

NEWSLETTER

Issue 4, Monday 5th December 2016

Dear Parents, thank you for all your support during our recent FOMS events including *'The Winter Festival'* and *'Silver & Gold Mile.'* I am delighted to announce that the Winter Festival raised more than **£2,000** for the school and details of how we plan to spend this money will be shared with you all in January.

Next week on Wednesday 14th December we have our school **Christmas lunch**. Children are invited to wear a **CHRISTMAS JUMPER** to school in replacement for their normal school jumper/cardigan, as we enjoy eating and celebrating Christmas together in the school hall. On **Thursday 15th December** Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have their Christmas parties in the afternoon and can bring in their party food (on a plate) and their party clothes to wear in the afternoon! Father Christmas will be delivering class presents on this day! The Infant Christmas show is on **Tuesday 20th December** at 2pm in the school hall and on **Wednesday 21st December** at 1.30pm, the Junior Carol Service will take place at Mereworth Church.

We have made arrangements for **additional parking** to be available at the **Pavilion car park** for parents attending the Infant Christmas show on Tuesday 20th December. It will be open from 1.30pm. It will also be open for parking on Wednesday 21st December from 1.00pm for parents attending the Carol Service at the church. **The Pavilion car park is on the right hand side of 'The Street' coming from Kings Hill and Wateringbury direction, just before Butchers Lane.** Please park here to avoid congestion on The Street. Thank you.

Please see attached the dates for Term 3 and Term 4. We will send home our **Term 3 CLUBS list at the end of this week** so that you can plan ahead for Clubs that you would like your child to attend next term. We **LOVE music** at Mereworth and Mrs Jones will provide information on our current clubs, lessons and provision before we break up for the Christmas holiday.



Our **Christmas Post Box** is up and running for children to 'post' their Christmas cards for children and staff.

Our school Value for DECEMBER is sharing.

This month we will be thinking about the important value of sharing and giving to others. This is especially important at Christmas time. This Christmas we will be supporting the **'Back to School' project**; helping other children around the world go to school. The children are learning all about this and also learning a song that we hope to perform at the Carol Concert at the end of term.

Finally, I look forward to meeting you all over the next few weeks as we enter a very busy schedule of fun and enjoyable Christmas events and activities. Thank you for all your support during this Autumn Term 2016. May I also take this opportunity to thank all the staff at the school that work tremendously hard to ensure that we deliver the very best provision for all our pupils. I am very fortunate to have such a fantastic team of people that really care about the children and the school. I would also like to thank the school governors who work very hard to ensure that the school is meeting all the statutory requirements and that we have the appropriate challenge and support to ensure Mereworth delivers the very best for the children. On Friday 24th November the school was inspected by two local authority officers and we received very good feedback in a number of areas. This external validation of our school is very important and helps us to move forward with our ambition to be an outstanding school.

Miss Lavelle – Head Teacher

Reminders/Important information:

OPEN DAYS for new parents

If you know anyone looking for a school for their child in September 2017 then we have two more dates:

Friday 16th December 1.30-2.15pm

Friday 6th January 1.30-2.15pm

If you are a parent of a child at the school already and require a place for September 2017 you must register by **January 16th 2017**.

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 focus and an alternative to bringing in cakes and sweets. Thank you.

Nut free School

Please can I remind parents not to give their child any food containing 'nuts' as we have children in school that are highly allergic and this could result in a serious and life threatening reaction. Thank you for your support.

Parking and stopping on The Street

Please take care when parking along The Street to avoid resident driveways and also damage to other cars. It is really important that everyone parks sensibly so that children are not put at risk. Thank you.

Late Collection after school

The school day finishes at 3.10pm for KS1 children and 3.20pm for KS2. We ask that all parents call the office and inform us if they are going to be late as soon as possible so that we can pass on this information to the child and Class Teacher. **Any child not collected before 3.25pm for KS1 children and 3.35pm for KS2 children will be taken to the After School Care Service and a charge of £5.00 per child will be made.**

Our School website: www.mereworth.kent.sch.uk

Please visit our school website to see all the latest news, photographs, videos and for other information that you might need about the school. We have a wonderful video of our children singing in the **Voice in a Million** concert.



Thank you to FOMS for their hard work with the *Winter Festival, Santa's Grotto* and the *SILVER & GOLD Magic Mile*.

The School Council are currently generating ideas for new 'Play equipment' for our school playground. We will give you more information about this and other projects in January 2017!

EASY Fundraising

Please register at

<http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mereworthcps/> 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. Thank you.

Staffing Information and update

This month we welcome new staff to our school.

Mrs Brown a Teaching Assistant supporting a child with special educational needs in Year 1.

Miss Reed a Teaching Assistant Apprentice who is working in Reception Class and Year 4.

Mrs Allen who has replaced Mrs Edwards in Year 5 as the new Teaching Assistant for a child with special educational needs in this class.