

# NEWSLETTER

Issue 8, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018

Dear Parents,

we hope you have had a restful Easter break and are feeling refreshed and ready for Term 5. With the weather starting to warm up, can we take this opportunity to remind you to make sure that your child has a named water bottle with them each day and a sun hat (preferably a legionnaire style hat) for outdoor playtime and lunchtime. Children may wear shorts and summer dresses to stay cooler. With regards to sun cream, please apply this in the morning as we are unable to reapply sun cream in the day.

### **Class Photos:**

Class photos will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April. Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform.

### **Whole School Cross Country:**

Our whole school Cross Country will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 1:30pm (weather permitting). Please ensure that your child comes to school with their PE kit, suitable shoes and a named water bottle. Parents are welcome to come and support the children in this exciting event.

### **Parking, collection and drop off**

Please can we remind you that it is illegal to park on double yellow lines, zig-zags and in the bus stop. We are receiving ongoing complaints from local residents regarding blocked driveways, access to their properties and irresponsible and dangerous parking. We have also received complaints from the local bus company as there have been several occasions where the buses have been unable to pull into the bus stop or drive down the street due to double parking. Additionally coaches returning from school trips have had to disembark the children in the road which is extremely dangerous. If there is no space to park legally, please park further up The Street and walk. Once you have dropped off or collected your child, please leave promptly to free up parking spaces for others.

### **Online Safety presentations to parents:**

Please visit our school website to see our *Online Policy* and *Pupil Acceptable User Policy*. As part of our programme of supporting children with the safe use of the internet, we are holding class presentation assemblies for parents to come along and watch. The dates are:

**Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 - at 9.05am**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May- Week 2 Term 5 (**please note the change of date**)

**Year 5 and Year 6 - at 2.40pm**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Week 1 Term 6

### **Our school value for April is Loyalty:**

This month we will be focussing on our school value which is loyalty. We will be talking to the children about the importance of loyalty within our decisions, staying loyal to ourselves, our beliefs and values, and loyalty within friendships. These messages will be explored through everyday scenarios and contexts that the children may find themselves in. The children will be encouraged to trust in their own decisions and decide between what is right and wrong.

Please discuss this value with your child at home and share examples from your own experiences.

### **Skipping workshop:**

Due to the school closures as a result of 'The Beast from the East', our skipping workshop has been rearranged for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Any pre-ordered ropes will be carried over to this date. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit and suitable shoes for this event.

### **Netball fixtures:**

Mereworth's Year 5 and 6 netball team is currently competing in a mini-league with Discovery Primary School, Wateringbury Primary School and Ryarsh Primary School. So far they have won one match and lost one. Mrs Pearson and Mrs Saunders have been very impressed with their perseverance, term work and sportsmanship and the way in which they have represented Mereworth school. The home games are scheduled for:

- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March Mereworth vs Ryarsh
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May Mereworth vs Discovery

It would be lovely for us all to support the team at their home fixtures. Good luck netballers!

### **Wide Horizons**

As a result of the money made from our sponsored walk last summer, all classes have had the opportunity to visit Wide Horizons Outdoor Centre to support their class learning. Come rain, sun and snow all children have had a fantastic day taking part in a range of hands-on, outdoor learning in this fantastic facility. A huge thank you for all your support and fundraising for our sponsored walk which allowed this to happen.

**Year 2's visit will be on: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May**



**FOMS 2018**

**Term 5**

**FOMS FILM NIGHT – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

All money raised goes towards helping the school provide resources and equipment for the children.

*Thank you all for supporting FOMS – it makes such a difference to our school!*

### **Reminders/important information:**

#### **Meetings with teachers**

Please can we ask you to come via the office if you wish to speak to your child's class teacher rather than going directly to the classroom, so that we can check whether they are available. We can then book you an alternative slot if necessary.

#### **Appointments during school time**

Please can we ask you to make sure that medical proof is provided for all appointments during school time.

#### **Children leaving school early**

We will only grant permission for children to leave school before the end of the school day in exceptional circumstances and only with approval from the Head Teacher. Parents should put any request in writing and need to wait for approval of any request.

#### **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.

#### **Stationery shop:**

Please can we encourage children to bring in their own handwriting pens and pencils. Alternatively you will be able to buy handwriting pens from the school office for 50p

**Mrs Pearson and Miss Maryon**