

NEWSLETTER

Issue 2, Tuesday 1st October 2019

Dear Parents, thank you for all your support at our **Book Fair**. We raised an amazing **£803** which will give us **£422** worth of free books. This will be used to further enhance our class libraries and our reading scheme books for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. I would like to thank Mrs Pearson for organising this event and all the staff that helped.



Mereworth Equalities Award 2019

I am proud to announce that Mereworth School has achieved '**The Equalities Award**' status. This award recognises the school's ethos of a *commitment to equality*. Our award is proudly on display in the school office area. A big thank you to Mrs Delaney for all her hard work in completing the necessary evidence and for ensuring that we have systems and procedures in place to support all aspects of equality and diversity.

Music at Malling 2019

Last week, 12 of our KS2 children took part in the '**Three Little Pigs**' concert held at Discovery Primary School. The children composed a piece of music during their workshop at school and then performed alongside the *Chamber Domaine Orchestra* on the day. They also had the opportunity to listen to the orchestra perform. It was a fantastic experience for the children and those parents who joined us for the concert. Thomas Kemp, the artistic director of Music at Malling, was really impressed by our children and their contribution. It was lovely to hear that they did so well and represented our school so wonderfully.

HARVEST CELEBRATION 2019

We will be celebrating Harvest this week on **Thursday 3rd October** at **1.45pm**. Parents are invited to join us for an afternoon of songs and poems. Please bring in non-perishable goods for our Harvest charity this week. Thank you for your support.

Lost property: Please ensure all items of school clothing are labelled so that they can be returned to children. We already have a large number of unnamed clothes in lost property!

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS – YEAR 6

Reminder for **Year 6** parents: the deadline for secondary school applications is **Thursday 31st October**. Any parent requiring help or support should see Mrs Pearson.

OPEN DAYS 2019 for new Reception Parents

It is that time of year when parents look for a school for their child for **September 2020**. We have arranged our OPEN DAYS and would be grateful if you could help us to promote these. **The dates are: Wednesday 6th November, Thursday 14th November and Friday 22nd November at 9.30am**. Flyers are available from the school office.

Our school Value for October is INDEPENDENCE

This value gives us the opportunity to focus on the importance of *making decisions for ourselves* and taking responsibility for our behaviour and learning. Please use any opportunities at home to reinforce this value.

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 folder/reading journal and we ask that you hear your child read, signing the journal to record that the reading is taking place.

School Governors:

Please visit our school website page to see our school governing body membership. Our **Chair of Governors** is **Mrs Pam Conibeer**. Our school governors work closely with me to support the strategic direction, accountability and financial performance of the school.

Donations: We have received a number of very generous donations including **2 new MediaPad Tablets** for **Y2 and Y3 classes**, **£250** donated to both **Y1 and Y4** for their class budgets and a **£50.00** donation that we have used to buy **plants**. We are extremely grateful for all this support. Miss Lavelle – Head Teacher

SCHOOL COUNCIL CHILDREN 2019-2020

Year 1: Jacob and Joseph

Year 2: Lara and Aiden

Year 3: Alexandra and Grace

Year 4: Cameron and Callie

Year 5: Amelie and Cully

Year 6: Daniel and Layla

The children were selected by their peers and will represent the views of their class. They will also organise and lead on a range of activities and events that they will run with Mrs Ford (Y5 Teacher).

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS 2019-2020

Pupils from Year 5: Mazie, Zabian, Alexia, Auden, Darcey, Harriet, Emma.

Pupils from Year 6: Daniel, Daisy, Oliver W, Tom, Mysti, Chloe, Jack.

These children will work closely with Mrs Pearson to run our school library at lunch time and to look after our books.

HOUSE CAPTAINS AND SPORTS CAPTAINS 2019-2020

At the start of the school year **House Captains** and **Sports Captains** were elected by the children following presentations at their House Team meetings. I am delighted to announce that the following children were elected by their peers:

HURRICANES

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Layla / Trinity

SPORTS CAPTAINS

Oliver B / Max

MOSQUITOS

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Neve / Rebecca

SPORTS CAPTAINS

Grace / Kyler

SPITFIRES

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Savannah / Daisy

SPORTS CAPTAINS

Alexia / Jake

TYPHOONS

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Freya / Molly

SPORTS CAPTAINS

Tom / Oliver W



INFORMATION & UPDATES FROM FOMS

FOMS have their AGM this week on Thursday 3rd October in the school hall. Please come along at 7pm to share your ideas.

FOMS dates for this school year will be sent home next week.

THANK YOU TO FOMS

FOMS provide the school with an amazing amount of support. They are paying for our new interactive screens in classrooms and are currently raising money this year towards the £10,000 target. Progress is displayed on the wall in the front playground. So far they have raised over £7,000 so less than £3,000 to go!

FOMS have also given each class £300 for their class budget this school year.

FOMS support is essential to the school being able to purchase vital resources and equipment. Please can I ask all parents to give their time and support to FOMS. Any time, however little, helps and above all will make a MASSIVE difference to the resources and equipment that we can buy for our children. Please don't leave it to someone else to help. Your time and support is needed to continue their excellent work. Miss Lavelle