

MELBOURNE INFANT SCHOOL

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



Weekly Bulletin - Week ending 30th April 2021

In recent years our amazing PTA have been able to raise a significant amount of money for the children in our school. This past year has been very challenging for the PTA and they have not been able to fundraise as much as normal, which in turn means the current funds are low. The PTA have been able to fund our subscriptions, which include Bug Club, Spelling Shed, Phonics Play and others for the children. This year the subscriptions amount to approximately £2500. We were hoping to buy some additional IPADS this year as well, but unfortunately, there isn't enough funds in the pot. The PTA will be running more fundraising in the summer for example - Father's Day shop, break the rules day and hopefully more events can run as normal next year. If you would like to make a donation towards the PTA fund please email melbourneinfant.pta@gmail.com for further details. Any donation however small would be most welcome.

Reading Corner

Reading quote - 'Today a reader, tomorrow a leader!' Margaret Fuller

We will be celebrating Children's Book Week from Tuesday 4th May - Friday 7th May. Children's Book Week is the annual celebration of books for young people and the joy of reading.

A little while ago, following a questionnaire the children requested that they would like an outdoor reading area to relax and quietly read a book at playtime. Last year we started to raise money to purchase an outdoor reading shed, but unfortunately, this has been put on hold due to Covid. As we move forward into the summer months, we would like to start the ball rolling again towards being able to purchase the reading shed for the children.

We will be participating in a variety of events and holding a **non-uniform day on Friday 7th May**. Children are welcome to come to school dressed as their favourite book character or if they prefer just their own clothes. We are encouraging children to bring a book to share with a friend / grown up at school. Any donation towards the reading shed will be greatly appreciated. Please send in donations on the day in a sealed envelope. Thank you in advance.

Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition

The school has registered for the Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition. Please see the 'Heroes Letter for Parents' attached. In order for your child to enter, we will need permission from parents. I understand that their name, age, and school attended will be shared with Royal Mail and that winner's surnames and counties will be shared with the Advertising Standards Authority and will be available to members of the public who request to see them. I have received the explanatory letter setting out my rights to withhold this information from the public. This permission can be provided by clicking on the following google form link: <https://forms.office.com/r/4E4bRKHVUa>. If we do not receive permission for your child's design, their design will not be entered into the competition. This event will take place in school.



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The Big Ask

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched The Big Ask - the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

She is asking all children to take part in a survey. Please see the information and link:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/> Due to the age of our children, we are requesting that you complete this at home.

Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited to complete the adult survey to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back. <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/adult-survey/>

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will continue into next week, see dates below. Please be ready at your allocated time for your call, it will be from a withheld number.

Tuesday 4th May - Zebra Class

Thursday 6th May - Chipmunk Class

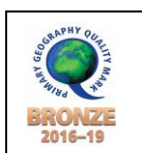
Parking

Parents are requested NOT to park opposite the zig zag lines outside school for the safety of the whole community. Also, please be mindful to our neighbours when parking ensuring their driveways are clear at all times. On the same note please can parents/carers be reminded that parking within the school grounds is not permitted and is for staff only unless you have a blue badge or permission has been given for exceptional circumstances.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend, we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday,

Charlotte Gibbs

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