



## The Misbourne Families' Bulletin

### Week commencing Monday 5 October 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

All of a sudden Autumn feels to have truly arrived. After what has seemed like six months of Summer, the inclement weather is now definitely upon us. On days such as today, our wet weather break plan has come into play. As lessons are going on all round school, students will have one of their break times in our new marquee. In a school such as ours, with a number of smaller buildings, even when we are not operating a one-way system there are many times in the day when students will be moving around outside. Can we please therefore ask that you send your child to school with a waterproof coat or umbrella to help keep them dry over the coming months.

You will read overleaf that we are pleased to be supporting the work of One Can Trust again this year. This is a wonderful charity which does valuable work and we encourage all our families to donate where possible.

Our value next week is 'Respect' and the students will be learning in assemblies the various ways we can all demonstrate respect in our day-to-day lives, epitomising this quote from Hussain Nishah, *"Treat people the way you want to be treated. Talk to people the way you want to be talked to. Respect is earned, not given."*

Please may I also draw your attention to an important message we have received today from Thames Valley Police, attached [here](#). I should be grateful if you would discuss this with your child.

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

Ms Jo Meloni

#### Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher

This week's Hot Chocolate with the Head nominees are from Year 8 and have all been nominated for being awarded the highest number of achievement points in their school over the past week. A brilliant start to the year!

Every Hot Chocolate with the Head recipient wins a Golden Ticket to let them jump the queue in the café for one week.



# School Notices

## One Can Trust Appeal

As in previous years, we are again supporting the [One Can Trust](#) foodbank, which provides vital food parcels for families across South Buckinghamshire. More than ever, at a time when family incomes have been hit hard by Covid-19, One Can Trust is doing vital work to support families facing hard times. It is currently supporting approx. 400 families per week locally—a 77% rise in people (and specifically a 64% rise in children) compared with March 2020.

It is in urgent need of donations of fresh, tinned and dry foodstuffs. A full list of items required by One Can Trust is available [here](#).

The introduction of a fresh food collection is a new initiative. One Can Trust specifically requires **carrots, onions, broccoli and bananas**. If you would like to donate fresh food, please may we ask that this is only brought into school on **Monday 13 October**.

We would be very grateful for any donations that families are able to make. From Monday 5 October, for the next two weeks, please send students to school with donations, which will be collected by their form tutor.

## Covid-19 Information Hub

In order to help families stay up-to-date with the latest information regarding Covid-19 and schools, we have created a dedicated Covid-19 Information page on our website. This is in the Families section, but can also be accessed directly from the home page, [here](#). We will continue to update this page as guidance changes.

## Guides to Using IT for Learning

We have added two new video guides to our website to help students to use IT effectively to support their learning. One is a short video designed by Mr Dwight to help students understand the many facilities included in Office 365 and another is a video from an external provider explaining how, if needed, students can participate in live lessons on Microsoft Teams. Both videos can be found on the [Using IT for Learning](#) page of our website, which is included in the Families section.

## Walk to School Week

5-9 October is Walk to School Week in the UK. We would encourage all our students to benefit from increasing their daily exercise by walking a little further than normal to school. Perhaps they could walk to the next bus stop to catch the bus to school? Or be dropped a little further away from the school gates if they arrive by car? And remember, if you are walking to school as the days get darker, wear hi-vis flashes on your coat or school bag to help be seen.

## Friends of The Misbourne AGM—7 October 2020

A reminder that the FOTM will be hosting a virtual AGM via Zoom on **Wednesday 7 October** from 6.30pm until 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome, so if you would like to find out more about how you can help to support FOTM to raise vital funds for the school, please email with your details by Tuesday 6th October so you can be included in the meeting: [misbournepta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:misbournepta@hotmail.co.uk) There is no commitment to join, but any assistance you can offer, however big or small, will be greatly appreciated.

## Year Group-Specific Notices

### WHOLE SCHOOL

Week commencing 5.10.2020 is timetable Week B.

**Forgotten items:** It is important that students make every effort to remember their essential school equipment on a daily basis. Please may we request that families do not come to the academy to drop off items that a student has forgotten. This is important in helping with our Covid-19 preventative measures. It will also help to foster a greater sense of self-reliance and responsibility in our student.

**Outdoor coats:** May we remind families that, during inclement weather, students should wear a proper waterproof coat on all days, including PE days. Students should not wear hooded tops to school in lieu of a coat. Students may also bring an umbrella to school on wet days.

**Face Masks:** May we remind families that it is expected that students should bring their own personal face mask to school every day to wear during busy transition periods. This is an important element of helping to keep our community safe during the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Café price information:** We have requested up-to-date café price information from Innovate, our catering company, which we will include on the Our Café page of our website for families' future reference. We will publish a link to this information in the Families' Bulletin as soon as it is available.

### YEAR 8

**Homework schedule:** This week, Year 8 students will receive 30 minutes' homework from each of these subjects: English, Maths, Science, History, Philosophy, IT and MFL.

### SIXTH FORM

**Making the Grade:** The Year 12 and Year 13 Making the Grade evening scheduled for 8 October has been postponed until Thursday 12 November. This will be a virtual event. Details of how to view it will be made available on our website and highlighted in the Families' Bulletin in due course.

### YEAR 12

National Citizen Service has made its Autumn social action programme free and this is recommended for all students. Please [click here](#) for the details.

### YEAR 13

All students are asked to submit their first draft UCAS personal statement to their form tutor by Wednesday 14 October.