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Welcome back!

Welcome back to Melbourne CPS from all of the staff – we hope you enjoyed a lovely summer together. It has been wonderful to see the children come into their new classrooms, and start the school year so positively.

Thank you for ensuring that they look so smart in their uniforms – complete with school shoes!

This week has been full of holiday stories and tales of exciting day trips – what a variety of fun we have all had over the holidays. Whilst we have all enjoyed the break it is wonderful see our pupils and staff (new and old) return, ready for the term ahead. We even had some of last year's Year 6's at the gate on Tuesday wanting to say hello before their big day at Secondary School. It is fantastic that these young people still see themselves as part of Melbourne School Community.

As ever, at the start of the new school year, there are plenty of updates to share with our families.

Over the course of the summer we have had our new boundary fence installed and the fence around the pond replaced. The work was unfortunately postponed due to wasps, but it was fixed and secured by Tuesday afternoon this week. **The pond area is begging for a restoration project to allow it to be used as an outdoor learning area for the children - as well as enhancing its potential for sustaining wildlife. If any of our parents or grandparents are interested in undertaking this we would be very grateful for your support! Please do get in touch.**

We are very pleased with the boundary fence; however, it has resulted in further clearance work at the very bottom of the field. The children have all been advised that they are unable to access this area in the short term. Please can parents be aware of this at pick up and drop off times and ensure toddlers are supervised at all times - thank you.

A new carpet was fitted in Class 5 and, following the successful fundraising by the school council, new furniture installed in Class 6. Many thanks again to Mr Greenaway who match funded the amount raised.

Also, we are employing IDR Services to attend school twice a month to attend to DIY and general repairs. All the soft play areas and artificial grass has been cleaned and the playgrounds tidied ready for the children to return. So, with all that in mind, we think we are just about ready for the term ahead!

Academisation

We are pleased to announce that Melbourne Community Primary School converted to an Academy on 1st September 2018 - joining the Wolds Learning Partnership Multi Academy Trust (MAT). This is an exciting and positive step forward and means that our school will work closely with the other schools in the Trust. The distinct character of our school will be protected and there will be no apparent change in the day to day running of our school. However, being part of the MAT will allow us to work even more effectively and efficiently, to share best practice within and across the schools and to improve outcomes for all of our children.

Kingswood

No sooner are the Year 6's back...than they are jetting off again! Well, not technically jetting off...as it is only Sheffield, but certainly going on an exciting trip! The residential visit to Kingswood in Penistone next week takes place Wednesday 12th until Friday 14th September.

From the numerous previous residential visits that have taken place we are confident that the children will have a fabulous time and enjoy the challenges that these new experiences will bring. Parents are welcome to wave the children off outside school. They are due to depart at 10am. Mrs Forman, Mrs Lawrie & Mrs Knight will be supervising the children for the duration and will contact school on arrival. We will inform parents by text/email once the children have safely arrived.

We anticipate the children to return, ready for the usual home time of 3.30pm. Therefore if you are picking up your child (and all their lovely smelly washing), there is no need to come early. If your child requires any medication whilst they are away, it needs to be in a secure, named container with written instructions and your signature giving permission – please pass to Mrs Forman or Mrs Lawrie for their attention.

Important! Agora & Monies

Many parents are already aware that there have been issues logging onto SIMS Agora for online payments. Please be assured that you have done nothing wrong. There is an upgrade taking place and, following this, we are required to allocate users with new reference numbers once the upgrade is complete. This may take some time as we must change our bank details too.

As we are now an academy and not a maintained school we no longer have an ERYC bank account. Therefore, there will be some changes to the way in which you pay for meals, fees, lessons etc. From 1/9/18 all cheque payments must be made payable to Melbourne CP School **NOT** ERYC. Any cheques made payable to ERYC will have to be returned for correction. As the change in bank details also affects Agora and childcare voucher payments, we would like to ask that you not make any payments via these portals until the new system is up and running. We are hopeful that this will be all sorted within a week or two. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience. We were not able to give you any advance warning as we only received official notification about Academisation at the end of August, during the summer holidays.

Email

Both of our newsletters are available for you to receive via email, if you prefer. Please indicate below if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

I would like to receive the following -

Class 1 (wee) newsletter Main (big) newsletter

My email address is (please print clearly).....

Parent ofClass.....

Important Information

We try very hard not to send too many pieces of paper home – however, the beginning of term is a bit of an exception as we must gather and check information held on systems and receive permissions for the year ahead. In bags tonight you will find –

- Data Collection Sheet
- Consent Form
- Home School Agreement

Please give these items your urgent attention, sign and return to the office as soon as possible. Nursery packs shall be sent home next week. Many thanks.

