

Melbourne Infant Weekly News



Friday 10 January 2020

Welcome back everyone, I hope you have all had a lovely break and are looking forward to the term ahead. We have a number of activities planned for the children this term for all learning teams including Animal Magic (Green), Balanceability (Red), Cricket Taster (Blue). Parking - please be reminded that when parking on Packhorse Road that you park considerably for the health & safety of the children and to the residents who live in close proximity to the school. There is still a vacancy for a crossing patrol so if you know of anyone who would be suitable for this post please come and speak directly to school or look at the following link: <http://tiny.cc/tvhjiz>

C Gibbs

Whole School Attendance

96.36%

Target 97%

Safeguarding

If you have a concern regarding child protection or safeguarding please contact:

Child Protection Officer -
Mrs C Gibbs

Deputy Child Protection Officers -
Mrs V Howell and Mr J Simpson.

If you have any safeguarding concerns please call the following numbers -
Starting Point: 01629 533190
NSPCC Helpline: 08088005000

Reading Corner

In order to improve the individual reading books available for children, we have made some changes to the arrangement of books within some of the colour stages. Books have been separated into those that have a phonic focus, now labelled ph alongside the coloured stickers. We recommend that children choose a book with a phonic focus alongside a colour coded book. This will enable children to practise their developing phonic knowledge whilst they are beginning to read. We will continue to allocate phonic books to children through Phonic Bug at the different stages.

Reading Quote: Once you learn to read, you will be forever free.

Frederick Douglass

School Clubs Spring Term

Thank you to everyone for registering promptly to the school clubs which are now up and running for all children.

Drummercise - we are gauging interest for an adult Drummercise class to start in the Spring Term, if you think you would be interested please tell the office. We are looking at potentially a Wednesday at 4.45 pm.

Out of School Absence

Please be reminded that when taking the children out of school for appointments, arrange them where possible at the beginning or end of the day. Over lunchtime we ask that children are collected before 12 and not returned until 1.20 pm. This arrangement is for the safeguarding of the children.

Leave of Absence

Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence for holidays during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances (see school Attendance Policy); in these cases it is the Headteacher who determines the number of days a child can be away from school if the leave is granted.

PE

Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school ready for the Spring Term activities. All kit should have been checked to see if it still fits particularly trainers (velcro) and we urge all parents to ensure your child can undress independently.

Koala (Tues & Fri)
Penguin/Zebra - (Fri)
Tiger (Thurs & Fri)
Squirrel - (Mon & Thurs)
Chipmunk - (Tues & Weds)
Toucan - (Weds & Fri)

Height and Weight Checks (Reception only)

All Reception children will receive (or have already received) a letter from the Live Life Better Derbyshire Team regarding height and weight checks as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). These checks will take place on Thursday 13 February in school. You have an opportunity to opt out if preferred - see the letter that you receive.

PTA News

Once again a huge thank you to everyone who supported the PTA in the Autumn Term whether it be as a helper or attending an event. The next PTA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 22 January at the school at 7.30 pm - anyone who is interested in helping support the school with organising funding raising events is welcome to attend.

Red Learning Team Zebra./Penguin

Please ensure your child can get changed independently for PE particularly when wearing tights and buttoned clothing

Green Learning Team Tiger/Koala

On 16 January Animal Magic will be visiting school to show and talk about animals that live in a rainforest. Please let school know if your child has any allergies to animals.

Blue Learning Team Chipmunk/Squirrel/Toucan

No notices

January Dates

6 Term begins for all children
16 Animal Magic in Green Learning Team
31 Balanceability for Reception children

February Dates

7 Balanceability for Reception children
13 Children break up for February Half Term
14 INSET Day - staff only
24 School re-opens

For further information please see our school website

<https://www.melbourne-inf.derbyshire.sch.uk/>