

NEWSLETTER

Issue 6, Monday 4th February 2019

Dear Parents, this term has whizzed by and we are fast approaching the February half term holiday. We are also officially half way through the school year as this week is WEEK 20! 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.

Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 5th 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 will revisit the children's 'Acceptable User Policy' that also reinforces important messages about being safe online. This year's global theme is '***Together for a better Internet***'.

Art Exhibition: Friday 8th February

We are really looking forward to our whole school Art Exhibition this Friday and hope that you will be able to join us from 2.45-4.30pm.

It's a wonderful opportunity for you to see some of the beautiful art work that the children produce in school, as all of our children will have a piece of art framed and put on display in the hall for the whole school community to enjoy.

Each class will also have their sketch books on display for you to browse through, and FOMS will be providing refreshments for you to enjoy whilst walking round the exhibition at your own leisure.

If you would like to purchase your child's framed artwork it will be available for £7 (which goes to the company arranging the exhibition in order to cover their costs).

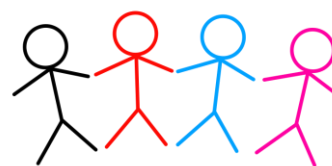
This is by no means compulsory as the primary focus of the event is for us all to celebrate the wonderful art created by the children and for them to feel a sense of pride and excitement about the exhibition.

Parent Consultation Meeting - March 2019:

A separate letter will be sent home explaining how to book your appointment via our **Teachers2Parents** system. Bookings will open next week on Monday 11th February and close on Wednesday 27th February. Our two Parent Consultation days will be during **week beginning Monday 11th March (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 learning. You will also get to see all your child's workbooks and find out about their current level of attainment and progress since September 2018. We have organised for every class to have one Parent Consultation afternoon that week running from 1.00 to 4.30pm, plus one evening session which will be on Thursday 14th March from 5.30-8.00pm. We hope that by providing a wider range of times and days throughout the week will not only support you as parents, but also our teachers by ensuring that they do not need to be in school for two long evenings while still managing the demands of marking, planning and teaching the children the next day. I thank you in advance for your support for these changes that I hope will help promote the well-being of the staff.

Our school value for FEBRUARY is FRIENDSHIP

One way in which we can make our school and community a happy place to live is through our value of '**friendship**'. In assemblies and in class, children will be learning all about what makes a good friend, how to treat our friends with love and respect, and why friends are so important.



Miss Lavelle – Head Teacher

Reminders/important information:

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.

Extra-curricular clubs:

This week we will be sending you a copy of the clubs planned for Term 4. Flyers will be available on Friday for you to complete and return by the end of next week so that you can secure a place for your child. Please fill in a new form each term, even if your child did the club last term.

Music lessons at Mereworth:

If you are interested in your child learning to play an instrument, please speak to the school office for more information.

The Big Battery Hunt

Thank you all for joining in with this great environmental recycling scheme and for your amazing support! We are continuing with this scheme so please bring in any unwanted batteries and put them in the collecting box in the entrance hall. 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.

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.

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 other information about the school.



FOMS 2019

A BIG thank you to FOMS for a great film night in January. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and the event raised £265.

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/alcohol**

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.