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## Weekly Bulletin

Week Ending: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome so many parents and carers to our Open Classrooms over the last two days. We hope you enjoyed looking at the work that the children have been working so hard on!

The children looked brilliant wearing red, white and blue today and have been having lots of fun taking part in our Jubilee Celebrations. In honour of the Jubilee, the DFE have provided each child in school with a copy of a new book: "Queen Elizabeth: A Platinum Jubilee Celebration" and these will be sent home with each child in school today.



### Sponsored Read

We will be holding a sponsored read over the May Half Term break to raise funds for non-fiction books in our school library. You will have received a paper copy with details in book bags.



### Carnival Colouring Competition

Please see attached the Colouring Competition organised by Melbourne Fete and Carnival.



### Parent Survey

We would appreciate your feedback. Please complete our short parent survey here:  
<https://forms.gle/fmCHEwAmiQAuBUz36>

If you have more than one child at school, please complete the survey multiple times. The questionnaire will close on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June.



### Coats and sandals

As the weather has been particularly changeable over the last few days - with beautiful sunshine one minute and rainy showers the next - please ensure your child has a suitable coat with them at school every day. On non-uniform days, if your child is wearing sandals, please ensure they are also wearing socks.



### Audio Books leaflet

Please see attached Audio Books leaflet.



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## Rainbow Room – Jacqui Danby

Parents and carers may have read in the latest edition of the Village Voice that Jacqui Danby, who worked at Melbourne Infant School for 14 years, sadly passed away in April. One of Jacqui's final wishes was for donations from her funeral to be given towards the Rainbow Room in school, where Jacqui worked and supported many children throughout the years. Our Rainbow Room is a specially designed nurturing space to give children emotional support. The school received a total of £915 in donations, which will be put towards resources for the room.

The school and governing board are incredibly grateful to Jacqui's family and friends for the kind donation. Jacqui continues to be sadly missed and fondly remembered by all of the team at Melbourne Infants, and her legacy will continue to live on in school.



## Derbyshire County Council Household Support Fund

As part of a national scheme, Derbyshire County Council is providing a free one-off grocery voucher worth £50 per eligible child to families in need to help them pay for food and essential living costs.

Full details about the Household Support Fund, including other ways those facing financial hardship can access support from the fund, are available on their website at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund)

Distribution of the vouchers by email or text will start in early July and continue throughout the month of July.

If parents and carers who are eligible do not receive a voucher by the 20 July 2022, they should visit [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/householdsupportfund) where an online form will be available to report missing vouchers.



## Governor update

Good afternoon, and I hope you are all well.

As we approach the end of another half term I thought I would give an update from the Board of Governors. The last two years have been incredibly challenging and it's been great to revert to in-person meetings for the first time since the onset of the pandemic. We are delighted that Mrs Gibbs is now back in role as Headteacher full time. Mrs Howell will return to the classroom in June and the Governors are incredibly grateful for her dedication and contribution as Acting Head since the start of the year, with particular credit due for the way she steered the school through a successful OFSTED inspection along the way.



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This has been a busy period for the Governors. Earlier this month we reviewed and approved the budget for 2022-23, which ensures that the school is on a sound financial footing. Funding is tight, but we are satisfied that the plans that Mrs Gibbs and her team have developed are achievable and support the ongoing development of the school. As a board we have spent time reflecting on the strengths that the OFSTED Inspectors highlighted during their time with the school and have reviewed the school's plans to address their suggestions to further develop teaching and learning in school. Safeguarding and wellbeing - of both teachers and of students - are ongoing areas of focus and we have spent time understanding pressure points and the school's approach. We have also planned our agenda for the next few months leading towards the end of the school year, which include a review of the school's development priorities.

If you would like to find out more about the governing board and how we support the school, please visit our page on the school website: <https://www.melbourne-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk/staff-and-governors/governors>

We are very grateful for the efforts and dedication of all the staff involved in running the school and we hope that they - and all of the children and families in school - all have a very enjoyable half-term break.

Adrian Walters, Chair of Governors



### Our Foyer area

In our Foyer area, we have information from Melbourne Parish Church about their Messy Church event on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June and from Premier Education about their holiday clubs.



### What's coming up over the next few weeks

#### June

Monday 6th June - INSET Day - staff only

Tuesday 7th June - Friday 10th June - Year 1 Phonic Screen Check

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 3.45pm - 4.30pm - Family Bingo

#### July

Tuesday 5th July - Change Over Day (where children meet their new class teacher)

Wednesday 6th July and Thursday 7th July - additional transition mornings

Friday 8th July - Annual Reports to parents

Saturday 9th July - Melbourne Carnival

Thursday 14th July at 9.30am - 11.00am Sports Day

Monday 18th July at 9.15am - Awards Assembly

Thursday 21st July - Year 2 Leavers Party (theme to be confirmed)

Friday 22nd July at 2.30pm - Year 2 Leavers Assembly (Year 2 parents only)

Have a lovely weekend and half-term break.

Mrs. C Gibbs, Headteacher