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#### A message from Mrs Foxton



Good afternoon everyone and welcome to this week's newsletter. We have had another excellent week of learning here at Melbourne—please check out the photograph pages to get a flavour of what your child has been up to.

#### MyLearning and home devices

A huge thank you to all parents who completed the online survey around access to devices. It is really important that we have this information so we can support where necessary in the event of a closure. Please be reassured that a closure of any sort is not planned and will be the absolute last resort.



In previous newsletters I have provided details of the online learning platform that has been developed by staff at the WLP Trust. This platform is an online library of lessons, created by the staff here at Melbourne, that your child will use in the event of a closure. Your child's class teacher will provide information regarding which lessons to use as well as supporting activities.

To access the lessons your child will receive a username and password—this will be provided to them next week. Please look out for it and keep it somewhere safe.

#### **Face coverings**

At Melbourne Primary School the safety and well being of our children and community is of paramount importance. We continue to be extremely grateful for your support in facilitating the new procedures around the school day. Wearing a



face covering is becoming increasingly familiar to us and is recognised as a key method of minimising Covid transmission. As such, we would like to politely request that during drop off and collection you wear a face covering. Please note that this is not compulsory.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Half Term starts Monday 26th October

Back to School Monday 2nd November



We've had a dip down to only 96% attendance rate so far this academic year.

Congratulations to Otter Class who have the highest attendance at 98.7%.

Please note we shall not be including any 'suspected Covid' related absences in our reporting.

#### Parking

Unfortunately the nature of being a small village school, means that parking at pick up and drop off times is very tight, particularly with the current roadworks ongoing in



the village. Please can we politely request that you consider the local residents and do not park across local driveways whilst waiting for your child. Thank you for your help with this.

#### Lost and Found

A silver bracelet was found on school property on Monday night — please contact the office if you think it might be yours.

#### **Smarties**

By now your child/children will have received a tube of smarties. They should have also received a leaflet that explains the incentive behind this idea. The Friends of School are working very hard to find new and inventive ways of raising funds for school which are 'Covid safe'. The funds raised will be put towards developing the Forest School.



This is already an increasingly popular area of our school and one that we wish to improve further for our children.

So please, if you can, return the smarties tubes with 20p pieces.

There will be a prize for the first 3 complete tubes. Many thanks!

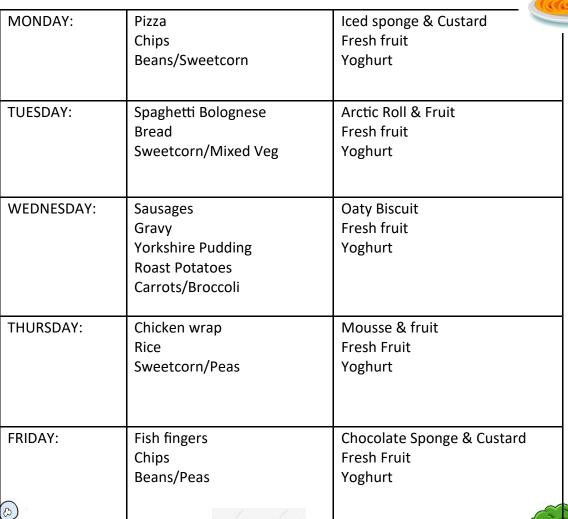
#### Thank you!

Please can we take this opportunity to thank you all for your contributions towards BagsforLife. We the generous help and support from the Friends of School we were able to raise a staggering £227.10.

This money will be so useful in developing our forest school area. Another collection will be arranged around March. Thanks again!



## Menu - w/c 12th October







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MELBOURNE SCHOOL

# SILVER SMARTIES

...RAISING MONEY FOR YOUR NEW FOREST SCHOOL

WE'VE GIVEN YOU THESE SMARTIES TO EAT
BUT THE EMPTY TUBE YOU MUST KEEP.
FOR EVERY TASK DONE, EARN 20P
IT'S UP TO YOU TO EARN YOUR FEE.
FILL UP YOUR TUBE RIGHT TO THE TOP
AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL FUNDRAISING POTI

- RETURN YOUR FILLED TUBES TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
- PRIZES TO BE WON
- PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THIS CHARITY EVENT TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR OUR EXCITING NEW FOREST SCHOOL
- WE ARE RAISING MONEY FOR THIS MUCH NEEDED OUTDOOR LEARNING SPACE, WHICH WILL INCLUDE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE POND, A NEW UNDERCOVER TEACHING AREA AND ALL-WEATHER KIT FOR THE CHILDREN.
- WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE CHILDREN TO BE INVOLVED AND HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THEIR SCHOOL. PLEASE HELP THEM TO COMPLETE TASKS AT HOME FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS.