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#### A message from Mrs Foxton



Welcome to this week's newsletter! We have had a lovely week in school with the children. There is lots of exciting learning going on, friendships are being made or renewed and we are enjoying lots of fresh air and exercise!

Unfortunately, in recent days the weather has taken a real turn for the worst – Autumn has well and truly arrived! Organisation of play and lunchtimes is such that most children use the field for playtime. Therefore, can we ask that on wet days children have appropriate footwear to avoid soggy feet!

The weather has not gotten in the way of quality learning taking place. The EYFS children have been enjoying the Forest School and have made nature wands! Dragonfly Class have continued their learning about the Tudors and have created some wonderful portraits in the style of Tudor artist Holbein. Otter Class have been brushing up on their phonics skills and are making some impressive progress. Children in Mallard Class has also been showcasing their artistic skills – I have never seen such superb castles! Heron class have been channelling their inner scientists and have been investigating the best conditions for growing plants – I look forward to finding out the results! Finally, Kingfisher have taken their learning cross curricular by exploring the layers of a volcano through art. The children used inspiration from Margaret Godfrey to produce their own interpretations. Impressive!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend. Stay safe and wrap up warm! Mrs K Foxton

#### Weather

Well, we saw three seasons in one day yesterday with torrential rain, beautiful sunshine and hail stones! With this in mind and our philosophy that children should get the chance to play outside as much possible, please can you make sure that your child comes to school in a coat and either brings, or has, wellies at school.

Without wellies we are unfortunately unable to let the children on the field.



#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Bags2School Collection      Friday 2nd October

Half Term starts                      Monday 26th October

#### Attendance

With all the colds going around we have dropped from 97.7% last week to 95.8% this week— fingers crossed that our poorly members will feel better after the week-end!

Congratulations to Otter Class who have the highest attendance to date with a score of 98%.



#### Friends of School

Due to Covid restrictions, fundraising will be challenging this year, however Friends of School will be running the annual Melbourne School Prize Draw and are launching the 2020/21 School Prize Draw this week.

If you enter you can be in with a chance of winning a cash prize every month and you'll also be helping to raise money for the school. It costs £12 per year (£1 per month) and half of the money raised goes into the prize pot... the more people that take part the bigger the cash prize! Last year first prize as £20! The remaining money goes directly to school projects so please spread the word with friends and family – anyone can enter. Entry forms will be coming home this week and you can find one at the bottom of this newsletter. The first draw will be in October so please return your forms by 9th October to be in with a chance of winning.

If you would be interested in helping out with Friends of School please do contact them through their facebook page or on twitter.  
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### Drop off times

Please help us keep everyone as safe as we can by adhering to your children's staggered timings. If you miss your child's arrival time, please can you wait until 8.50am and then come to the main office to drop your child off. This way we can avoid children crossing bubbles unnecessarily. We understand that this isn't ideal but we must prioritise the safety of the children.

Due to the staggered start times, some children will already have started their lessons by 8.40am. Please can we politely request that, whilst waiting to pick up and drop off your children, you keep the noise levels to a minimum. Due to the need to keep the windows open in classrooms, the sound is travelling and making it hard for the pupils to hear the teachers. Thank you for your understanding.

### Friends of School — 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** in the car park. Leave bags by the cone before 9am.

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

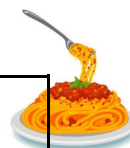
- Duvets, blankets, pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- School uniforms with and without logo
- Corporate clothing and workwear
- Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

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

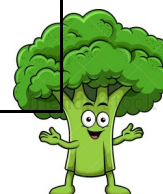
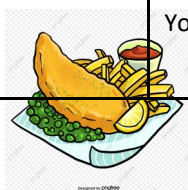
### Hand Hygiene

In the current situation, hand hygiene is of the upmost importance. We currently ensure that all children sanitise their hands on entry to school with a long lasting sanitiser—Zoono (<https://zoono.co.uk>). The sanitiser continues to work even after hand washing. We have additional hand washing built into our timetable and access to extra sanitiser (non-Zoono) should it be needed, so we would politely request that children let their teacher know if they have brought hand sanitiser in and that children leave it on the teachers desk for the duration of the school day. Thank you for your support.

### Menu - w/c 28th September



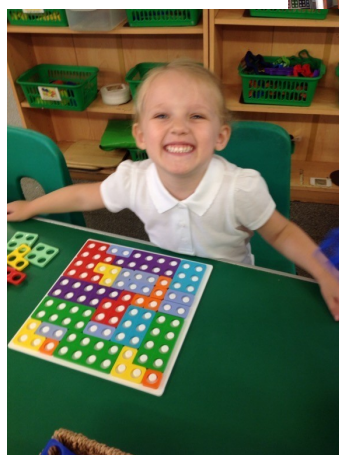
MONDAY:	Pizza Wedges Beans/Sweetcorn	Arctic Roll & Peaches Fresh fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY:	Chicken Rice Sweetcorn/Mixed Veg	Chocolate Sponge & Custard Fresh fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY:	Gammon Gravy Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Carrots/Broccoli	Oaty Biscuit Fresh fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY:	Spaghetti Bolognese Crusty Bread Sweetcorn/Peas	Shortcake & Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY:	Fish fingers Chips Beans/Peas	Iced Muffins Fresh Fruit Yoghurt



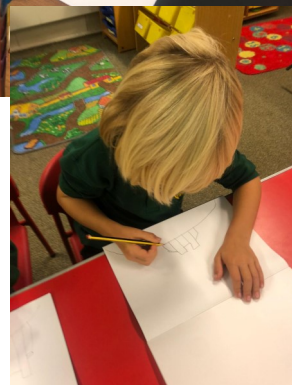
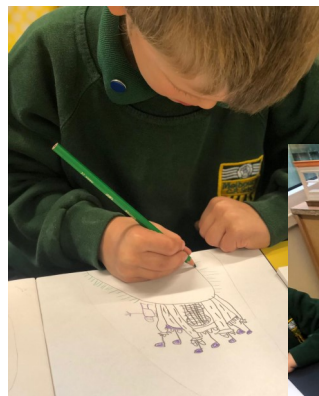


# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK?

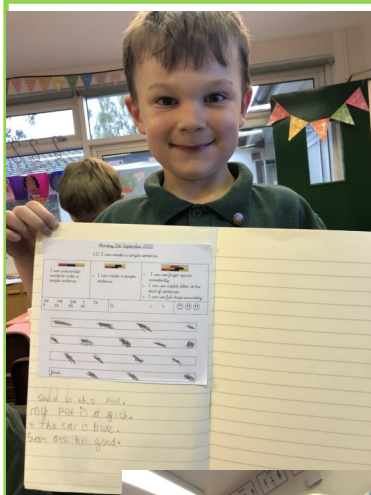
## Cygnets & Swans



## Mallards

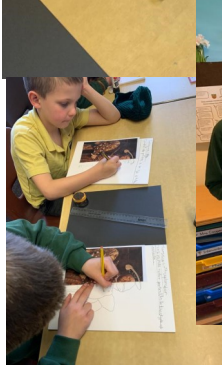
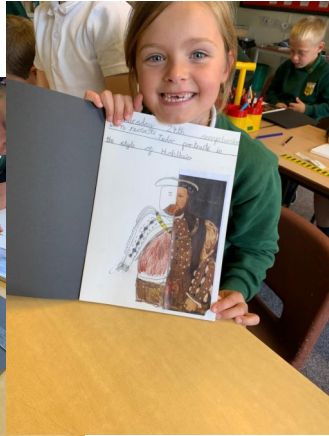


## Otters





# Dragonflies



# Heron



# Kingfishers





1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PRIZES EVERY MONTH!

THE MORE  
TICKETS SOLD  
THE BIGGER THE  
PRIZE!

50% OF MONEY RAISED  
GOES STRAIGHT TO THE  
PRIZE FUND—ALL OTHER  
MONEY GOES STRAIGHT  
TO SCHOOL PROJECTS.

BE IN IT TO  
WIN IT!

Please return this slip to school by **9th of October 2020**

I would like to sign up to Melbourne school monthly prize draw (2020 2021)

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ tickets (please specify how many tickets you would like – 1 ticket =£12)

Name (s) also ticket Holder (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact details (email address or contact telephone number): \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose payment of :

- ◇ Cash
- ◇ Cheque (payable to 'Friends of Melbourne school')
- ◇ BACS payment directly to 'Friends of Melbourne School' (Account number 01106945 Sort Code 40-32-06)

