

NEWSLETTER

Issue 7, Monday 6th March 2017

Dear Parents, we have had a busy and exciting term so far with *Safer Internet Day* and last week *World Book Day*. Thank you all so much for your fantastic support with World Book day. The children looked great and we all had a fun day! We even had Kent Messenger Newspaper turn up and we all gathered in the hall for a school photograph; that was a lot of fun too! We are planning to post some photographs of this day on the website for you to see.

In Assembly last week Reverend Dickin launched the **40 Acts of Generosity** with the whole school. From Wednesday 1st March, each school day, the class will pick a Challenge Card at random and this will become their challenge for the day. We hope that each class enjoys the challenges ahead and that it helps us to encourage generosity and respect for each other, underpinning the British values that are important to our whole school community.

Our school Value for March is Acceptance

This value helps us to learn and understand differences and accept people for who they are. At school, we will be learning about accepting others, irrespective of gender, race, age, socio-economic status, disability and so on in class and in assemblies.

PSHE Newsletter:

Please find attached our school **Personal Social Health and Education (PSHE) Newsletter** covering all aspects of PSHE and our school events so far this school year that help to support this important area of education.

Cross Country Event – last Wednesday

Mereworth sent a team of boys and girls to St George's Primary School in Wrotham for a cross Country event. We came 3rd in this event and Mrs Ballard was most impressed by the children's sportsmanship and excellent effort.

School charity and fundraising events:

The school council have been busy planning **Red Nose Day on Friday 24th March**. This year's theme for our Red Nose Day has come from Elizabeth, in Year 5, For a small donation, pupils are invited to come to school on Friday 24th March ***dressed up in whatever they wear for their hobby / past time / favourite interest***. This could be a Brownie or Scout uniform, a karate outfit, a ballet tutu, horse riding or skiing gear, or even a Pokémon character - if that's what you're into!

School Council update:

The school council have counted all the votes and OPTION 'B' has been selected as the play equipment that the children would like to have in our main school playground. This consists of ***Pull Up Bars*** and a ***Log Climber***. FOMS will fund this new school play equipment for the children to enjoy. On behalf of the children, thank you to FOMS and everyone that supports all our fundraising events!

Summer Term 2017 and Clubs for Term 5

After the Easter Holiday we will begin the Summer Term and Term 5. This will be a 6 week Term with school starting back for the children on **Tuesday 18th April**. Please find attached dates for the diary leading up to the end of this term. We will send out the **Term 5 Club sheet** by the end of week 4 so that you have time to select and choose clubs before the Easter holiday.

Finally I look forward to seeing you all during Parents' Evening this week, kind regards

Miss Lavelle – Head Teacher

Reminders/Important information:

Post Boxes in the School entrance area:

Please can we ask you to drop in any forms, letters or money into the secure boxes as these are checked daily and will help the school office staff at busy times. Thank you.

Donate your favourite book on your Birthday:

Thank you all for supporting *donate a book on your birthday*, this has been a great success with many children bringing in their favourite book to share with the class. This is a great way to support our LOVE OF READING focus and an alternative to bringing in cakes and sweets.

Parking and stopping on The Street outside of school:

Please can I ask that you drive extra carefully near the school and 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 do reverse out of their driveways and this can make it difficult to see children crossing, or on Scooters in front of their driveways. Thank you.

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.

Parent Questionnaire

Please can I encourage you all to complete the **Parent View** (Ofsted survey) that is available via a link on our school website. Please can you take the time to complete this survey as it will help support the school. Last school year 2015-2016 there were 47 responses. We don't have any responses for this school year. Even if you completed this survey last year, you are able to do it again for this school year. We are still waiting for our inspection to take place and this information will be used by inspectors to judge the school. Please support our school by completing this questionnaire. Thank you.



MEREWORTH ANNUAL

EGG ROLLING COMPETITION

ON FRIDAY 31ST MARCH AT 2pm

**This year the theme will be
'Super Heroes'**

**Please bring in your decorated eggs
on Thursday 30th March, first thing in
the morning.**

THURSDAY 30TH MARCH

**On Thursday 30th March we will have
FOMS NON UNIFORM DAY to
provide *confectionary egg donations
and chocolate* for the tombola.**

**Please can we all support FOMS and
the school by bringing in eggs and
chocolate on this day. Thank you.**

THANK YOU

**A BIG THANK YOU TO FOMS FOR
ORGANISING THE SCHOOL DISCO
BEFORE HALF TERM - EVERYONE
HAD A GREAT TIME!**