

# MELBOURNE INFANT SCHOOL

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



**Weekly Bulletin** - Week ending 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Thank you to all of those parents who are adhering to our timings and entrances in the mornings and at the end of the day. It takes a whole community to keep everyone safe. Just to remind parents that classroom registers will close ten minutes after your start time. If you arrive after that time, your child will be marked on the register as late.

## 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.

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 will 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

## Birthday Treats!

I would like to stress that this is a families choice whether to send in birthday treats or not. If sending birthday treats into school when it is your child's birthday, please can you ensure they are treats which are individually wrapped and in a sealed bag. As we encourage healthy lifestyles and living in school, please remember that there are other things that can be sent in not just sweets!



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## **Remote Learning**

In school, we have begun to devise remote education plans should individual children/ bubbles of children have to stay at home. If your child does need to remain at home, initial contact will be made via Class Dojo with work from your class teacher. Please can I stress that if your child is ill then we would not expect them to access the remote learning until they are well enough to do so. We have also put some resources and links on our Home Learning page of the website -

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

## **Parent Teacher Association (PTA)**

The PTA are hoping to remain active throughout this academic year, whilst observing the restrictions currently in place. All of the money raised goes directly to the school to spend on experiences and equipment, which directly benefit all of our children. The PTA pay for the subscriptions to Bug Club, Spelling Shed, Phonics and EYFS Tapestry, as well as curriculum workshops and resources used by all of the children in the school.

Things are a little bit different this year, and unfortunately, there are a number of 'regular' PTA events, which will no longer be able to take place. However, we are still planning to run as many of our events as possible that can be done within the restrictions to help raise necessary funds for the school, but also to enhance our children's experience of school life. We hope that you will continue to support these events throughout the year.

The current PTA committee are Katie Pattinson (chair), Claire Walters (treasurer) and Claire Warden (secretary). We also have a number of parents who regularly help to organise and run events and are always looking for new faces! If you have not done so already, please join our Facebook group - Melbourne Infant School PTA, where there are regular posts about upcoming events. If you need to get in touch with us our email address is [melbourneinfant.pta@gmail.com](mailto:melbourneinfant.pta@gmail.com). Thank you.

## **Flu Immunisation - 23 October 2020**

Reminder - please ensure you register your child using the letter attached.

## **Autumn Menu**

Please see attached.

Have a lovely weekend,

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