

Weekly Bulletin

February 9th 2024



Swift class learning about the peasant revolt

This week, we celebrated Safer Internet Day in school to inspire a conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively. This year the theme is '**Inspiring change? Making a difference**'. We have shared safety information with children in class and assemblies and have [updated our parent support pages](#). Please take some time to read these.

Please can I remind you all that due to the emotional dangers that Social Networking can present, the legal age for a child to have a **Facebook Page, TikTok, Snapchat and Instagram** amongst others is **13**. The legal age for children to have a **What's App** account is **16+**. Please do check children's devices as some of the things we are hearing that children have to deal with online really are shocking. Please speak to us if you need help with this

Book on the online safety workshop delivered by the NSPCC on [Wednesday 20th March 2024 – 6pm](#) to support parents in having better conversations with children about online safety.

Next Friday, we will be **asking children and staff to wear red and pink** in celebration of the work our local Home-Start charity does in the community. We will be at the gate collecting your donations for this worthy charity who offer practical and emotional support to families with at least one child aged 9 or under. The charity helps families through their most challenging times because childhood cannot wait.

♥ [Make your donation here!](#) ♥

School Meals

Funded school meals are available for all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This initiative from the DfE has the purpose of aiding child development, supporting academic performance and improving levels of healthy eating.

Do I need to apply for this?

If you are on a low income, we highly recommend that you make a free school meals application as it will allow the school to unlock additional funding for your child, which will go towards supporting their development. Every child eligible for free school meals (because they are from a family on a lower income) can unlock up to £1,455 extra funding for school, which must be spent on supporting their development.

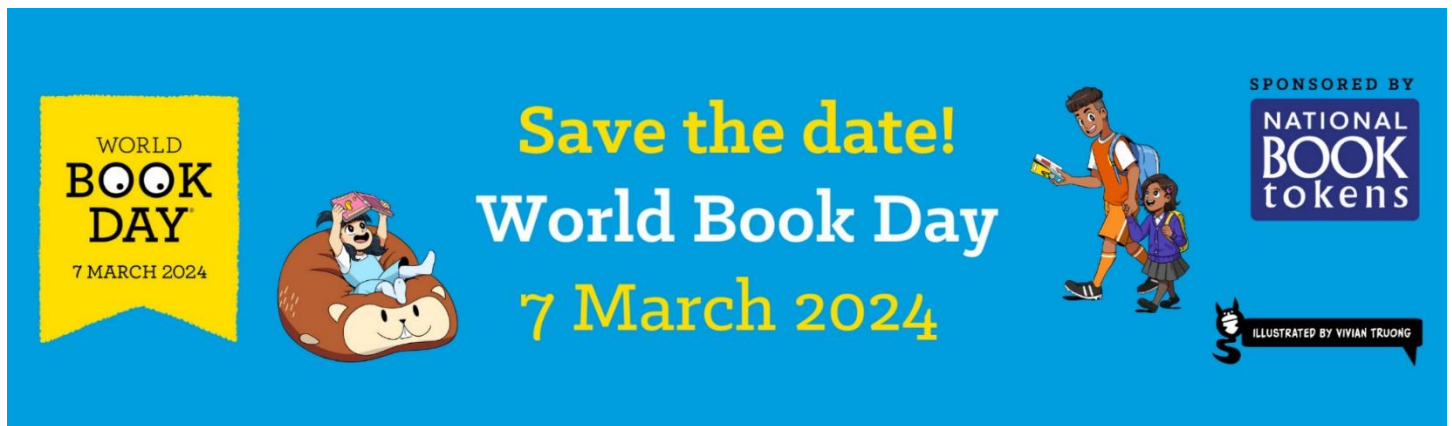


So, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and will automatically get a free meal, please do still make an application. Otherwise, we will not know that your child is eligible for additional funding.

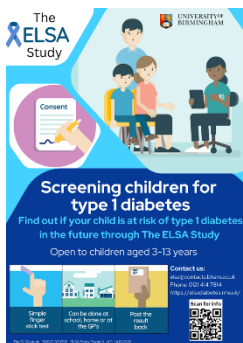
[CHECK NOW.... is your child eligible for Additional School Funding?](#)

World Book Day

On **Thursday 7 March 2024** we will be celebrating **World Book Day** in school by inviting children and parents to join us in dressing up as a story character for the day. If you are short of ideas – take a look at the [World Book Day Site](#). On the day, your child can collect their World Book Day voucher and listen to stories shared by staff.



ELSA – Diabetes Study



In March, we are working with researchers at the University of Birmingham and inviting you to take part. The study is testing children for early indicators of type 1 diabetes in order to better manage this. This is a simple finger stick blood test, you can do at our school with your child and practitioners will be visiting school on Thursday 14th March 2024. Every family who takes part in the ELSA study is helping us to understand more about type 1 diabetes. Please consent for your child to be involved in the ELSA diabetes study at the following web page - <https://www.elsadiabetes.nhs.uk/>

Parent Consultation Evenings **BOOKING IS NOW OPEN** for our parents' consultation meetings this term on **Thursday 29th February** and **Monday 4th March**.



Draw your favourite pancake topping or invent a new pancake combination. Bring your (named) entries to the PTA pop-up shop after school on Monday 12th February.

Alternatively email a photo of your real pancake creation to meldrethpta@gmail.com by Wednesday 14th.

**Prizes for the most creative.
Winners announced Friday 16th**

PTA news Valentine's treats & preloved uniform - Monday 12th

Next Monday the PTA will be holding a pop-up shop outside the school gate at pickup. Valentine's treats to buy for a special someone will be on offer. Beautiful faux red roses, sweet cones, gifts - £2 or less. We will also have a selection of preloved uniform available to buy from as little as 50p per item. Cash or card accepted.

PTA Pancake Competition

To celebrate Shrove Tuesday next week the PTA is inviting everyone to enter our competition to show us your 'Perfect Pancake'. Draw us a picture of your perfect pancake. What are your favourite toppings? Can you invent a new fantastic flavour? What combinations can you imagine? Bring your designs to the pop-up shop on Monday. Alternatively, if you are making pancakes

on Tuesday at home, email a photo of your best pancake creation (meldrethpta@gmail.com). Winners will be announced next Friday.

Upcoming Events

Friday 16th February	Love Your Home Start Non-Uniform Fundraiser/ Hawk Class cake sale
Monday 19th February	HALF TERM
Thursday 29th February	Parent Consultation Meetings
Monday 4th March	Parent Consultation Meetings
Monday 11th March	Science Week
Thursday 14th March	Diabetes study
Friday 15th March	Osprey Class cake sale
Monday 25th March	Sex & Relationship Education Week
Wednesday 27th March	Life Bus 2 day visit
Thursday 28th March	Last day of term

Lily G	Aubrey H	Myra M	Skylar W	Zoe F	Luca A
Gabby K	Vinnie L	Freya N	Arthur S	Dane W	Finn W
Verity F	Sebastian P	Frankie C	Tidus S	Clémence H	Isabella C
Belle B	Jamie D		Emily R		Declan P
					William F

From the Team at Meldreth Primary School – we wish you well!



Valentines

POP UP SHOP



MONDAY 12TH FEB 2024

FROM 3:10PM

MELDRETH PRIMARY SCHOOL GATES

**ROSES, SWEETS, GIFTS & PRE LOVED
UNIFORM SALE**

CASH & CARD DEVICE



LOVE LOVE LOVE

