

NEWSLETTER

Issue 9, Monday 6th May 2019

Dear Parents, we have had a great start to the summer term with Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 all on school trips last week. We have had excellent feedback from the children: the Year 3 and Year 4 pupils really enjoyed going to the *Living land food and farming show* at Detling, and Year 5 had a wonderful experience during their 3 day residential trip at *Carrot Wood*, including a day trip to the Kent coast. The children's behaviour on both of these trips was exemplary, with staff receiving many compliments about their excellent manners and behaviour.

I would like to thank the parents that helped in school during last week's ***Make a Difference week***. We managed to complete many jobs in the early years outside area and also some gardening jobs next to our school field. It is a huge improvement, and on behalf of everyone I would like to thank all of you who gave up their time to help the school. We still have more to do, so if you can spare any time, please let the school office know. Thank you.

Careers Aspiration Day

As you will all be aware, we will be holding our ***Careers Aspiration Day on Thursday 23rd May (week 5)*** where we look forward to inspiring our children and helping them understand the important link between the subjects they learn and the skills that they will need for their future. We will be sharing our learning with you via our school website.

Whole school sponsored walk

Please join us for our sponsored walk on the morning of ***Friday 24th May (week 5)***, 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. Please be in the main front playground at 9am to join us. Good luck with collecting your sponsorship money.

Our school value for May is fairness

This month we focus on the value of *fairness*. We will look at 'fair' and 'unfair' situations, taking turns and sharing, playing by the rules, listening to one another and avoiding blaming others. Please support this value at home with examples from everyday situations that will help support the understanding of this value.

Staying safe in the sun

With the temperatures rising, please ensure your child comes to school with a named water bottle, a sun hat and sun cream. The children had an assembly on sun safety last week and were reminded about the precautions to take to avoid burning. Sun cream can be reapplied at school (by the children themselves) so please make sure your child's bottle is named.

Active Health Conference

Last week, 10 children from Year 4 attended the *Healthy lifestyle ambassador training* with Mr Mitchell. The children learnt about the importance of a healthy diet and being physically active through a variety of activities. Our new school ambassadors will meet next week to discuss their first event and how they will communicate important information to staff, parents and children.

Mereworth sporting events

We have our first netball match of the new league on Friday 17th May. Please come along and support the team in their first match.

We will be attending the Discovery School netball and football tournament on Thursday 23rd May where the teams will play against other local schools.

Year 5 parents Kent Test Registration

If you would like your child to sit the Kent Grammar School test in September 2019, when they are in Year 6, please be aware that you need to register online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola Registration is open from the 3rd June until 3rd July.

Term dates for 2019-2020

Please can I remind you that children should not be taken out of school for holidays during term time. Our holiday dates for 2019-2020 are published on the school website. A copy is also available from the school office.

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 and have asked the company to come and collect them as we are overflowing with donations! Please keep sending them in.

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.

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.

Our School website: www.mereworth.kent.sch.uk

Please visit our school website to see all the latest news, photographs, videos and for other information that you might need about the school. You will also be able to view our School Action Plan and the 3 key areas that we have been working on this school year:

1. The Health Project
2. Learning for Life
3. Maths

Miss Lavelle Head Teacher



FOMS 2019

PARENT'S QUIZ & CHILLI NIGHT

Saturday 18th May 7.00 - 9.30pm

If you would like to attend please hand in your reply slip and payment to the school office.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

FATHER'S DAY GIFTS

***Taking place in school on
Friday 14th June (Term 6 week 2)
more details to follow***

SUMMER FESTIVAL 2019

Saturday 22nd June

3.00-7.00pm

(Term 6 week 3)

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

Thank you all for supporting FOMS.