

NEWSLETTER

Issue 6, Monday 5th February 2018

Dear Parents, this term has whizzed by and we are fast approaching the February half term holiday. We all thoroughly enjoyed the special curriculum week and the children produced wonderful writing, poems and stories. It was also lovely to see everyone taking part in our dressing up day! Thank you for your support. I would like to thank Mrs Pearson and the team of staff that were involved in planning and arranging this special focus week.

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 6th February

This week at school we will be focusing on this important area of safety. We will highlight the positive uses of technology and explore the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. We have developed a new 'Acceptable User Policy' for the children to follow at school and will be reinforcing important messages about being safe online. We will share this information and our new Online Policy with you after this has been approved by the governors at their next meeting (Monday 26th February).

Diary dates for Term 4:

Please find attached dairy dates so that you are aware of the different events and activities taking place as we head towards the Easter holiday.

Maths No Problem – Workshop for parents

Wednesday 21st February at 4.30pm (week 1 Term 4).

We have organised for a specialist Maths consultant from *Maths No Problem* to talk to you all at school. **Please come along to find out how you can support your child with maths and how we teach this subject in school.** Please complete the reply slip and return this to school. Thank you.

Extra-curricular clubs:

Please find attached a copy of the clubs planned for Term 4. Please make sure you book your child's place by the end of this week.

Our school value for FEBRUARY is LOVE

This month we will be thinking about the important value of **LOVE**. This is appropriate being the month in which St Valentine's Day falls. During February we will be exploring the meaning of love in depth. Love is a fundamental life value that incorporates respect for others and oneself, for the environment and wildlife, and for society as a whole through the relationships we have with one another. We will explore the theme of love through assemblies, lessons and activities around the school. We are sure that the children will come home with much to discuss about what they have learned.

Every school day counts!

We are officially half way through the school year as this week is WEEK 20! This week we will send home your child's attendance information for the school year so far. We cannot stress how important it is for your child to be at school every day and to not miss any learning. Please do not take children out of school during term time for holidays as this will be an unauthorised absence and you may receive a penalty notice from KCC.

Parent's Evening - March 2018:

A separate letter will be sent home explaining how to book your appointment via our **Teachers2Parents** system. This will open on Monday 19th February, the first day back after half term for our two Parent Evening days on **Tuesday 6th March** and **Wednesday 7th (week 3 Term 4)**. It is essential that all parents see their child's class teacher as important information will be shared on your child's progress and their next steps for development. You will also get to see all your child's workbooks and find out about their current level of attainment and progress since September 2017.

Miss Lavelle – Head Teacher

Reminders/important information:

End of the school day procedures

At 3.30pm we would like everyone to leave the school premises and not continue to play and use school equipment. This will alleviate traffic on The Street and also enable our After School Clubs to run effectively and be supervised properly. Thank you.

Hearing your child read at home

We place a very high importance on **reading** and particularly the partnership between home and school in establishing a culture of daily reading. All of our pupils have a reading record book and we ask that you hear your child read on a regular basis, signing the book to record that the reading is taking place. This includes all children that are 'free' readers and in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. Thank you.

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.

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 PowerPoint presentation of our Autumn Term 2017 for you to enjoy!

The Big Battery Hunt

Thank you all for joining in with this great environmental recycling scheme and for your amazing support! We already have a large number of batteries collected.

Prizes for the most collected batteries include:

- A 3 day visit for one class to 'The Sustainability Centre' with a full itinerary of exciting activities.
- *Ipads*.
- A 3 year subscription to *MyMaths* for their school.
- *Duracell bunny soft toys*.
- And much, much more ...



FOMS 2018

A BIG thank you to FOMS for a great film night that the children thoroughly enjoyed this term.

This event also raised £284 including extra popcorn sales

Term 4

Children's Disco: Friday 23rd February 2018

INFANT Disco: 3.30-5.00pm

JUNIOR Disco: 5.15-7.00pm

Mother's Day gifts: Friday 9th March 2018

Mereworth Easter Egg Rolling competition: Thursday 29th March 2018

FOMS will send out further information and details to all parents for each event planned. All money raised goes towards helping the school provide resources and equipment for the children.

Thank you all for supporting FOMS!