

# NEWSLETTER

Issue 2, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

Dear Parents, thank you for all your support at our **Book Fair**. We raised an amazing **£640.15**, which will give us **£324.09** worth of free books. This will be used to further enhance our reading scheme books for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and also new books for the School Library. I would like to thank Mrs Pearson for organising this event and all the staff that helped.

### Music at Malling event:

Last week 27 KS2 children from Mereworth took part in the '**Music at Malling Great Enormo**' held at Discovery Primary School. The children had composed a piece of music during their workshop at school which they then performed alongside the *Chamber Domaine Orchestra* on the day. They also had the opportunity to listen to the orchestra perform. It was a fantastic afternoon for the children and the parents who joined us on the day. Thomas Kemp, the organiser of this event, was really impressed by our children and their contribution and it was so lovely to hear that they did so well and represented our school so wonderfully.

### Football competition:

We have played our first two games of the new Collaboration Schools Football League and have started the season really well, beating *Wateringbury* 3-0 and drawing with *Kings Hill* 2-2. Both matches were played with fantastic spirit and great sportsmanship. The squad have shown brilliant teamwork encouraging each other and playing really well as a team. I would like to thank Mr Mitchell for taking the lead and organising all the League's collaborative games for this school year.

### HARVEST 2018

We will be celebrating Harvest this school year on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October** (week 7), with Reverend Dickin and all our children. Parents are invited to attend our celebration that will start at 1.45pm. Please see the letter coming home this week for more details. Please bring in non-perishable goods for our display in the school hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October before 9.15am. Please bring these straight to the hall.

### OPEN DAYS 2018 for new Reception Parents:

It is that time of year when parents look for a school for their child for **September 2019**. We have arranged our OPEN DAYS and would be grateful if you could help us to promote these. **The dates are: 08.11.18, 15.11.18, 30.11.18, 11.12.18 and 08.01.19.** Flyers are available from the school office and further information is available on our school website.

### Hearing your child read at home

As a school 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 folder and reading journal and we ask that you hear your child read on a regular basis, signing the journal to record that the reading is taking place. This includes all children, including those that are 'free' readers and in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. Thank you.

### SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS – YEAR 6

Please can I remind **Year 6 parents** that the deadline for secondary school applications is **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Any parent requiring help or support should see Miss Maryon.

**Lost property:** Please ensure that all items of school clothing are labelled, so that they can be returned to children. We already have a large number of new jumpers with no names!

### Attendance – Every School Day Counts!

Thank you all for your support at the start of the school year. Our whole school attendance is currently **96.99%**. Please help us to reach our target of **97.5%**. It is essential that children are not taken out of school during term time for non-urgent appointments or holidays as it affects their learning, and that of their classmates.

Kind regards, Miss Lavelle – Head Teacher

## SCHOOL COUNCIL 2018-2019

Year 1 – Elsa and Teddy

Year 2 – Lucia and Dexter

Year 3 – Georgia and Eva-Rose

Year 4 – Mazie and Dexter

Year 5 – Grace and Jake

Year 6 – Jack and Harrison

The children were selected by their class members and will represent the views of their class through a range of activities and events that they will organise this school year with Mrs Delaney.

## SCHOOL LIBRARIANS 2018-2019

Pupils from Year 5: Molly, Mystique, Tom, Alexia, Lola, Neve

Pupils from Year 6: Connie, Jaida, Matilda, Lily, Francesca, Jack, Stanley

These children will work closely with Mrs Pearson and Mrs Markins to run our school library at lunch time and to look after our books.

## HOUSE CAPTAINS & SPORTS CAPTAINS 2018-2019

At the start of the school year, **House Captains** and **Sports Captains** were elected by the children following presentations in the House Team Meetings. I am delighted to announce that the following children were elected by their peers:

### **HURRICANES**

#### **HOUSE CAPTAINS**

Amber / Ray

#### **SPORTS CAPTAINS**

Ray / Stanley

### **MOSQUITOS**

#### **HOUSE CAPTAINS**

Freya / Corey

#### **SPORTS CAPTAINS**

Francesca / Ryan

### **SPITFIRES**

#### **HOUSE CAPTAINS**

Jack / Amelia

#### **SPORTS CAPTAINS**

Henry / Lily

### **TYPHOONS**

#### **HOUSE CAPTAINS**

Jaida / Matilda

#### **SPORTS CAPTAINS**

Kamil / Aidan



## **INFORMATION & UPDATES FROM FOMS**

FOMS held their annual AGM meeting on 20.09.19 and I am delighted to announce that they have a comprehensive plan of fun events and activities for this school year for the whole school community to enjoy.

### **FOMS dates this Autumn 2018**

#### **Children's Film Night**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2018 (5.00-7.00pm)**

#### **Halloween Event Pumpkin Carving Competition**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October (details to follow)**

#### **Winter Festival & Santa's Grotto**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 (12.00-3.00pm)**

#### **Wreath Making - Adult Event/Evening**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December (details to follow)**

### **THANK YOU TO FOMS**

FOMS provide the school with an amazing amount of support. They are paying for new Teacher Laptops that cost £8,500 and will make such a difference to Teaching & Learning. They also gave each class £400 for their class budget. Last school year, FOMS contributed towards *2 classroom projectors, £1000 towards Maths resources, playground storage, £1000 towards the new trim trail equipment (this will be installed October half term 2018) and they paid for the coach for the sponsored walk event. In addition to all this, they paid for 'school calendar magnets,' Year 6 Leaver Hoodies, new playground resources and a gazebo, PA speakers and stands for FOMS events.* FOMS support is essential to the school being able to purchase resources and equipment. Please can I ask ALL parents to give their time and support to FOMS this school year as they are finding it increasingly difficult to run fundraising events and activities for the children due to the lack of parent support. Any time, however little, makes a difference and above all will make a MASSIVE difference to the resources and equipment that we can buy for our children. Please don't leave it to someone else to help. Your time and support is needed to continue their excellent work.