

NEWSLETTER

Issue 5, Tuesday 7th January 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Christmas holiday, I hope that you all had a lovely time. **Please find attached the dates for Term 3. Our extra-curricular clubs start this week.**

Please remember that we have fantastic opportunities in place for children to learn a wide range of musical instruments; if you would like more information please see Mrs Jones our Music Leader, or speak to the school office.

Class information for the Spring term:

Class Teachers will send home their class letter and curriculum topic information later this week, so that you are aware of the learning that will take place.

Every school day counts!

There are **57 school days in total** during the **Spring Term 2020** and every school day counts, so please can I remind parents that **children should not be taken out of school for holidays during term time**. At the end of the Autumn Term 2019, there were **67 pupils with 100% attendance**. This is an excellent achievement and we hope that we can continue this during the Spring Term. Well done to Year R and Year 5 as they have the best class attendance so far this school year. Our whole school attendance is currently **96.9%** and our target for this school year is **97.5%**.

Term time dates - academic year 2020-2021

Please find attached a copy of the school dates for next academic year.

Severe weather

If we do have snow or bad weather, we will endeavour to provide an update by 7.45am, via the Kent School Closures website at <http://www.kentclosures.co.uk/> and via Teacher to Parents text. **Please avoid calling the school telephone number** as it may not be possible for staff to be on site to answer the telephone. **A letter with more information was sent home with your child today.**

Our school value for JANUARY is RESPECT

This month we will be thinking about the important value of **RESPECT** and how we can live out this value through our actions and words. **This value is part of our 'high five' school values: Teamwork, Honesty, Responsibility, Perseverance and Respect.**



Reading Stay & Learn sessions for all year groups

We would like to invite you to come in and see what a reading lesson looks like in your child's class. This is an excellent opportunity to find out how we teach reading and how your child learns in class and we hope you will be able to attend.

We are offering two sessions per class, starting at 9.10am, but you only need to attend **one session**. Please arrive from 9.00am and sign in at the school office. We will then take you to your child's class for the start of the lesson.

Term 3	Class and date for Reading session
Week 1	Year 1 8 th /9 th January
Week 2	Year 3 14 th /15 th January
Week 2	Year 4 16 th /17 th January
Week 3	Year 2 21 st /23 rd January
Week 4	Year R 27 th /30 th January
Week 4	Year 6 28 th /30 th January
Week 6	Year 5 11 th /13 th February

A letter has gone home for each class. Please ensure that you return your reply slip confirming the date that you are attending. Thank you.

Miss Lavelle
Head Teacher

THANK YOU for your kind donations

A big thank you for your kind and generous donation of **£357.24** at the EYFS KS1 Nativity and KS2 Carol Concert. This money will go towards Phonic reading scheme books.

We have also received a very generous donation to pay for the installation of new CCTV in our school grounds and building. This work will be completed this month.

Parent Reading workshop and Information meeting for YR, Y1, Y2 and Y3 parents on Friday 10th January at 9.00am. Please join us at this session to find out about our new Phonic reading books and how this will support your child's progress in reading.

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 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.

Procedure for reporting illness and absence

Please ensure that you call the school office by 9.30am on the first day of your child's absence from school. If your child is not able to attend school on subsequent days, you will need to call daily by 9.30am unless advised by the school. If you are unsure about whether or not to keep your child off school, please talk to Mrs Beaumont who will be able to advise you, in accordance with the HSE guidance for schools.

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.

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 any other information that you might need about the school. We have a wonderful PowerPoint presentation of our Autumn Term 2019 for you to enjoy!



TERM 3 and TERM 4 FOMS EVENTS 2020

Term 3

Children's Film Night

Friday 17th January 2020 4.30-6.30pm

Parent and friends QUIZ Night

Saturday 1st February 2020 7pm

Wear your own pyjamas day

Friday 14th February 2020 and donate £1.00

Term 4

Children's Disco

Friday 28th February 2020
3.20-4.45pm EYFS/KS1 and 5.00-6.30pm KS2

Mother's Day gifts

Friday 20th March 2020 during the school day

Non uniform day

Donate chocolate/confectionary eggs
Tuesday 31st March 2020

Mereworth Easter egg rolling competition

Wednesday 1st April 2020

FOMS will send out further information and details for each event planned.

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

FOMS Halloween Disco and Film Night

FOMS raised a fantastic £783 at these 2 events

FOMS Winter Festival

FOMS raised an amazing £2,602

Parent Wreath Making Evening

FOMS raised a brilliant £456

Thank you all for supporting FOMS - with your help they have now raised enough money to pay for the new Clevertouch screens that were installed in the classrooms during the Summer.