

# NEWSLETTER

Issue 3, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017

Dear Parents, welcome back after half term. Term 2 is always an exciting term as we head towards Christmas. There is a busy schedule of events and activities this term including **Parents Evening on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Please see attached the dates for Term 2.**

### Sporting competitions during Term 1:

We have already played 4 Football games and 2 Netball games home and away last term, with a busy schedule ahead for this school year. I have been so impressed with the children that have played and how they have conducted themselves; trying their best and never giving up! Please visit our school website to find out all our results and to see match reports from the children. We are currently at the top of the mini football league on goal difference and our next match is Tuesday 7th November against Ryarsh at home, so please come along and support the team. I would like to thank Mr Mitchell and Miss Grogan for organising the games and accompanying the children to these sporting competitions home and away.

### EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS – Clubs start next week

We have a variety of extra curricular clubs running this term including a new **Street Dance Club** for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6! We have a wonderful opportunity for children to join **'Strings instrument Club'** running after school on a Monday. If you have any questions about our clubs programme or opportunities for your child to **learn to play an instrument**, please speak to the school office.

### Attendance – Every School Day Counts!

Our whole school attendance at the end of Term 1 was **95.9%**. **Please help us to reach our target of 97.5%**. It is essential children are not taken out of school during term time, for holidays or non-urgent appointments. There is a clear statistical link between school attendance and educational attainment, any time absence from school results in lost learning.

### Our school Value for NOVEMBER is kindness.

We will look at the many acts of kindness that take place every day in our world and how this can transform the way we feel and the way we treat one another. We will also look at the ways we can show kindness through our actions and words in school, at home and in the wider community. Our challenge to the children this week will be to do something kind for someone else! During this month each class will have a 'Kind Classroom' jar that they will fill with pasta shapes for every act of kindness. The *'Kind Classroom Challenge'* is a fun way to promote, recognise and celebrate acts of kindness amongst children in our school. We hope that you will also be able to support this important value at home.

### Poppies - support the Armed Forces community, past and present

Poppies will be on sale at school this week and next week, for suggested donations of up to £1.00. Items available include wristbands, snap bands, friendship bracelets and reflectors, as well as paper poppies and enamel lapel pins.

### Wide Horizons Educational Centre – Wrotham, Horton Kirby and Eltham:

You may remember that last school year you all worked hard to raise an amazing **£1,757.30** via our annual sponsored walk. This money will be used this school year to support each class visiting the Wide Horizons Centre, or the staff coming into school for an outreach visit. Our teachers are busy planning this opportunity for their class in addition to other school trips, visits and visitors this school year. Thank you all for providing this excellent opportunity for the children to enjoy.

Miss Lavelle – Head Teacher

## Reminders/Important information:

### OPEN DAYS for new Reception parents September 2018

If you know anyone looking for a school for their child in September 2018 then our open days start this term:

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-10.45am**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 1.30-2.45pm**

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 9.30-10.45am**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 1.30-2.45pm**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 1.30-2.45pm**

Please let the office staff know if you have a younger sibling starting school with us in September 2018.

If you are able to help us advertise the dates we have flyers that can be distributed – please see the school office staff.

Thank you.

### Maths Passports

It has been really good to see a successful start to the new **Maths Passports** in each class, with a number of children already achieving key objectives. Please continue to support your child at home. For more ideas please visit the school website. Thank you.

### School Dinner payments for 2017-18

School meals must be paid for in advance via SCOPAY. The new Edwards and Ward policy is '**No money, No meal.**' They no longer accept cash or cheque.

### SCOPAY

Every individual child in the school needs to be registered with SCOPAY. Please speak to the office if you need help with this. Thank you.

### Donate a book on your birthday

We would like to encourage children and parents to donate a favourite book on their birthday for their class. This will be shared with the children and is a great way to support our LOVE OF READING. Thank you.

### Parking and stopping on The Street:

Please can I remind all parents to drive extra carefully near the school, park properly and legally, and consider the effects of where you choose to park on other people and local residents. Please also be aware that residents reverse out of their driveways and this can make it difficult to see children crossing or on scooters in front of their drive ways. Please do not stop or drop off children outside the school on the ZIG ZAG lines. The school gates open at **8.30am** allowing plenty of time to arrive at school before 8.50am. Thank you.



Thank you to FOMS for their hard work with the *children's film night*. The next event coming up is the **WINTER FESTIVAL** on **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 12.00-3.00pm.**

Please can we ask you to support the **non-uniform day** (bring in Tombola items) on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** and of course any help on the day itself, however small, is very much appreciated. The more money we raise, the more we are able to invest in the school for the benefit of all our children. Please see the FOMS recent newsletter for more information. You can help advertise our Winter Festival by putting up a 'Daisylets' board outside your home. For every board FOMS will receive £10.00! Thank you all for your support in helping us make Mereworth a great school with excellent resources that the children deserve!

Please visit the FOMS page on the website for more information about upcoming events and activities.

**EASY FUNDING:** Please register at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to support the school in raising money every time you shop at a wide variety of stores including **AMAZON, JOHN LEWIS, M&S, ARGOS...** If you would like more information please visit the FOMS page of the school website.