

October Newsletter



Melbourn Primary School 2nd October 2009

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that a month has passed already since the start of term. Our new Reception children have started to attend school full time and it is fantastic to see them settle into school life so quickly.

Staffing

The school has recently appointed 2 new teaching assistants who will be working alongside staff in the reception classes. I would like to take the opportunity to welcome Mrs Brogden and Mrs Baxter and hope that they enjoy their time working with the whole school community.

After School Clubs

There has been a good take up of after-school and lunch-time clubs; and the activities we currently offer are listed below:-

Current After School Clubs:-	Current Lunchtime Clubs
Monday – Yr 5 & 6 football / KS2 Choir	Tuesday – Yr 5 & 6 Homework
Tuesday – Yr 3 & 4 football	Wednesday – KS2 Gardening / KS2 Computer
Wednesday – KS2 Musical Theatre	Thursday – KS1 Colouring Club
Thursday – KS2 Netball	Friday – Yr 5 & 6 Homework
Friday – KS2 Dance	

After October half term the outdoor KS2 clubs will finish due to the evenings becoming darker and will be replaced by indoor activities for our Key Stage 1 children. Details about these clubs will be sent out nearer the time.

Three of our current after school clubs are provided by Mr Harnwell, who worked with us last year, unfortunately Miss Senoz who was meant to be leading the KS2 Musical Theatre Club has been able to run the club due to ill health however Mr Harnwell has provided an alternative club leader.

Medicines

At regular times during the year we ask parents to update us if there are any changes to their son or daughter's medical condition. It is essential that we have this information to enable us to treat them accurately in school. If there have been any changes to your child's condition, please let the office know, and they will ask you to complete a form to add to our records.

School Rules

At the start of term the School Council drew up a set of school rules, which were announced to the whole school – children, teachers, teaching assistants, lunchtime supervisors and kitchen staff during an assembly. Each child has a reward sheet in their classroom and numbers in boxes are given when children are seen following the school rules. A bronze to platinum certificate system has been set up.

1. We always work hard and try our best
2. We are polite and welcoming
3. We play and work well with everyone
4. We care for the school environment
5. We always walk sensibly around school

6. We look after our classrooms
7. We respect the school's and each others property
8. We ensure we act safely at school

Jewellery and Nail Varnish

A quick reminder about jewellery and nail varnish, it is school policy that no child should wear nail varnish in school and that only stud earrings are worn.

Ancient Greek Day

The children in Years 3 and 4 enjoyed their "Ancient Greek Day" earlier this term. It gave them the chance to dress up and experience life as Ancient Greeks. The day culminated in a feast to celebrate the end of a Greek battle and the return of the brave soldiers. They were entertained at the feast by dancers, athletes and actors. Hopefully it has given the children in Jade, Azure and Emerald Classes an inspiring start to this term's topic.

Year 5 and 6 Football – Melbourn V Bassingbourn

On Monday 28th September our Yr5 & Yr6 football team played their first competitive match against Bassingbourn School. Below is a review of the game from our on the spot reporter...

Melbourn Primary School lost their first match against Bassingbourn 5 – 0. Bassingbourn opened the scoring within 5 minutes with a deflected goal. Melbourn kept trying to attack but their chances went astray. The score at half time was 4-0 to Bassingbourn.

During the second half the Melbourn defence was a lot stronger which meant that Bassingbourn's chances at goal were limited. At full time the score was 5-0 to Bassingbourn. Melbourn Primary School team had a good attitude throughout the game.

And Finally...

Eurovision Comes to Melbourn Primary School!!

On Friday 25th September the school celebrated The European Day of Languages by holding a song contest. Nine of the classes in the school performed songs in different languages including German, French, Icelandic and Spanish, the children clearly enjoyed performing in front of the rest of the school.

Yours faithfully

Gary Casey
Acting Headteacher

Term Dates

2009

26th to 30th October - Half term
18th December - End of autumn term

2010

4th January - School closed for staff training
5th January - Spring term opens
12th February - School closed for training
15th to 19th February - Half term
1st April - End of spring term

2010 continued

19th April - School closed for staff training
20th April - Summer term opens
3rd May - May Day Holiday
31st May - 4th June - Half term
7th June - School closed for staff training
22nd July - End of summer term
1st September - School closed for training
2nd September - Autumn term opens