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#### A message from Mrs Foxton



I'd like to begin by offering my sincere thanks for your continued support with the arrangements around staggered starts and pick ups. It is likely that these will be in place for some time and we must make sure that they remain high priority for the safety of everybody.

As always, it has been an incredibly busy week here at Melbourne. This week the teachers began their new topics which the children are thoroughly enjoying! The children will be learning lots of new knowledge and skills – see if they can teach you anything new! If you are unsure about what your child's topic is this term please look back at the welcome letter sent by class teachers.

As you will be aware, the enrichment programme began this week. The range of activities available to the children is wonderful and from what I've seen and heard they think so too! We have had children exploring the newly developed Forest School, getting creative at crafting, gardening, learning Spanish, meditating in yoga and Pilates and more! The tutoring on offer is organised by the teachers and is by invitation only but there are still places available at some of the enrichment clubs – please call the school office to book a place. I continue to feel incredibly proud of all of the children at Melbourne. They are working very hard within their class bubbles and already making super progress. It's fantastic to have them back! Wishing you all a lovely weekend – I hope the sun continues to shine!

#### Nut Free School

A polite reminder that we are a nut free school and therefore please do not send any items in packed lunches that contain nuts.

#### Library Books

Please could you return any library books that you have had since March to class teachers.

Due to the new regulations, library books need to be quarantined so we would like to get them processed as soon as possible! Thank you.



#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

First Week back (Nursery) Monday 14th September

Bags2School Collection Friday 2nd October

Half Term starts Monday 26th October

#### Attendance

With the schools all fully open, we shall again be focusing on levels of attendance for all schools. We are off to a great start this academic year with a whole school attendance of 97.7% so far!

Congratulations to Heron Class who have the highest attendance at 98%.

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

#### Social media details

If you use twitter, please do follow your child's class for regular updates and photos. Twitter handles for all the classes as follows:

@mps\_cygnetswan  
@mps\_heron  
@mps\_mallard  
@mps\_otter  
@mps\_dragonfly  
@mps\_kingfisher

For the general school account please follow:  
@Melbourne\_cps

Friends of School also have twitter and Facebook accounts as below:



@mcps\_fos

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/249616615561503>

### Pick up and Drop off

Things are getting smoother with every day as we get used to new normal, however we would be grateful if you could help us by:

- Waiting to the left hand side of the path (by the grass) if your child enters/leaves through Reception. This will allow us to ensure that the bus children can safely and easily access the side gate to enter school.
- Maintaining social distance as best you can whilst waiting to pick up or drop off. We understand we are a small site but would like to hope that everyone can feel comfortable when waiting to pick up/drop off, particularly as we do have vulnerable adults and children in our community.

Thank you, as always for your support.

### Friends of School — Bags2school

Slight change on the information for Bags2school. To ensure social distancing measures are not affected at the school gates, the **collection point for Bags2school will now be at Melbourne Village Hall** where FOS members will be waiting to receive collections.

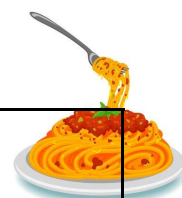
*Please note that they **DO NOT** accept:*

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

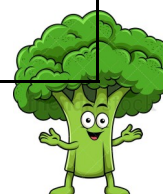
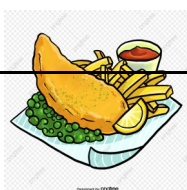
Please follow the Friends of School Facebook page for any updates.



## Menu - w/c 21st September



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| MONDAY:    | Hot Dogs<br>Wedges<br>Beans/Sweetcorn                                       | Frozen Yoghurt                               |
| TUESDAY:   | Sausages<br>Gravy<br>Mash<br>Carrots/Broccoli                               | Sponge & Custard<br>Fresh fruit<br>Yoghurt   |
| WEDNESDAY: | Beef<br>Gravy<br>Yorkshire Pudding<br>Roast Potatoes<br>Carrots/Cauliflower | Jelly & Ice Cream<br>Fresh fruit<br>Yoghurt  |
| THURSDAY:  | Chicken curry<br>Rice<br>Naan Bread<br>Mixed Veg/Peas                       | Chocolate Crackle<br>Fresh Fruit<br>Yoghurt  |
| FRIDAY:    | Fish<br>Chips<br>Beans/Peas   | Oaty Apple Crumble<br>Fresh Fruit<br>Yoghurt |





# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO SINCE WE CAME BACK?

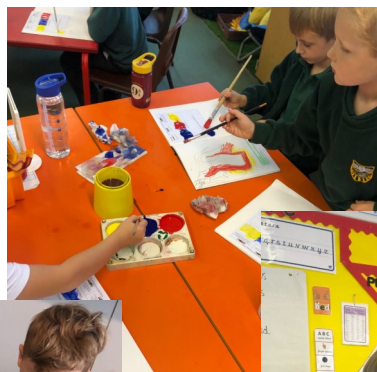
## Cygnets & Swans



## Mallards

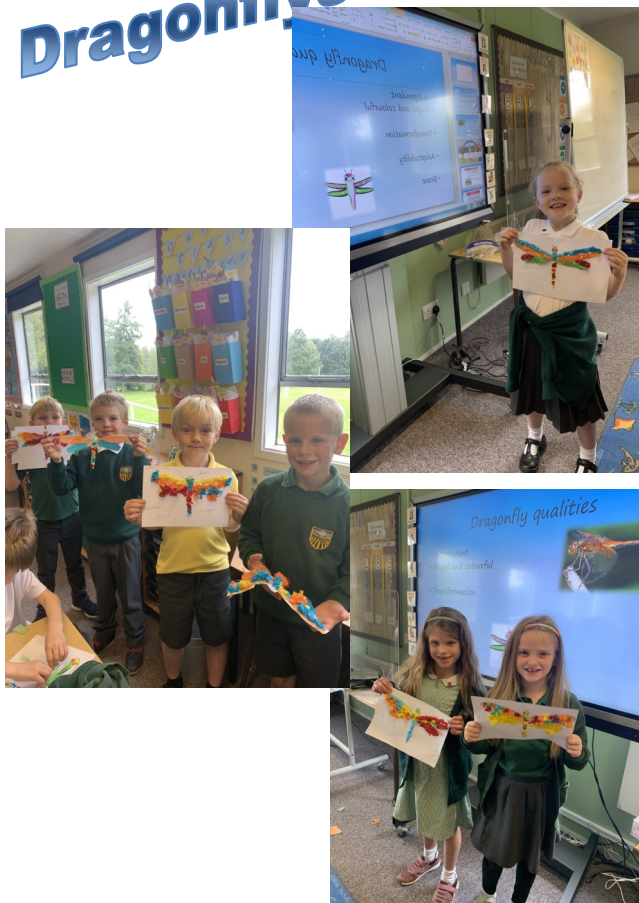


## Otters





# Dragonflies



# Heron



# Kingfishers





# Saturday Morning Club

**Saturdays 9am-10am @ Elvington Sports Club**

We are hoping to keep our successful Saturday Morning Club running from September. We are looking for new players and an adult helper.

No experience necessary, just a love of the game  
that you can pass on to our littlest players.



**Introducing little ones to the game with fun games and exercises**

**Under 6s (Reception and Year 1) - all abilities welcome.**

**No kit required, boots advisable, shin pads and socks required.**

**For more info please contact**

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