Clubs

Thank you for the many expressions of interest already received in relation to Extra Curricular Clubs. Attendance at **after** school clubs, listed below, will be confirmed by letter, where you will be asked to confirm picking up arrangements. Children will be reminded about lunchtime clubs but attendance will be their own responsibility. Separate letters for membership Netball and M&M Club will be sent out. All other clubs need to be applied for via the office by telephoning 01759 318369 or emailing acharlton@mcps.org.uk. Thank you.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Start and finish time</u>	<u>Group/ Class</u>	<u>Class Size</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Activity/ Description</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Monday	12.00pm-12.40pm	KS1	10-15	Lower playground	Jump rope	Miss Welch
Monday	3.30pm-4.30pm	Y5/6	16	Hall	Dodgeball	Miss Welch
Tuesday	12.00pm-12.40pm	KS2	10-12	Lower playground	Dodgeball	Miss Welch
Tuesday	3.30pm-4.30pm	KS2	10	Class 4	Design & FULL technology	Mrs Brosenitz & Miss Welch
Tuesday	3.30pm-4.30pm	KS2	20	Lower playground	Netball *Start dates to follow	Miss Taylor & Miss Cheshire
Wednesday	12.00pm-12.40pm	KS2	10	Lower playground	Basketball	Miss Welch
Wednesday	3.30pm-5pm	All	60	Hall	M and M Starting October 3rd letters to follow	Mrs Charlton, Mrs Williams, Miss Howe & Miss Welch
Thursday	12.00pm-12.40pm	KS1	16	Field	All Star Football	Mr Dowson
Thursday	12.35 - 1pm	KS1/2	5	Music room	Intermediate Recorders (not beginners)	Mrs Charlton
Thursday	12.00pm-12.40pm	KS1	15	Lower playground	Donkey tails	Miss Welch
Thursday	3.30pm-4.30pm	Y3/4	16	Hall	Cheerleading	Miss Welch
Thursday	3.30pm-4.30pm	Y4/5/6	16	Field	All Star Football	Mr Dowson
Friday	12.00 pm-12.40 pm	EYFS	15	Lower playground	Donkey tails	Miss Welch
Friday	12.00pm-12.30pm	KS2	20	Field	Cross country/ Athletics	Mrs Lawrie

Lost property

Following class reorganisation and tidy-ups we have gathered a few unnamed jumpers, cardigans and shoes. We will have them available for parents to claim after school on Wednesday next week. Please come along via reception if you are interested in having a rummage! All unclaimed clothes will be donated to the FoS for inclusion at the next Bags2School event. If parents could ensure all school clothing – including coats, hats, gloves, shoes & plimsolls - are named, we can make sure your property is returned to you.

Friends of School – Tesco Bags of Help

We have had some great news this week from Tesco. With the help of Friends of School, our library refurbishment project has been selected by Tesco Bags of Help as one of their local projects to support. The more votes we receive the better chance of being awarded the top prize of £4000. This would enable us to stock the library with some really exciting new equipment and technology for the children to use. There are also prizes for 2nd place (£2k) and 3rd place (£1k) but we are aiming to win! If you're shopping in the Market Weighton Tesco store please vote for us using the tokens provided.

Awesome Club Melbourne Chapel

The Club is starting again on Monday 10th September from 3.45pm until 5pm. The club will run every 2 weeks. Children shall be served toast at the start of the session followed by craft, bible stories, drama, music, games, and prayer time. All children are welcome. Sunday 16th September Harvest Festival 10.30am plus lunch. If you require further details please contact Anthea Ayres 318456, Janet Hayton 318287, or Jean Thorpe 318261.

Local Fun

The East Cottingwith and Storward Fete will be held on the 8th Sept from 1-4pm and 6-8pm for music on the Ings opposite the Village Hall. Free entry including a Dog Show, Ceroc Dancing, lots of games, crafts, tractors, food, music and a beer tent. Most interests covered. All welcome!

Taekwondo

Gavin Cook shall be running Ninja Skills Children's Program and Junior & Family Classes at various locations locally. If you would like further information please call Gavin on 07833 665905.

School Dinners

All our dishes are homemade. Fresh fruit and yoghurt are available every day. Vegetarians and all children with special dietary requirements will be catered for. If your child is having the sandwich options during the week please let us know at the office and we will be able to supply you with the information you require. School dinners are priced at £2.40.

School dinner menu - week commencing 10th September

Mon	Pepperoni Pizza served with Potato Wedges, Baked Beans & Peas Vegetarian Cheese & Tomato Pizza Marble Sponge & Custard
Tues	Classic Lasagne served with Crusty Bread, and Winter Salad Vegetarian Roasted Vegetable Lasagne Chocolate Krispie Slice
Weds	Roast Ham with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato, Cauliflower & Peas Vegetarian Quorn Roast Fruit Platter
Thurs	Chicken wrap served with Baby Carrots, and Sweetcorn Vegetarian Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw Orange Shortcake
Fri	Fishcake served with Steak Fries, Garden Peas, and Sweetcorn Vegetarian Cheese Pasta Bake Apple Flapjack



