creations.

Easter Break

School will close for the Easter break from the end of the day on Wednesday 31st March. Thursday 1st April is a staff training day and Friday 2nd a bank holiday. School will reopen for all children on Monday 19th April.

Parking outside school

We urge you to be more considerate when parking on Blakemore Avenue and along Packhorse Road, ensuring we are both respectful to our neighbours and to ensure the safety of all our children. We also remind you to not park on the yellow lines outside school.

Absence and Sickness Reporting

If your child is absent from school, please ensure you ring the school office on 01332 862325 before 9.00 am each day stating

- your child's name
- the name of your child's class
- the specific reason for absence (at this current time we need more information than feeling poorly)

Please be reminded that if your child is sick or has diarrhoea, they must remain away from school until 48 hours after the last episode.

On the same note we ask that you do not send your child to school if they have symptoms consistent with Covid 19 this includes a temperature, cough, loss of taste or smell. You will need to book a PCR Covid test and inform the school of any results before your child returns to school.

Please see attached information for more guidance.

Polite notice - If your child has been absent due to illness, please ensure that they are fully recovered before sending them back to school.

Smart Watches

Please be mindful when sending your child into school when wearing a fit bit / smart style watch. It has come to our attention that some of these watches also have the use of a camera. Please ensure the camera facility is disabled on these devices.



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Reading Corner

Reading quote - 'The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.' Dr Seuss

Please remember to record reading at home.

Reading is so important and the key to everything! Regular reading will help your child and it is so enjoyable. It's a win win! Please remember to post any daily reading on your class dojo page. We are looking forward to seeing your posts.

Parent Consultations

This week you should have received notification for booking onto your child's parent consultation. If you have not received this please inform the office.

Maths

Take a look at the videos that White Rose Maths have made as we use their frameworks in school. From the White Rose website:

"White Rose Maths have teamed up with TV presenter, teacher and parent Michael Underwood to bring you a mini-series called Maths with Michael. We understand that many parents feel like maths has changed and can sometimes find it difficult to keep up to date with modern teaching methods in maths. Well don't worry, we're here to help. With over 80% of Primary schools and a growing number of Secondary schools using our free schemes of learning, supporting resources and assessments, we can help you bridge the gap between school and home.

Episodes will be released each Sunday at 4pm and Wednesday at 7pm for 3 weeks. Episodes will give you an introduction to place value, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and algebra. If popular and useful for parents and carers we may delve deeper into one of these topics in another mini-series. Now sit back and enjoy!"

<https://whiterosemaths.com/for-parents/maths-with-michael/>

Online Safety

A few of our children have spoken in school about viewing the following you tube channel - FGTeEV. We advise all parents to monitor their child's internet use and use the following website to help make informed decisions.

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

Contact Tracing Easter Holiday

You are required to continue to notify school if your child has a positive test for Covid up to, and including, Monday 5th April.



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After April 5th there is no need to notify school of any new positive cases until Monday 19th April when the new term starts.

Please send an email to covid@melbourne-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk with the following information:

Subject line: Positive Test Result

Name of child:

Name of class bubble:

Date of first symptoms:

Symptoms:

Date of the test:

Date test result received:

Sibling - please indicate school and class:

Checks for emails will be made at 10.00 am each day from 1st April to 5th April.

What will happen

If we receive a positive case, class bubbles will be informed via email so that self-isolation can take place.

The rest of the school community will also be informed via email.

PTA News

The PTA raise vital funds for all the children at MIS. Please see attached the letter for a virtual balloon race fund raising event.

On a final note, we would like to wish Mrs Dickinson our Midday Supervisor well when she leaves us at the end of this term. We thank her and wish her all the best in upcoming retirement. She will be missed by all the children and staff in school.

Have a lovely weekend,

Charlotte Gibbs
Headteacher



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