

Melbourne Infant Weekly News



Friday 17 January 2020

Since the children have been using 'Spelling Shed' in school, we have seen a significant improvement in the children's spellings. It is also evident that the children are enjoying using Spelling Shed, which is really good to see. Thank you to all parents for supporting the children at home and to the PTA for funding this valuable learning resource. Please find attached a poster giving details of an exciting event being planned by our PTA, 'Happy's Circus'. It is hoped that this event will raise important funds for the school, which will help us continue to provide a wide range of opportunities for the children.

C Gibbs

Reading Corner

We have created a collection of books that will be read to children in the class over the course of the year. The books were selected by teachers and children to encourage enjoyment for reading. The book lists are attached to the email for each learning team. We were lucky enough to use some of the money raised through the book fair to fund the book collections. We hope the children will enjoy the books as much as the teachers do.

"We shouldn't teach great books; we should teach a love of reading."
B F Skinner

***in order to protect your child's reading books / reading diary, please ensure they are kept in a plastic zipped wallet to keep them safe and in good condition**

Attendance

Attendance has been good since September and the office has been kept well informed of absences. Please ensure you continue to ring before 9 am each day that your child is absent. For out of school appointments please ensure where possible that they are made at the start or end of the school day. Sickness - children should be kept off school 48 hours from the last episode.

PTA News

A volunteer is needed for the fruit rota on a Tuesday morning. If you are able to help please get in touch via Facebook or email. The next PTA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 22nd January at the school at 7.30 pm - anyone who is interested in helping support the school with organising fund raising events is welcome to attend. Please see the poster attached for the forthcoming 'Happy's Circus'

January Dates

22 Animal Magic - Green Learning Team
31 Balanceability for Reception children

February Dates

7 Balanceability for Reception children
11 Reception Turtle Tea Party
13 Children break up for February Half Term
14 INSET Day - staff only
24 School re-opens
24 Blue Learning Team cricket coaching

March Dates

3 Reception Balanceability Festival (letters will follow soon)
5 World Book Day - theme to follow
10 & 19 Parents Evenings
10 Book Bus visit

Whole School Attendance

96.3%

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: 0800 800 5000

Martial Arts - After School Club

Please be reminded there is no Martial Arts on Tuesday 21 January due to staff training in school.

Parking

May I please remind parents that when collecting children from after school clubs that parking is **not** permitted on the school site. Also, due to the school not having a road crossing officer at the moment, please ensure you are parking considerately for our neighbours on the surrounding streets and for the children who need to cross the road safely.

There is still a vacancy for a crossing patrol officer, 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>

Red Learning Team

Zebra/Penguin

No notices

Green Learning Team

Tiger/Koala

On 22 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

Please bring any empty cardboard boxes into school for the children to use in junk modelling ie; cereal boxes or other small food boxes.

For further information please see our school website

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