



The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

Week commencing Monday 28 September 2020

Welcome to our Families' Bulletin. For more details regarding any of the information below, please click on the links or visit our website: <https://www.themisbourne.co.uk/601/newsletters>

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

I hope that this past week has been a good week for you all and that our value of the week, 'Respect', has cropped up in at least one family conversation. I have had the privilege of spending part of my week visiting lessons, seeing how our new teachers are getting on. To see the respect that is already evident between them and their classes has been a real delight. We believe that positive student/teacher relationships are central to our students achieving their very best and I'm excited for the year ahead.

Our value for next week is 'Pride' and we have used a quote from American Footballer, Megan Rapinoe, to share with students: *"It's all about standing up and being counted and saying you're proud of who you are."* I will be speaking to students over the course of the week about what makes them feel proud.

I wrote to families earlier today to reiterate our policy around the wearing of face masks, following our review of this after the first full two weeks back. Please [click here](#) to read a copy of this letter, which also brings to your attention updated information from the NHS regarding testing for COVID-19 and expectations about attendance.

Have a lovely week.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'J. Meloni'.

Ms Jo Meloni

School Notices

Updated Families Guidance to Covid-19

We have updated our Families' Guidance around Covid-19 to help keep families and our wider community safe. Please [click here](#) to read the updated document.

Translations of Covid-19 Guidance

The Department for Education has translated its Covid-19 guidance into a range of languages for parents and carers with children in nursery, school or college in the Autumn term. [Click here](#) to access this information.

Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling:

- Phone: 0800 046 8687
- Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm
- Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm

Open Evening 2020

Our first-ever Virtual Open Event is now live on our website. If you know someone who is looking at The Misbourne for their Year 6 child next year, please direct them to the [Year 6-7 Admissions](#) page of our website. Owing to Covid-19 restrictions, we are unable to offer an Open Evening or Open Morning in person this year, however, school visits will be available for families of students with specific needs, which will need to be pre-booked and take place after school.

Mobile Library coming soon

At The Misbourne, we value the importance of reading - we strive for our students to read with confidence, fluency and understanding as well as to read for pleasure and enjoyment.

We are hoping to have our 'mobile library' up and running very soon where students can access our library catalogue and pick up their requests during their cafe breaks and during form time. Miss White, our librarian, will be going into literacy lessons to explain how the system will work.

In the meantime, please ensure that all students have a book in their bag that they can access during tutor time, literacy lessons and any time a reading opportunity occurs.

Free online support workshops

Witherslack Group is running advice and support webinars for parents and carers of children with autism, dyslexia, ADHD. For more information, [click here](#).

Year Group-Specific Notices

WHOLE SCHOOL

Week commencing 28.09.2020 is timetable Week A.

School photos: A reminder that school photos will be taking place on Wednesday 30 September and Thursday 1 October for students in Years 8, 9, 11 and 13. Students will be photographed across these days on the day that they are wearing their school uniform. We ask that all students still wear their PE kit for their timetabled PE lessons as usual.

Covid-19 Guidance for families: Please [click here](#) to read a useful quick guide to Covid-19 produced by Buckinghamshire Council, which outlines what action you need to take in a range of scenarios.

YEAR 8

Homework schedule: This week, Year 8 students will receive 30 minutes' homework from each of these subjects: English, Maths, Science, Geography, DT/Food, Art and MFL.

SIXTH FORM

Year 12

We are in the process of reviewing 'Right Choices' data from teachers and the final requests from students about subject changes and will contact families individually if there are any major concerns arising.

Year 13

The University of Hertfordshire is hosting a virtual event for Parents and Guardians on Thursday 1 October 5-6pm. It's not only students who have questions about university, but parents too. Join us for our Parents: University Unpacked talk (which covers what your teenagers can expect from university, the application process and student finance). We'll be on hand afterwards to answer all your questions. [Click here](#) to register for the event and we will send you further information. If there are any questions you would like to send us in advance, please do so by emailing readyforuni@herts.ac.uk

COMMUNITY NOTICES

A message from Fusion, working on behalf of HS2

In July we sent you a notification about the works to the Great Missenden Link Road and A413. We would like to update you on our progress of works.

We are writing to update you on a delay to the completion of Fusion's works on Link Road, Great Missenden. The project has experienced some unforeseen circumstances which have contributed to the extension of our programme and a delay now unfortunately being unavoidable.

Before any highways works are carried out some essential surveys must be undertaken and then compared to the utility location data available. As planned we undertook utility trial trenching investigations at the start of the summer school holidays. These surveys identified that the utilities required further works to divert and relocate than originally planned. We have worked closely with the utility companies and we are pleased to inform you that these diversions are now complete. This additional work and time has impacted on the completion of the works.

Through our investigations and working in conjunction with the utility companies we have adapted our working method and programme to widen the Link Road and the A413 alongside these diverted utilities to provide the least overall disruption to the community and complete the works as soon as possible.

The delay in completing the diversion of utilities alongside the adaption of the working method around and alongside these utilities has concluded with an extension to our programme of works. The realistic completion date and full opening of the road is now predicted as the 6th November 2020. The current one-way system on Link Road and narrow lanes on the A413 will remain in place until then. We will be updating the online 'Virtual Exhibition' to reflect these changes to the programme and will be writing separately to the community later this week

We would like to express our sincere apologies for the inconvenience this will cause the community. Any further updates will be communicated within due course.