

NEWSLETTER

Issue 8, Monday 1st April 2019

Dear Parents,

We have had a great term and have an exciting week ahead with our annual **Mereworth Egg Decorating and Egg Rolling Competitions**.

Children should bring in their decorated 'Healthy Egg(s)' on Wednesday morning for judging. Our **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 enjoy the fun! FOMS will be running a chocolate Tombola at the event: please support our **non-uniform day tomorrow** (Tuesday 2nd April) by bringing in chocolate eggs and confectionery for the Tombola.

Our **Spring Term music concerts** were last Thursday. Everyone was very impressed by the extremely high standard of musical performances from the children including their wonderful singing. The number of children singing and playing instruments has grown year on year, reflecting our wider curriculum offer and the wonderful opportunities that the children have to perform and showcase their talents. Thank you to all the children and music teachers that were part of this great event, especially Mrs Jones our Music Subject Leader.

Maths Stay & Learn sessions for all year groups

Thank you to all the parents that have attended their child's maths lesson this year. The final session is tomorrow for Year 5. We have received very positive feedback from you and will look at offering more *Stay and Learn sessions* in the future as parents have found these very helpful in understanding how children learn in class.

Thank you for your support with the **Mathletics March Maths Challenge** – we came 6th in Kent! We look forward to entering more competitions in the future. Please continue to support your child with their **Maths Passport** learning and their **Time Tables facts**. These important fluency skills will really help your child in all areas of their maths work.

Scooter Workshop day

The children had a great time and loved riding their scooters to music! We now have music playing at lunchtime every Friday and the children really seem to enjoy this. Thank you to FOMS for allowing us to use their outside speaker system.

Our school value for April is Patience

We will use this value to help teach the children that delays and problems can happen and how best to deal with this without becoming annoyed or anxious. We will use many everyday examples in our assemblies and in class.

End of Spring Term Celebration Assembly

This Friday we will give awards for each of the areas of intelligence '**multiple intelligences**' as part of our focus on understanding ourselves as learners. This will be in addition to our *Stars of the Spring Term Awards*.

TERM 5 Careers Aspiration Day

We will be holding a **Careers Aspiration Day on Thursday 23rd May**. 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. **If you are interested in coming into school and helping us on this day, please inform the school office.**

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.**

Battery recycling collection

Thank you all for joining in with this great environmental recycling scheme and for your amazing support so far! We have already collected a large number of batteries.

Whole school sponsored walk May 2019

Please join us for the school sponsored walk on the morning of Friday 24th May, and help us raise vital funds for the school. This year we will be raising money for the redecoration and refurbishment of our school library, including new shelves, tables, sofas, bean bags, carpet and blinds. Mr Belcher has been very busy with this and we are hoping to complete the project by the end of Term 5. Thank you all for your patience and support during this time.

Summer Term – First day back Tuesday 23rd April

We hope that you found the March Parent Consultation Meetings helpful and informative. The summer term is a very important learning time for the children to master their year group curriculum expectations and work on their targets before moving to their next year group.

Please see the dates for the diary attached.

Save the date – Term 6 2019:

- **Mereworth's Got Talent:** Friday 21st June
- **Year 6 Production:** Tuesday 16th June
- **Sports Day 2019:** Wednesday 10th July
(Reserve Sports Day Wednesday 17th July)

Last day of this school year: Friday 19th July 2019

MAKE A DIFFERENCE WEEK: MONDAY 29th APRIL

– FRIDAY 3rd MAY - **can you help us?**

If you can give any time to the school, however little this may be, then please help us as we will be painting, weeding, gardening and making our outside areas look great for the children.

If you can help, please let the school office know the date and time that you will be in school.

Thank you, Miss Lavelle.



FOMS 2019

A BIG thank you to FOMS for organising Mother's Day gifts last week and for all their work on our Easter activities.

There is a comprehensive programme of events that FOMS will support and run during the Summer Term. If you are able to support any of these events please see Mrs Gigney or leave your name and contact details with the school office.

FOMS SUMMER FESTIVAL Saturday 22nd June 2019

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

Thank you all for supporting FOMS.