

June Newsletter



Melbourn Primary School 26th June 2009

Well it is that time of year again! All children learned of their new teachers and classes for September this morning and all seemed to go down well.

STAFFING

Both Miss Amy Capon who is moving to London and Mrs Judith Garley who has been covering maternity will be leaving us as at the end of the summer term. We thank them for their outstanding input into teaching and learning at the school and wish them all the best. We will be joined by four new members of staff as our popular and successful school expands.

Mrs Gillian Curtis joins us from Bedfordshire and will be teaching a Y5/6 class in September. Miss Emily Reid will also take a Y5/6 class and Mr David Summer will take a Y3/4 class in September. Both are newly qualified (and very enthusiastic) teachers. Miss Verity Glenn-Sansum will join us from Southampton and will support in a number of classes. Mr Casey will of course be non-class based in September in his role as Acting Headteacher. He will be joined by Miss Emma Kapitan as Acting Deputy Headteacher although she will remain class based.

Year 5 & 6	Amber Class Miss Wolfe	Amethyst Class Miss Reid	Cobalt Class Mrs Curtis
Year 3 & 4	Emerald Class Mrs Smith	Azure Class Mrs Lloyd	Jade Class Mr Summer
Year 1 & 2	Indigo Class Miss McManus	Ruby Class Miss Rimmer	Turquoise Class Mrs Constable
Reception	Sapphire Class Miss Edge		Scarlet Class Miss Kapitan

BABY NEWS

Mrs Katie Benson had the early arrival of baby Xavier in May. Well done and congratulations to both. We look forward to meeting him in the near future.

Mrs Kathryn Butterworth who is a Y5 Teaching Assistant also had a baby recently. Many congratulations go to her family and a big welcome to baby Felix.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our recently established Breakfast Club is going from strength to strength. Feedback has been very positive and we are pleased to be able to offer this facility to parents and families. To extend the provision further we are able to provide child care cover only (without Breakfast) from 8.30 until the start of the school day for £1.50 per child. Board games are available during this time. Bookings should be made through the office. Sessions from 8am with breakfast provided remain fantastic value at £3.50 per child. Please do use this great facility.

HEALTH ISSUES

HEAD LICE

As many parents are aware we continue to have cases of head lice reported. It is most important that all families check their hair daily. If head lice are found we have bug combs available in the office at a cost of £1 or medication can be obtained from the chemist/doctors. There is a risk of re-

infection if the infestation is not cleared. Please, for the sake of all of us, check hair daily and take the necessary action to clear up the infestation.

SWINE FLU

Reports of Swine Flu cases across the UK are now increasing and there are several confirmed cases in Cambridgeshire.

The symptoms of this swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human seasonal flu and include fever, fatigue, lack of appetite, coughing, sore throat, pain in muscles and joints, headache and chills. Some people with swine flu have also reported vomiting and diarrhea. If you develop flu-like symptoms you should stay at home and phone your family doctor or NHS Direct (0845 4647). If a health professional decides that you need to have tests, you should avoid contact with other people as much as possible until you receive the results. Normal sickness absence procedures should be applied in these situations.

UNIFORM

To avoid an end of term rush, we would be grateful if parents could place uniform orders as soon as possible. If you receive this newsletter by email, please find an order form attached, alternatively, the form is available from the school office.

REPORTS

Annual reports will be sent home on Friday 10th July. As mentioned previously and following feedback from parents and teachers, effort and attainment grades will no longer be included. However, full comments will be included on progress in all subjects, plus a general comments section. We will try and include SATs results for Y2 and Y6 children if these are confirmed by that date. A Parents Consultation evening is planned for Tuesday 14th July 3.45-5.00pm should you have any follow up queries from the reports. It is expected that most parents will have sufficient information in their child's report and that an appointment will not therefore be needed.

HOLIDAY CLUBS

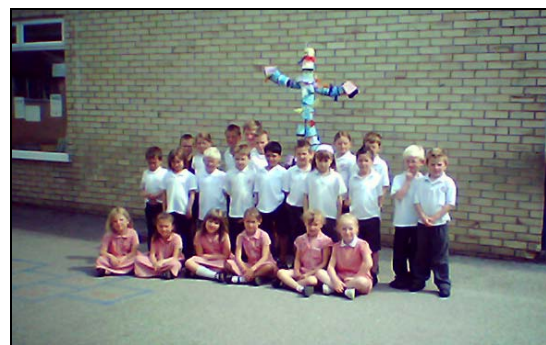
Melbourn Village Fete Saturday 27th June 1.00pm – 5.00pm

The School has been approached by Claire Hogan, who is on the fete and allotment committees and she asked whether we, as a school, would be interested in taking part in the Fete. The answer from the children was YES! So each class has been working to make their own scarecrow. The materials were all to be recycled and were mainly provided by the children. And so, the scarecrows were born!

The themes for the scarecrows were also chosen by the children and range from a rainbow fish to a pirate!

If you would like the chance to vote for which of the scarecrows is best, why not pop down to the fete this Saturday and put your vote into the buckets in front of each of the scarecrows. All the money raised will be used to buy equipment for the gardening club at school, particularly a wheelbarrow.

And what happens to the scarecrows at the end of the fete? Well, the allotments are just by the site of the fete and so our scarecrows will be in the allotments, doing what they are best at (scaring birds – we hope) from next week.



As you will have noted there is a lot going on during the summer break for children in this area. This is great news for keeping them active and fit. Mrs Moxham, our swimming teacher has kindly offered to provide swimming lessons in our school pool during the first week of the holidays. This is a great opportunity for children to receive intensive coaching in this important skill. Please refer to your fliers or the school office for further details.

MUSIC

It is a great time for music at Melbourn Primary School as the Year 3 & 4 are participating in the Big Sing 2009 at Melbourn Village College. They are performing two songs on their own to a group of peers from local schools and are also singing other songs from an around the world theme together. A group of year 4 children will be playing their pocket trumpets at the Brass Blast Event to be held at The Sage Concert Hall in Gateshead.



KWIK CRICKET TOURNAMENT

A mixed year 5 / 6 boy and girl team participated in a Kwik Cricket Tournament on Monday 15th June. The team thoroughly enjoyed themselves and took part whole heartedly.

SPORTS DAY

Here is a reminder to mark this annual event in your diary. Monday July 13th at 1.30pm on the school field is the time and place. We look forward to seeing you there and hope the sun continues to shine. Should the weather be inclement, the reserve date will be Tuesday 14th July.

PARENT SUPPORT ADVISER

Stephanie Barker ran her first school based surgery a couple of weeks ago in the school dining room. Whilst many parents introduced themselves to her, she had no actual "takers". Stephanie has lots of information about ways in which families can be supported so please do use this opportunity which will be repeated between 2.30 and 3.30 on Monday 29th June.

Y6 LEAVERS PARTY

This will take place between 4.30 and 8pm on Thursday 16th July. Details will follow.

TEACHING ASSISTANT POST

A position has become available for a teaching assistant on a permanent contract for three days a week, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. This post will initially be supporting the teaching in KS1. However, this may change in the future. If you are interested in applying, an application form and a job description are available from the school office. Interviews will be held in the final week of term.

FINALLY

As the weather has been very hot lately, please ensure that your children bring both a water bottle and hat to school. It is a good idea to put sunscreen on them before school too as the sun is very strong at this time of year. Have a great weekend

Jacqueline Bell-Cook
Headteacher