

NEWSLETTER

Issue 5, Monday 7th January 2019

Dear Parents, welcome back after the Christmas holiday, I hope that you all had a lovely time. This is the start of the Spring Term 2019, taking us up to the Easter holidays. **Please find attached the dates for Term 3 and Term 4. Our extra-curricular clubs will start next week and run until the end of term.** Please remember that we have fantastic opportunities in place for children to learn a wide range of musical instruments; if you would like more information please see Mrs Jones our Music Leader, or speak to the school office.

Class information for Term 3 and Term 4:

Class Teachers will send home their class letter and Curriculum topic information this week so that you are aware of the learning that will take place during Term 3 and Term 4.

Every school day counts!

There are **60 school days in total** during the **Spring Term 2019** and every school day counts, so please can I remind parents that children should not be taken out of school for holidays during term time. At the end of the Autumn Term 2018, there were **60 pupils with 100% attendance**. This is an excellent achievement and we hope that we can continue this during the Spring Term. Well done to Year 2 and Year 4 as they have the best class attendance so far this school year. Our whole school attendance is currently **96.8%** and our target for this school year is **97.7%**.

Term time dates - academic year 2019-2020

Please find attached a copy of the school dates for next academic year.

Severe weather

If we do have snow or bad weather, we will endeavour to provide an update by 7.45am, via the Kent School Closures website at <http://www.kentclosures.co.uk/> and via Teacher to Parents text. Please avoid calling the school telephone number as it may not be possible for staff to be on site to answer the telephone. **Children are bringing home a letter with more information today - Monday 7th January.**

Our school value for JANUARY is HONESTY

This month we will be thinking about the important value of **HONESTY** and how we can live out this value through our actions and words. **This value is part of our 'high five' school values: Teamwork, Honesty, Responsibility, Perseverance and Respect.**



Maths Stay & Learn sessions for all year groups

We would like to offer you the opportunity to come in and see what a maths lesson looks like in your child's class. This is an excellent opportunity to find out how we teach maths and how your child learns mathematics in class. Year 1 Parents have already had their sessions before Christmas and we received very positive feedback.

We are offering two sessions, but you only need to attend **one session**. Each lesson will start at 9.15am and we ask that parents arrive from 9.00am and sign in at the school office. We will then take you to your child's class to ensure that you don't miss the start of the lesson. Please see below the dates:

| Term 3 2019 | Class and date for Maths session |
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| Week 2 | Year 3 Monday & Tuesday 14 th /15 th January |
| Week 4 | Year 6 Monday & Tuesday 28 th /29 th January |
| Week 6 | Year 2 Monday & Tuesday 11 th /12 th February |

| Term 4 2019 | Class and date for Maths session |
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| Week 2 | Year R Wednesday & Thursday 6 th /7 th March |
| Week 4 | Year 4 Monday & Tuesday 18 th /19 th March |
| Week 6 | Year 5 Monday & Tuesday 1 st /2 nd April |

A letter with a reply slip will be sent home before the date for your child's class session.

Reminders/important information:

OPEN DAYS for new parents

We have one more meeting for parents looking for a school place for their child for September 2019. This will take place tomorrow **on Tuesday 8th January 1.30-2.45pm**. If you are a parent of a child at the school and require a place for September 2019 you must complete your online admission form by **January 15th 2019**.

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.

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.

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.

Uniform purchases

Please pay for all uniform orders on **Scopay** so that we can manage stock levels more efficiently. Thank you.

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 2018 for you to enjoy!

Miss Lavelle – Head Teacher



TERM 3 and TERM 4 FOMS EVENTS 2019

Term 3

Children's Film Night

Friday 18th January 2019 5.00-7.00pm

Term 4

Children's Disco

Friday 1st March 2019

3.20-4.45pm Infants and 5.00-6.30pm Juniors

Mother's Day gifts

Friday 29th March 2019
during the school day

Non uniform day - Donate chocolate/confectionary eggs

Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Mereworth Easter Egg Rolling competition

Friday 5th April 2019

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.

FOMS Winter Festival

FOMS raised an amazing £2,650

Parent Wreath Making Evening

FOMS raised a brilliant £160

Thank you all for supporting FOMS!