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What's happening at

Meltham School's Out

Hello Everyone!

We hope you are all well. It has been a busy start to the year, with a few Year 6 children leaving us (high school prep), and a few new faces also. A big warm welcome to our new children and their families. We would also like to welcome Lottie back to Breakfast Club.

Activities at MSO

The children absolutely love crafting, painting and generally having fun. We've been busy painting snowy pictures, making bird feeders (very messy), making our own cloud snow, paper flowers and Valentine's Day crackers. The children have really enjoyed the activities. We have been playing in the school hall when the weather has been dreadful, the children have really enjoyed this over the winter. I'm sure it starts raining in Meltham at 3.15 on weekdays!

New Resources

We have purchased some new outdoor furniture ready for the Spring and some new planters. The children will be doing some gardening after half term. If anyone has any spare seeds going free, we'd happily accept them. Thank you :)

Car Park

Please kindly remember to watch your speed in the car park at all times. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

Email Address Update

We have a new email address at the club, which is at the top of this newsletter. Our old address will continue to be monitored, but will be gradually phased out. Any emails you may now receive will be from the new address.

Attendance

If your child will not be attending their usual booked session(s) for any reason please let us know as soon as possible. This is important, even if you have notified school of their absence. You can let us know by email, text or call. Contact details are at the top of this newsletter. Your cooperation in this is appreciated and helps us to keep everyone safe.

Snack

The noticeboard on the right in the club entrance is where you'll find our snack menu for the week. Please note it is a snack and not tea/dinner.

Please let us know if your child's dietary needs change or they develop an allergy or intolerance.

Payment of Fees

Meltham School's Out is an independent, private 'not-for-profit' company that is funded solely by fees paid by our families, so it is important to pay your invoice on time. To avoid a late payment fee, please make sure your payment has reached us by the last day of the month. Our current late payment fee is £10 per child, which is included on your next invoice if a charge has been incurred.

We understand there are busy times of the year, which is why we send out reminders as the payment deadline approaches.

Payments through Tax-Free Childcare can take up to 3-5 working days to arrive, so please make sure this payment is set up in good time. If you would like to find out if you're eligible to pay through Tax-Free Childcare, please visit:

[Tax-Free Childcare: What Tax-Free Childcare is - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)

You could save up to £2000 of childcare costs a year!

Children's Mobile Phones

At the club, it is our number one priority to keep all children safe. We've had a couple of occasions when we've discovered that children have mobile phones with them. The club policy on mobile phones is the same as school, which is that mobile phones are allowed *only in exceptional circumstances* and after consultation with the headteacher and a written letter of permission has been received from parents/carers.

Under these conditions, if your child has brought their mobile into school and attends breakfast and/or after school club, then it must be handed to a member of club staff and will be kept in the office until the end of the session. Thank you for your cooperation.

Children's Belongings

Please note that it's only in exceptional circumstances that we can go back into school for any belongings that your child has left in school that day. This includes cardigans/jumpers, water bottles, lunchboxes, etc. These types of items must be collected the following school day. Items that we are able to go and collect are coats, glasses and medication.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 28th February: last day to pay March invoices

Tuesday 17th March: April invoices issued

Friday 27th March: the club and school close for the Easter holidays

Tuesday 31st March: Last day to pay April invoices

Monday 13th April: the club and school reopens

Thursday 16th April: May invoices issued

Thursday 30th April: last day to pay May invoices

And Finally...

This newsletter is available on the MSO section of the school website, on the MSO noticeboard, or a paper copy can be printed for you, if requested. Our door is always open if you would like to discuss anything.

All the best,

The Meltham School's Out Team