

NEWSLETTER

Issue 5, Monday 2nd January 2017

Dear Parents, welcome back after the Christmas holidays, I hope that you all had a lovely time. This is the start of the Spring Term 2017 and we have two 6 week terms taking us up to the Easter holidays. **Please find attached the dates for Term 3 and Term 4.** Class Teachers will send home their Class Letter and Curriculum Topic information this week so that you are aware of the learning that will take place during Term 3 and Term 4.

There are **59 school days in total** during the Spring Term and every school day counts, so please can I remind parents that children should not be taken out of school for holidays during term time. At the end of the Autumn Term 2016, there were **77 pupils with 100% attendance.** This is an excellent achievement and we hope that we can continue this during the Spring Term. Well done to Year 1 and Year 4 as they have the best class attendance so far this school year. Our whole school attendance is **96.73%** and our target for this school year is **97.42%**.

OPEN DAYS for new parents

We have one more meeting for parents looking for a school place for their child in September 2017. This will take place **this week on Friday 6th January 1.30-2.15pm.** If you are a parent of a child at the school and require a place for September 2017 you must register by **January 16th 2017.**

Severe Weather:

If we do have snow or bad weather, then we will update our school website with information by 7.30am in the morning or alternatively you can access this information from KCC Kent School Closures website at <http://www.kentclosures.co.uk/>. Everything is in place for the school to open if we do have severe weather and information will be shared with parents at the earliest opportunity.

Miss Lavelle – Head Teacher

Reminders/Important information:

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

Please visit our school website to see all the latest dates for the diary, news, photographs, videos and any other information that you might need about the school. We have a wonderful video of our Autumn Term 2016!

Donate a book on your birthday

A BIG thank you to parents and children that have already donated a book on their **birthday.** This is a great way to support our LOVE OF READING focus and an alternative to bringing in cakes and sweets. Thank you for all your support.



Thank you to FOMS for their hard work with the *Winter Festival* raising **£2,435.69.** The *Silver & Gold Mile* raised **£504.66** with Reception Class creating the longest line that measured **18.4 metres at £78.32!**

FOMS FILM NIGHT will be on **Friday 20th January** – information about this event for the children will be sent home this week.

Our School Value for JANUARY is honesty.

This month we will be thinking about the important value of **honesty** and how we can live this out in our everyday situations through our actions and words.

