



NEWSLETTER 6
Spring Term '19
Thursday 14th February 2019

Half Term Holiday

A reminder that school closes at 3.15pm tomorrow for a week's half term school holiday. We all hope that you all enjoy a lovely family week off and look forward to seeing you back at Mellers bright and early at 8.40am on Monday 25th February!

30 Hours Childcare

If you have a child in our nursery and you go to work you may qualify for 30 free hour's childcare. For the parents who qualify we receive full funding for their full time nursery children's' places. This means that school then pays for those children's school meals. It's really beneficial for you to check whether you qualify, if successful, please come to the office with your 30 hour code and we'll sort the rest out for you! Here's the link to check:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-tax-free-childcare>

Collection of Children after Clubs

You must make arrangements to collect your child on time when they've been to an after school activity club. If there's a genuine reason for collecting them late we will place them in our childcare club, and parents will have to pay £6 when they arrive to collect them.

Hagg Farm

There are still places available for children in either Year 4 or 5 to sign up for the residential trip to Hagg Farm. It's not until 1st July so there's plenty of time to pay the deposit and regular instalments to spread the cost. The visit aims to increase confidence, group awareness with healthy activities and lots of fun. Please see Miss Marks in Year 5 for more information.

Have a lovely half term holiday!

Amanda Dawson, Headteacher

Word and Grammar of the Week

We thought we would share our word and grammar of the week with you, so that you can further help your children with their English skills:

Wow, you're a fast runner! ✓
not

Wow, your a fast runner! ×

Word of the Week

pivotal

Hygiene and Handwashing

Please make sure your children wash their hands properly and often, to prevent the spread of any bugs.

Road Safety

After another 'near miss' out on Norton Street please make sure you hold hands with your children, especially the younger ones. Drivers please slow down and park away from school, our new slogan is 'Park and Stride'; it would make the road far safer.

School Meal Price Is Going Up

From 1st April 2019 the cost of a school meal will go up to £2.15 per day, this reflects the rising cost of food and provisions in line with increased inflation. The increased amount still represents excellent value for money for a healthy two-course dinner. We encourage parents to pay online for school meals, but please be aware that the option on the Gateway app to pay with an instant transfer is by no means instant; it can take a week for your payment to leave your account, which can cause cash flow problems for some of you. It is more efficient to use the card payment option if you can.

Any parent with an outstanding balance for school meals must pay the office as soon as possible. Our new school meal debt policy can be found at:

http://sitefiles.net/mell/resources_20190207104358378_ssv34px4ou0.pdf