

Melling St Wilfrid CE Primary School



For the love of learning, friendship and faith

January 2023

Dear Families,

Welcome back to school for the Spring Term. Thank you so much for all the lovely messages, cards and gifts at the end of last term, they were very much appreciated.

We are looking forward to another busy term in school. Our Infant children will be learning all about Food & Farming, Humans & Animals. Junior children will be studying Rivers and Animals - we look forward to sharing their learning with you.

Wishing all our families a very healthy and Happy Year ahead.

Yours truly,
Fiona Ip
Headteacher

Sports Leader Training - Year 5 & 6

On Wednesday 11th January children in years 5 & 6 will be taking part in 'Sports Leader' training (in school). They should wear their PE kit please.

Staffing Changes

Mrs. Parker starts her maternity leave during the next half term. While she is off the infant class will be taught by Mrs. Howker Monday- Wednesday and Mrs. Smith Thursday - Friday. The children already know them both very well and the transition will be gradual.

In KS2 Mrs. Martin will be teaching Tuesday- Friday with Mrs. Smith teaching on Monday. The teaching assistants will remain the same with Mrs. Ablett in the Infants and Mrs. Hunter in the juniors. This has been explained to the children. We look forward to welcoming the new arrival to the Melling family in March!

Bacon/Sausage Buns - Fridays

This term we will be offering the children bacon or sausage buns on Friday mornings. The cost is £1.00 per bun. **Please prepay for these on School Spider.** Thank you.

Edinburgh Residential 2023

The balance remaining for the Edinburgh residential is £130 per child. This will be split into two payments of £65 to be paid by the end of February and March. If you would prefer to pay the full amount please add two instalments to your shopping basket on School Spider.

Thank you.

Change of Circumstances

Please notify the School office of any changes to address, phone numbers or your child's medical needs. It is important that we have up to date information for your child. Thank you.

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The School Day

The school day starts at 8:50am, please ensure all children are here for a prompt start for the first lesson.

Children can be dropped off between 8:40 and 8:50 am and come straight into class. Before school childcare (no food served) is available every day from 8am and does not need to be booked in advance, just bring your child along. This is charged at £1.50 per child/day, invoiced half termly.

After School Clubs

Monday - PTA swimming lessons

Dinner Money

Please could we ask that all dinner invoices are paid promptly. If you are experiencing difficulty paying your invoice or require a copy of your invoice please contact the school office. Thank you

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

School admissions are now open for children due to start primary school in September 2023 at:

[School admissions - Lancashire County Council](#)

Applications should be made through your local council, even if you are applying for a school in another council area.

Primary school applications must be submitted by 15th January

PE Reminder

PE lessons are on a Monday afternoon. We are continuing with Hockey and Gymnastics this half term.

Children should come to school in their PE kit on Mondays - with school shoes please! Please could all children have a spare pair of socks (& joggers/leggings for KS1) in school. Thank you

Absence Reporting & Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school please leave a phone message or email bursar@melling.lancs.sch.uk before 9am on the day of each absence. Absences can also be reported via School Spider. If a phone call/email is not received we will need to call you during the morning to find out where they are as part of our safeguarding responsibility. Please see our updated attendance policy on the school website.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday 11th January - Year 5 & 6 Sports Leader Training

Friday 20th January - Library Van

Thursday 2nd February - KS2 Swimming Gala

Thursday 9th February - KS2 Gymnastics Competition

HALF TERM Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February