

NEWSLETTER

Issue 9, Friday 11th May 2018

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have all enjoyed the warmer weather for our May bank holiday weekend. Please ensure that with the temperatures rising, your child comes to school with a named water bottle, a sun hat and sun cream. The children had an assembly on sun safety last week and were reminded about the precautions to take to avoid burning. Sun cream can be reapplied at school (by the children themselves) so please make sure your child's bottle is named.

Our school value for May is Responsibility:

This month we will be focussing on our school value which is responsibility. We will be discussing what it means to be responsible both in our words and actions, at home and for our environment. Please discuss this value with your child and encourage them to share their examples in our 'Values Assembly' on Mondays.

Mereworth Sporting events:

Cross Country: A huge thank you to everybody who came and supported our whole school Cross Country competition. The children had a fantastic time and showed great sportsmanship, perseverance and encouragement.

Netball: Year 5 and 6 continue to compete in our mini-league interschool competition and after a resounding 6-1 win against Ryarsh on Tuesday 8th May are still second in the tables with only one game to go. Good luck team!

Inter-School Cross Country: 8 selected Yr5 & Yr6 children took part in our inter-school cross country competition held in Platt. They all tried their best and did Mereworth extremely proud.

Inter-School Tennis Tournament: 4 selected Yr3 & Yr4 children took part in an inter-school tennis tournament at Kings Hill School on Wednesday 9th May. We

reached the quarter-finals and came 5th overall, so well done to those children for some great tennis.

Healthy Living Week:

During the week of 21st May-25th May, Mereworth will be participating in Healthy Living week. The children will undertake a variety of sporting activities, outdoor activities and education on how to keep ourselves healthy. Our 'Healthy Living Week' will end with our Sponsored Walk on **Friday 25th May** which will help to raise money for more computer equipment for our school.

Please arrive at your child's classroom at 9am to join us. Good luck with collecting your sponsorship money, and let's hope no-one gets lost!

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 for our remaining assemblies are:

Year 5 and Year 6 - at 2.40pm

Thursday 7th June – Week 1 Term 6

Year 5 Residential Trip:

Year 5 returned last week from a fantastic 3 days on their residential trip. They spent their time canoeing, completing a high ropes course and pedal karting before travelling down to the Kent coast to explore the coastal features in Dover. They were brilliantly behaved, a pleasure to take and represented the school perfectly. According to Amber Millard it was "*the best 3 days of my life*". The Year 5's are already looking forward to Swattenden next year!

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 busses 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. Thank you.

New Photographic Consent Form:

A new form will be coming home with all children today – 11th May. Please complete and sign the form and return it to school by Friday 18th May. This is a legal requirement as the school needs to comply with the new Data Protection Act. Thank you for your assistance.

Parent Governor Elections:

An opening has arisen for a new parent governor. A letter inviting you to express your interest in the position is coming home today. If you would like to apply, please complete and return the form to school by Friday 25th May.

Message from Miss Lavelle:

Thank you so much for the gift of vouchers and the card. It was so thoughtful and kind, and a really lovely surprise. I'm very grateful to you all.

FOMS 2018

Term 5

FOMS FILM NIGHT – Friday 18th 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!

Open Art Studios:

Several members of the school community are exhibiting in a local Artists' Open Studios event running every weekend during the month of June. We are very proud of their extra-curricular creative activities and encourage you to go along and have a look. There's a poster on the school noticeboard and more information here:

www.artistsopenstudios.co.uk

Reminders/important information:

Staying safe in the sun:

Please ensure that your child has a sunhat (named), sun cream (clearly labelled with their name and class) and a water bottle with them every day during terms 5 and 6. Please apply sun cream before your child comes to school in the morning on sunny days, and ensure that they know how to reapply it themselves as staff are unable to apply it for them.

Appointments during school time:

Please 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.

Miss Maryon and Mrs Pearson