

# Mellor Primary News

A new year and new things to come, this our first newsletter, is filled with good news and important information for all. Over the holiday period we've had some fantastic additions to our school. Our new Forest School area at the back of school has opened up a magical trail in the woods. In it our children can explore nature's delights and begin to understand the connections between living things and the materials our world is made of. We aim to use it to understand recycling, to write and to be artistic. Take a look at our Twitter page to see photos of the development, more photos and stories will follow. A huge thanks to Rob Allen and his team for giving a little bit more to the project. We are so excited about this great space.



## School Funding

A year ago headteachers marched to Downing Street to highlight the funding for schools campaign. Our school gained enough to help create our new learning space. Since then, continued pressure from schools; parents; members of the wider public and some politicians has clearly made a difference. You will have seen the Government announcement that there will be a commitment to increase school funding. Whilst we welcome the announcement, the devil is in the detail and we want to see how it will all pan out. Subsequently, the Education Summit that was planned for next week has been postponed, as has the march on the 27th September organised by the 'Worthless?' campaign. Thank you to everyone who has supported our campaign and given us the encouragement to speak on behalf of our children, families and colleagues.

### Have you ever wondered what happens on an Inset Day?

This September the whole staff worked for two days on developing an ever more exciting curriculum to reflect what our children will need for the future. We'll be sharing much more on this topic in future newsletters and 'Heads Up' letters.



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### Absence

*If you child is absent from school due to illness, please leave a message on our absence line, giving their name, class and detailed reason for absence.*

### Changes to Child's Personal Info.

*Please remember to keep the office informed of any changes in medical conditions, emergency contact numbers & email addresses via the school email address [schooladmin@mellor.stockport.sc.h.uk](mailto:schooladmin@mellor.stockport.sc.h.uk) or in writing.*

**PLEASE**



**NO PEANUTS  
OR  
NUT PRODUCTS**

Designated Safeguarding Lead

## Staffing

We are delighted to welcome several new members of staff to the team and community. Miss Pip Lockwood is our new Year 4 teacher, Mrs Julie Wright and Ms Sharon Maxwell join us as key support staff and we have two young developing professionals working alongside our teachers, Miss Ciara Ganley and our home grown Miss Rachel Bailey, who will be working in Year 3 and Year 6 respectively for much of the year. We wish all our new members of staff every success in their new roles.

Please join us in congratulating Miss Ward & Mr McMylor on the birth of daughter Ayda.

## School Certificates

Certificates that children are awarded for Athletics and French will be celebrated and given out in class this year, rather than in Friday assemblies. Please ask children to give them to their class teacher.

## Our Playground is a Mobile Free Zone

We shared our thinking on mobiles in the school grounds last year. Parents, Carers and Visitors are respectively asked to take calls outside the school gate so that we remain a place where children are our focus and that social interaction occurs. Many thanks.

## Nut Allergies

We have a strict 'no nut' policy with several members of the school that have nut allergies. Therefore, could we kindly remind parents not to send children to school with nut based snacks & packed lunch fillings e.g. peanut butter or Nutella.

## Misplaced Property Dates

Misplaced and sadly neglected property which is kept in the school entrance, will be processed on a fortnightly basis. Unclaimed items will be forwarded to suitable charities or recycled accordingly. The dates are as follows:

- Friday 20th September
- Friday 4th October
- Friday 18th October
- Friday 8th November
- Friday 22nd November
- Friday 6th December
- Friday 20th December



## Mellor Lacrosse Club

We would like to invite girls and boys to come and try our fun, fast and energetic sport! Children from Year 1 to Year 6 are welcome, sticks and equipment can be provided. We train at Mellor Sports Club at 10am on Sunday mornings, please contact the appropriate representative for further information before you join us.

For girls—Helen Carlsson [hjcarlsson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hjcarlsson@hotmail.co.uk)  
For boys—Martin Mochan [mellorboyslax@gmail.com](mailto:mellorboyslax@gmail.com)

**We would also like to congratulate two more former Mellor pupils, George Shonfeld & Toby Halls who have been selected for the England Lacrosse Academy—Well done boys.**



## Driving to School

Please be mindful of all our children and families walking to school. A few parents have expressed their concerns regarding driver vigilance as our little people approach school.



## Notes from the School Log Book, September

This is a new item prepared by our very own Mr Mike Barley. Mike was the Headteacher of Mellor when we were on the hill and he guided the school through the transition to where we are now. If you love history—this is for you.

*1938 – School closed pm as staff attended Air Raid Precaution meeting at Hazel Grove.*

*1939 – school opened to receive evacuees from Plymouth Grove School, Manchester. Two-shift system: Mellor children 9-12.30, Plymouth Grove children 1.30-5.00. When weather permits, children taken for walks, games, etc, during their free shift.*

*(NB For a while the evacuees moved to New house Hill Sunday School. The Manchester evacuees returned home quite soon, (it was the 'phony' war), but later arrivals from Wallasey stayed longer.)*

*1940 – Air raid warning 10.45. Children in shelters for an hour. Two raids.*

*1942 – reported two cases of whooping cough. Temperature in school 52 degrees, very cold.*

*1943 – temperature only 55 degrees in all rooms today. Stove worn out.*

*Children's respirators (gas masks) inspected and worn. Shelter drill in the morning.*

*Spoke to Miss XXX about repeated complaints of corporal punishment in her class. This is the third time my orders have been disobeyed; kindness must prevail.*

*1951 – Headteacher attended conference on the education of the Dull and Backward Child.*

*1957 – 31 of 82 pupils absent due to 'flu epidemic*

*1964 – demolition of outside toilet block completed. Excavations for the new extension under way. Work on large retaining wall has started.*

*1979 – Hall and one classroom out of use. Problems encountered include cracks in outside walls, cracks in roof beams, faulty brickwork and wet rot in wooden lintels. J2 and J4 temporarily housed in demountables at Ludworth.*

More to come.

## Behaviour Policy

Last year we spent a lot of time working on a whole school approach to behaviour management. We will be sharing it soon with you our community and will ask for your thoughts and observations. We can all help be using the same simple language. 'Safe, Ready, Respect'. Using sentences such as 'I wonder are you being safe?' or 'Can you show me that you are ready to..' or 'How do we show respect to each other?'

## Dates for your diary



18th Sept @ 7pm	FOM Mtg all welcome
7th Oct	Harvest Festival
18th & 28th Oct	Inset Days
5th Nov	Individual School Photos
11 Nov	Mellor Remembrance Service
18th Nov	Nasal Flu Vaccines
14th, 19th, 21st Nov	Learning Reviews
11th—12th Dec	KS1 Christmas Production
13th Dec	EYS Production
19th Dec	Junior Carol Concert

