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Payments – nearly there!

We are very pleased to be able to tell you that childcare voucher companies are now in possession of our new bank details and payment via the following schemes can now recommence: Kiddivouchers, Sodexo, Fideliti, EdenRed, Care4, Computershare, Busy Bees & Coop. This will allow payment for Nursery Fees and Extended Schools' clubs to be made by childcare voucher if that is your preferred method of payment.

Agora is also **almost** ready to go – we are currently looking at alternative ways around the regeneration of new numbers as this is time consuming for us, and inconvenient for you. We will let you know as soon as Thunderbirds are "go"!

Continued thanks for your understanding.

Flu vaccine

Children in R, Yr 1,2,3,4 & 5 have this year been offered the flu vaccine which will take place on the afternoon of Monday 5th November. Many thanks to all parents for returning the slips. If you'd like to find out a bit more about the vaccine visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/child-flu-vaccine-questions-and-answers> or you can also call the Immunisation Team on 01482 335703.



Vision Screening

Parents with a child in Reception had a form sent home several weeks ago with regard to inclusion in vision screening. Parents were asked to return the form to the Child Health Department if you **did not** wish your child to take part. Representatives from Child Health will be visiting on Tuesday at 9am to carry out tests.

Behaviour

We are extremely proud of the positive ethos at Melbourne. Children are kind, considerate and mature. We strive to maintain high standards of conduct and learning behaviour as this is what makes our school such a wonderful place to learn. Naturally, children need support and guidance, and at times, need reminding of the expected standards, often at the beginning of an academic year. We have an established behaviour and rewards system that pupils all understand fully and usually strive to achieve their best. However, in the last few weeks we have had a disproportionate number of children receiving ambers or reds. Usually, children miss Golden Time on Friday afternoons as a sanction. For a small number of children, this is not proving as effective as usual and so we have decided in the short term to amend our procedure.

Children issued with an amber/red will receive a sanction on the same day. Children will be asked to stay in the hall for 5 minutes (amber) 15mins (red) at afternoon playtime. This still allows for 1 hour and 20 minutes of outdoor playtime during lunch and morning break.

It is hoped are more timely sanction will help to improve behaviours and allow Senior Staff to monitor negative behaviours. We will track this in the coming weeks and a plan will be put in place for those few children who are repeatedly not following our Behaviour Charter. Children receiving 3 or more ambers or a red in a given week will, in addition, lose 5 minutes of Golden playtime on a Friday.

We have not taken this decision lightly and we are very proud of the majority of our pupils who display excellent behaviours both in and out of school. These children will continue to be rewarded through our Dojo system. We would like to thank parents for working in partnership with us to ensure children take responsibility for their actions and enjoy a positive learning experience at school.

Correction

Please accept our apologies as there was an error on the newsletter last week. We would like to confirm that the Harvest festival will take place on Wednesday 17th October – not 15th as previously published. Please remember to let us know if you would like to reserve a seat as we cannot guarantee that you will get in if you don't let us know you are coming. Thank you.

School Transport Reminder - Reporting Concerns

Please do not hesitate to contact school if there is an issue between children on the bus. We will be happy to follow this up with you. If your concern relates to an issue with the bus service or driver's action or attitude then this must be reported to **Buswise** directly. This is the central point of contact for anyone who wishes to report an incident with Home to School transport. Only incidents reported in this way can be dealt with. Pupils, parents, bus operators and schools are able to report incidents by **completing an electronic form or telephoning 03456 445959**. This will ensure that all incidents are dealt with consistently enabling auditable, timely actions along with the facility to provide accurate feedback. Please note that children who choose to behave in an unsafe or unacceptable manner risk being refused transport by the Local Authority.

Cross Country

Mrs Lawrie took an enthusiastic group of children to Woldgate for a cross country event on Tuesday evening. Year 3 and 4 children ran a course over 1000m and Year 5 and 6, 1400m. Well done to Maisie, Isla, Eve, Nicky, Danny, Tobi, Edward G, Mali, Chloe, Laura, Gabriel F, Gabriel W, Freddie & Jacob D – you all did very well. Worthy of a special mention are Chloe finishing 8th in her Year group, Gabriel F 12th and Danny 6th. We would like to thank the parents and friends who helped with transport and touchline support – it is very much appreciated.



Bikes

Please can we remind you that we are not able to store bikes on site for those children who have arrived to school late. The bike shed is closed after the school bell has been rung and is not opened again until the end of the day. We are sure you will understand that accommodating the bikes of pupils who come to school late involves a member of the office staff being taken away at what is already an extremely busy time of the day. We are unable to allow parent access without staff supervision so would need to insist that bikes be taken home in this instance. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Head Lice

We are still receiving reports of head lice in the upper part of school. Children are being treated, but the problem persists. Please can parents check all school children over the weekend and treat immediately, as we are keen to avoid a more widespread issue.

Polite notice

The nature of our office environment is very friendly and open plan but does not lend itself to a good working space when it is used as a waiting room. If you are coming to an assembly, or waiting in reception for another event with other parents, it would be very much appreciated if you would keep conversation to a minimum between yourselves whilst you wait. The ladies are always hard at work and find this becomes very difficult with a lot of background noise when taking calls for example. Many thanks for your consideration with this matter.

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 8th October

Mon	Italian Style Chicken served with Potato Wedges, Baked Beans & Peas Vegetarian Vegetable Curry Syrup Sponge & Custard
Tues	Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Sweetcorn Vegetarian Sausage Chocolate Mousse
Weds	Roast Turkey with Sage & Onion Stuffing, Mashed Potato, Carrots, & Peas Vegetarian Quorn Roast Oaty Biscuit
Thurs	Bolognese Pasta Bake, served with Crusty Bread, & Mixed Vegetables Vegetarian Pasta Napolitan Eves Pudding
Fri	Fish Fingers served with Steak Fries, Garden Peas, and Sweetcorn Vegetarian Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans Chocolate Crunch



