



Newsletter

24th September, 2020

Dear Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and patience during drop off and pick up times. I think you will agree it is now quicker and safer for you and the children in our community. Please could you stick to the time you have been given for your child to be dropped off/collected and maintain Social Distancing. Following the new directive from Government we ask that you **MUST** now wear a face covering (mask or visor) when coming onto the school grounds. If you fall under the exempt category for face masks please wear a shield if possible. Just to clarify that at the current time school staff (unless preferred) and children do not have to wear a face covering, but obviously we will keep abreast and adhere to future guidance on this.

CONTACT FORMS/ DATA SHEETS:

We recently sent out a contact form which contains the information we have in school. Please amend any errors and add missing information, particularly medical and contact telephone numbers/email addresses. Please return the form even if no amendments are required as soon as possible. We also ask that you notify us of any change of numbers as soon as possible. Thank you to those who have already returned them.



DROP OFF/COLLECTION AT HOME TIME:



During drop off and pick up please could I ask you **do not let your children ride their scooters and bikes on the playground and on the pavements adjacent to the queues outside the school** as this is a very congested area and I don't want anyone to get hurt.

The areas around both schools can become congested at these times. Please could you drop your child off and leave the surrounding areas of both schools free.

ENVIRONMENTAL GARDEN – HELP!!:

Just a quick reminder. You may have already noticed that the environmental garden is getting very overgrown! On **Tuesday 13th October** we are hoping to “prune” and tidy it up (weather permitting). We are in need of volunteers to assist us in this. If you are available for any part or all of the day to help with this task please either complete the slip at the end of this letter or see/email Mrs. Simmons (office@meoninfantschool.org.uk). We will be overwhelmingly grateful for your assistance. Miss Brown will be joining the team to help. As we have few tools we would appreciate you bringing your own secateurs/loppers. We will provide coffee/tea and biscuits to help the day along!!! Thank you.



FLU VACCINATION:


The date for the Flu vaccinations taking place at the school is: **TUESDAY 13th OCTOBER**. The letter, information brochure and consent form will be sent out next week. **Please return the form** even if you **do not** wish you child to have the vaccination. For further information now please visit the website: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/child-flu-vaccine.aspx>.




NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER: REMINDER

The school has a new main line telephone number. It is: **03333602170**. The “old” number will remain in action for a short while and calls will be diverted to the new number.





P.E. SESSIONS: 
The children have started some PE sessions across the School – each year group bubble has an allocated day - so please could I ask you to bring in their P.E. kits as soon as possible if you have not already done.

SCHOOL PARKING:  **REMINDER**
You may have noticed that a single line has been installed outside the school. This is for use only for dropping off by cars displaying disabled stickers. Thank you.

SCHOOL MEALS: 
The new menu with an alternative hot meal choice has now been uploaded onto the website – www.meoninfantschool.org.uk This will change again from after the October half term holiday and the “Autumn/Winter” menu will be posted onto the website as soon as it is available.
JOIN US ON THE **1ST OCTOBER** FOR A FREE TASTER MEAL. We invite every Key Stage 1 student to give school meals a try with our fun USA-themed lunch! Our star-spangled menu will be bursting with the taste of America, including all-time favourites The beef burger and (Quorn) hot dog, a choice of delicious sides, and a tasty chocolate brownie for dessert. We’d love to see you, please come along even if your child does not currently have school dinners. No need to pre-book or bring a packed lunch as we will order every child a meal, but if you would prefer to opt out on this day please advise the school office by Wednesday 30th September.

SEESAW:
I am pleased to announce that we are almost ready to launch our new on-line learning platform for Home Learning (Seesaw). Please could you return the permission slips as soon as possible or if you need another one there are spares in the office to collect. In the next few days we will be sending out instructions on how to use the new platform and your child’s log in, if you have any questions please ask your child’s teacher. The teacher’s will be putting homework on the platform next week for your child to access. We will text parents when this is uploaded. Please note this is NOT a communication site. Any queries should be raised through the usual office email address: office@meoninfantschool.org.uk



WATER BOTTLES: 
You are aware that children use water bottles in the classroom during the day. Please could I ask you to check that their names are clearly marked on the bottle to avoid other children mistakenly using it. The teachers have been advised to be extra vigilant in making sure they have their own bottle.
Unfortunately we are not expecting a delivery of “school” water bottles until end of November so please send in a bottle of your choice (plastic). Please ensure there is only WATER in the bottle. Thank you.

WEAR YOUR MASK/FACE COVERING PLEASE

Kind Regards
Lynda Daish
Headteacher


Translation Service
If you need help in translating this newsletter, please contact the EMAS Home-School-Community Project on tel. 023 9273 3130

DfE Guidance

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

These are **not normally symptoms of coronavirus**

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

This could be a sign of coronavirus

Book a test