



Around Melcombe

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In this issue of *Around Melcombe* we are delighted to bring you up to date on the 2014/15 school budget, the term dates for the next academic year, what we are doing to maintain the fabric of the school and the continuing growth in pupils.

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Melcombe becoming first choice of primary schools
- Maintenance programme
- The 2014/15 budget
- Term dates from September 2014

Melcombe is now first choice

Following a successful Ofsted review, Melcombe is becoming the first choice of primary school for many parents within our catchment area.

Overall our pupil numbers are rising and are expected to be over 400 by September 2014 which is consistent with the overall capacity of the school. Despite the increases, we are committed to ensuring class sizes remain at no more than 30 pupils and where necessary additional staff will be employed should this become necessary.

One of the great strengths of Melcombe is the multi cultural mix of the school and the tremendous ability of the children to work successfully together. Both the governors and the staff are keen to ensure that, despite increasing numbers, this balance is maintained.



July 15th at 5 pm



Year 6 pupils
present their
farewell
production



A Melcombe Dance & Drama Studio production
in association with **Reflect Productions**

For safety reasons the Dance and Drama Studio is limited to a capacity of 75 adults

Standing is not permitted in any part of the Studio during an event and only those with a numbered ticket will be admitted.

Numbered tickets are available from the School Office one week prior to a performance and are issued on a first come first served basis





The School Budget

The cost of running the main school in the 2013/14 financial year is budgeted to be **£2,516,001**

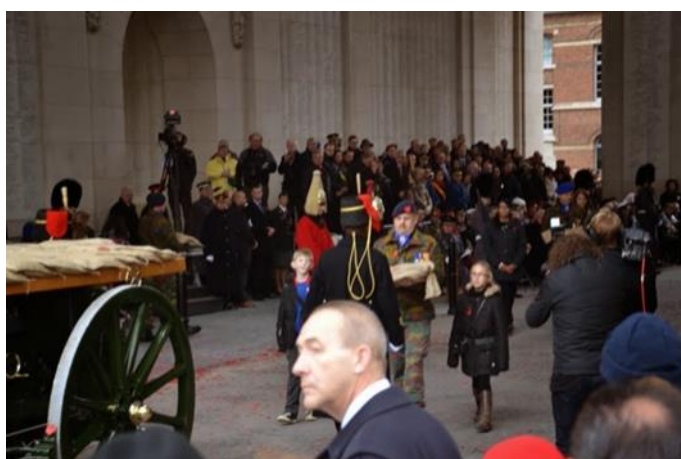
In any year the 'shopping list' of new ideas and plans we have in place are invariably greater than the money that is available and this year is no different. Despite this, the fundamental aim of both the governors and staff remains the same. To ensure the funding available is used to obtain the 'best possible value', particularly in terms of raising educational standards and continuous improvement. A snap shot view of where the money is spent is shown below:

Salary costs	£1,770,115	(70.33%)
Supply staff costs	£ 135,310	(5.36%)
Other staffing costs	£ 15,000	(0.58%)
Building costs	£ 222,850	(8.96%)
Supplies and services	£ 310,234	(12.31%)
Professional Services	£ 37,30	(1.46%)
Contingency	£ 25,192	(1.00%)

Premises

Maintenance is very much an on-going process and in the 2014/15 academic year our focus will be on the refurbishment of key areas within the school.

- ◆ **The flooring in two classrooms** is being replaced.
- ◆ **The current visitors toilets** are in a dilapidated state. These are being refurbished and converted into staff toilets, whilst the existing staff toilets will be made into visitors toilets on the first floor.
- ◆ **The main entrance area outside the school office** is being wholly refurbished as part of a new three year rolling programme to update areas adjacent to the assembly halls. Rather than having carpeting which is expensive to replace at regular intervals, the existing wood flooring is being repaired, sanded and polished. Differing shades of paintwork will be used to emphasise the Victorian design of the archways and new lighting will be installed.
- ◆ **The shed** adjacent to the playground is being reroofed to overcome on-going problems with water leakage and decaying woodwork.
- ◆ **Additional CCTV cameras** are being added to overcome blind spots around the exterior of the building to further enhance security.
- ◆ **Signage** across the school is being updated to assist visitors and parents to better find their way around the school.
- ◆ **The use of class rooms** is being reviewed to ensure that the children have the best possible space in which to work.



Soil from Flanders

Melcombe was represented by *Clidie Perllishi* (accompanied by the Head Teacher) in a special ceremony under the Menin Gate in Ypres in tribute to the courage and self sacrifice of those who fell in the First World War.

Bags of soil collected from the battle fields in Flanders were handed over by pupils from different schools to the King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery and taken on a gun carriage to the Belgian Navy for transportation to London.

The soil will be incorporated into the Flanders Field Memorial Garden at Wellington Barracks in Autumn 2014

■ Staff Training ■ Term Time

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ON THE LAST DAY OF
EACH TERM, THE
SCHOOL FINISHES AT
2 p.m.

AUTUMN TERM

- Term commences Thursday 4th September (Nursery 11th September)
- Half term Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 2014
- Staff Training 2nd / 3rd September
- Term commences Monday 3rd November and ends Friday 19th December 2014

SPRING TERM

- Staff training day: 5th January 2015
- Term commences Tuesday 6th January 2015 (Nursery 14th January 2015)
- Half term 16th to 20th February
- Term Ends 2nd April 2015
- Easter Break 6th April to 17th April 2015

- Teacher training day 20th April 2015

- Term commences Tuesday 21st April 2015 (Nursery 27th April)
- Half term Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2015
- Academic Year ends 17th July 2015

SUMMER TERM

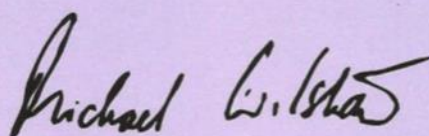


Outstanding education, care and skills 2013|2014

This is to recognise that

Melcombe Primary School

was identified as an outstanding school
following an inspection during 2013|2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Michael Wilshaw'.

Sir Michael Wilshaw
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector

