

NEWSLETTER

Issue 9, Monday 1st May 2017

Dear Parents, the children have settled really well after returning from the Easter holiday. This final summer term is really important and every school day counts. Our whole school attendance up to the 31st March was **96.8%** with Year 4 class having the best attendance in the school at 97.6% since September 2016. Please can I remind you that children should not be taken out of school for holidays during term time. Our holiday dates for 2017-2018 are published on the school website. Thank you for your support. Please also find attached updated dates for this term and into June 2017. We will be running important workshops for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 parents about *Sex and Relationship Education* in May. In June we will be running workshops providing information on our *Maths Curriculum* for all parents. Please make a note of these dates for your diary.

Cross Country: On Friday 21st April, the whole school competed in the annual cross country event. It was fantastic to see so many children running and completing the course, showing off their improved stamina! It was really lovely to see our youngest children running with Year 6. A big thank you to all the parents who helped marshal the event and for FOMS providing refreshments.

On Monday 24th April, Mrs Ballard took nine children from Year 5 and Year 6 to the Platt Cross Country event. This race is less than 1 mile and crosses two fields, following undulating terrain. Jess Rayner was the third fastest girl on the course and received a rosette. All our runners tried their best and were a credit to our school.

Music and Art Newsletters:

Please find attached a *Music Newsletter* from Mrs Jones and the *Art Newsletter* from Mrs Hunter, informing you of our provision and the latest information regarding music and art in the school.

Our School Value for May is Fairness

This month we focus on the value of *fairness*. We will focus on 'fair' and 'unfair' situations, taking turns and sharing, playing by the rules, listening to one another and avoiding blaming others. Please support this value at home with examples from everyday situations that may include understanding around this value.

Parent Survey for Mereworth Community Primary School Sports Club Questionnaire:

The results of this survey will be sent out today. Thank you for sharing your views and giving feedback to the school.

Parking and careful driving near to the school

Unfortunately I have received a number of complaints related to unsafe driving and parking in the bus stop outside the school. Please do not park in the bus stop area as this means that the bus cannot stop in a safe place and then needs to pull up further along the road in an unsafe place and in an area that then blocks the road for other vehicles. This is mainly happening after 4pm when parents are collecting from our after school based clubs. There have also been a number of complaints related to: three point turns in the road outside the school where there have been near misses, dropping children off on the road opposite the school, which is stopping other cars and putting children in danger as they then need to cross the road against oncoming traffic. We would ask that everyone is mindful of others. Please leave enough time to arrive safely at school using all available spaces along 'The Street' all the way back to the Church. Thank you for your support.

Miss Lavelle – Head Teacher

Reminders/Important information:

School uniform: Please can I remind you that children with shoulder length hair should have their hair tied back at school.

Nearly new uniform sale organised by FOMS:

The next uniform sale will be held on **Friday 12th May** (Term 5 week 4) and **Friday 9th June** (Term 6 week 1) at the end of the school day, normally held on our school playground area. This is a great opportunity to purchase a range of uniform items.

FIRST AID TRAINING FOR PARENTS:

Mrs Brydon Brown will be running “**First Aid for Life Skills**” Training sessions at **Wateringbury Primary School** on **Tuesdays 6-7.30pm from Tuesday 2nd May**. There will be four sessions, each covering a different set of topics including Asthma, choking, anaphylaxis allergic reactions, recovery positions, strokes, seizures, CPR and defibrillator and much more. This training will be free, with all donations to **SADS UK charity**, who kindly donated a defibrillator to our school. If you are interested or would like to find our more please contact Mrs Brydon Brown.

McMillan cancer Fundraising:

Mrs Mayhew and Mrs Brydon Brown will be undertaking the Mighty Coastal Walk from Brighton to Eastbourne which is 26 miles on 10th June for Macmillan cancer. They have been training hard, walking after school and during the holidays and weekends. They have a collection bucket in the reception area if you would like to donate anything and also a just giving page. Please go to <https://www.justgiving.com> and put in *Julia Mayhew* as a search. They thank you for your support and encouragement.

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. Don't miss out on seeing this wonderful collection of our learning!



THANK YOU

A BIG THANK YOU TO FOMS FOR ORGANISING A FABULOUS QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT. THIS EVENT WAS VERY WELL ATTENDED AND GREAT FUN!

Money raised for the school from this event was a massive...

£1065.00

UPCOMING FOMS EVENTS

**Children's Film Night Friday 19th May
(Term 5 week 5)**

**Father's Day gifts Thursday 15th June
(Term 6 week 2)**

**Children's Disco Friday 16th June
(Term 6 week 2)**

**Summer Festival Saturday 1st July
(Term 6 week 4)**

*Summer Festival Meeting on Monday 8th May
at the Spitfire Pub – Kings Hill:*

All parents invited to attend this meeting and any help however small is very much appreciated.