

NEWSLETTER

Issue 7, Monday 4th March 2019

Dear Parents, we look forward to seeing you all at our **Parent Consultation Meetings** next week. Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment time so that you can view your child's workbooks. This Friday you will receive information about your child's current attainment against their year group expectation and targets for this term, and we hope that you will find it useful having this information in advance of your meeting.

We have a very busy and exciting term ahead:

It's Shrove Tuesday on 11th March and we will be having pancakes for lunch.

We will be celebrating **World Book Day** on Friday 8th March (not Thursday 8th March as one class is out of school on Thursday morning and we want all children to be able to take part). Children can come to school on this day dressed as their favourite book character (no footballers please) and there will be a special lunch menu.

Our **Health & Well-being Mindfulness Day** is Friday 15th March. Children should come to school in their PE kit on this day as the whole school will be taking part in a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities including art, yoga, music, Forest School and mindfulness workshops. Please see your child's Term 4 class letter for details of what to bring in for the workshops.

On Wednesday 20th March we have arranged **Scooter Workshops** for the whole school. Each class will learn how to ride scooters safely.

On Thursday 28th March we will be celebrating all the wonderful musical talents in our school with our annual **Spring Term Concerts**. The Infant Concert (Year R, Year 1 and Year 2) is at 1.20pm and the Junior Concert (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) is at 5.30pm.

Finally, at the end of Term 4 we are holding our annual **Mereworth Egg Decorating Competition** – this year the theme will be 'Healthy Eggs.' Children can bring their decorated eggs into school on Wednesday 3rd April for judging. The famous **Mereworth Egg Rolling Competition** will take place on the last day of term (Friday 5th April) at 2.00pm for Infants and 2.30pm for Juniors. All parents are invited to come and watch.

Please see the attached diary dates. Additional information will be provided for all events listed.

Maths Stay & Learn sessions for all year groups

We would like to thank all the parents that have attended their class session and for your feedback. This term **Year R, Year 4 and Year 5 parents** will be able to come in and see how we learn maths in school.

Term 4 2019	Class and date for maths session
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

Our school value for March is Acceptance

This value helps us to learn and understand differences and to accept people for who they are. At school we will be learning about accepting others irrespective of gender, race, age, socio-economic status and disability. If you are able to reinforce this value at home then this would be very much appreciated.

RESPECT CARDS:

In January 2019 we introduced **RESPECT CARDS**, awarded to children seen displaying respectful behaviours in school. This has proven to be a big success and I have been delighted by the number of RESPECT cards awarded by staff and visitors. Every time a child receives a RESPECT card they bring it to me and receive the recognition and praise that their attitude and behaviour rightly deserves. Then each week in Celebration Assembly we 'draw' 2 cards from the RESPECT bowl and celebrate this as a whole school.

The Mereworth Observer

I am delighted to announce that a group of Year 6 pupils have written and published their first edition of this Newsletter before half term. You can read it on the school website at www.mereworth.kent.sch.uk and click on the tab Newsletters.

Mrs Markins (PPA/Cover Teacher and After School Club Manager)

I am delighted to inform you all that Mrs Markins is expecting a baby in June 2019.

Important information:

Class Facebook pages

I am concerned that parents may be using the class Facebook pages to raise school related worries or issues, rather than speaking directly to the class teacher or myself. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office or your child's class teacher as a first resort so that we can support you.

Appointments during school time

Please provide the school office with medical proof 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 with approval from the Head Teacher. Parents should put any request in writing in advance and need to wait for approval.

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.

TERM 5 information:

We will be holding a **Careers Aspiration Day on Thursday 23rd May**. Please see our poster attached. We are looking for volunteers to come into school to share information with our children about their job/career and the skills that are needed to do this role. We are hoping to inspire our children and help them to understand the important link between the subjects they learn and the skills that they will need for the future. In school we are learning about multiple intelligences and how we can be stronger and more confident in some areas than others. The **multiple intelligences** we focus on are based on Gardner's theory of intelligence and include; **Linguistic, Mathematical, Visual, Kinaesthetic, Musical, Interpersonal, Intrapersonal, Naturalist**. We want our children to see the important link these different intelligences have to the jobs that they hear about. If you are interested in coming into school and helping us on this day, please inform the school office.

And finally ... we have registered our school to take part in **Mathletics March Maths Challenge** starting next Monday 11th March until Sunday 17th March. Our challenge is to earn as many points as possible by completing activities on Mathletics. Schools with the highest number of participation points will receive prizes! I hope that everyone will take part. **Miss Lavelle – Head Teacher**



FOMS 2019

A BIG thank you to FOMS for organising the children's disco.

Both events raised an amazing £338.81. I also received excellent feedback about the children's behaviour from FOMS.

Term 4

Mother's Day gifts: Friday 29th March 1.00-3.00pm children will spend times with FOMS making their gift.

Tuesday 2nd April 2019

On Tuesday 2nd April we will have FOMS NON UNIFORM DAY to provide confectionary egg donations and chocolate for the tombola. Please can we all support FOMS and the school by bringing in eggs and chocolate. Thank you.

EGG ROLLING COMPETITION

On Friday 5th MARCH 2019 2.00pm Infants and 2.30pm Juniors This year the theme will be 'Healthy Eggs' Please bring in your decorated eggs on Wednesday 3rd April, first thing in the morning, so that they can be put on display in the school hall for everyone to see.

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

Thank you all for supporting FOMS