

MELBOURNE INFANT SCHOOL

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



Weekly Bulletin - Week ending 27th November 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Birthdays

The children who had their birthday in November have enjoyed the party celebrations with their friends in school today. If your child's birthday is in December they can come to school on Friday 18th December in non-uniform for their party.

Christmas Decoration

All the children have had fun getting into the festive spirit by decorated their classroom with Christmas garlands and decorations.

Children's Christmas Cards

We know the children really enjoy sending Christmas cards to their friends in school. This year we still want to continue with this. Please can children send in their Christmas cards between Monday 7th December to Friday 11th December and post them in the post-box in their classroom. We will then quarantine the cards until the following week and then deliver them to the classes. Please ensure it is clear on the envelope which class the child is in that you are sending the card to. Thank you.

Covid update

Please see the poster attached.

Attendance

The overall attendance at school to date is 98.49%, which is exceptionally good considering the current circumstances.

If your child is absent from school you must ring the office on 01332 862325 no later than 8.50 am. It is schools responsibilities to record all attendance and follow up any absence.

Term time absence

With school closure during lockdown, and likely periods of further absence through self-isolation or the closure of bubbles, the Department for Education expects schools and local authorities to promote good attendance at all other times.

Parents needing leave of absence for **exceptional circumstances*** should complete a form at least two weeks before the anticipated start date of the requested absence. The reason for the request should be given in detail. Applications should be made before the leave is arranged as absences will not be granted retrospectively.



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I would like to remind parents that this is Government policy and parents who take their children on holiday without permission will incur unauthorised absences for their child. These remain on the child's record and could be monitored for further action by the Education Welfare Service. Parents could be issued with a fixed penalty notice and/or court action.

*Examples of **exceptional circumstances** as agreed by Melbourne Infant and Junior School's governors.

- Accredited Exam - ballet/music (extra curricular)
 - Gifted & Talented opportunity
 - Bereavement • Serious family crisis
 - Holiday due to work shut down (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

Parent survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the Parent Survey. Please see the attached results.

Online Safety

Below is a link giving guidance on computer game.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/top-video-games-that-children-want-to-play-this-christmas/>

PTA News

Many thanks to everyone who ordered from the Christmas Cards, mugs and tea towels fundraiser - these items have now been sent home with your child this week.

Further information regarding receiving the 'Special letter' will follow.

For our new parents, the PTA have a Facebook Page - Melbourne Infant School Parents Association - Derbyshire. Please ask to join their group where they put key information about fundraising and events.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend,

Charlotte Gibbs
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