

# NEWSLETTER

Issue 6, Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents, this term has whizzed by and we are fast approaching the February half term holiday. We are also officially half way through the school year! We cannot stress enough how important it is for your child to be at school every day. **Please do not take children out of school during term time for holidays.** When a child is absent from school due to a holiday, this affects not only their own learning, but also impacts negatively on the rest of the class and on the class teacher, as the staff need to take time out of their planned lessons to help your child catch up on what they have missed.

### School trips

There have been several trips already this school year and we have all been so impressed by the number of positive comments about the children's attitude and behaviour that staff have received from members of the public. School trips are a great way to enhance our curriculum topics and we appreciate your support and contributions to the cost. Please be assured that trips are always calculated on the 'actual cost' per pupil, there is no 'mark-up'.

### Wellbeing Week Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

We have organised a special curriculum week focusing on emotional and physical well-being. The children will participate in a range of activities in class and with our special visitors. Our staff will also receive additional training, and there is a **Parent Workshop this Thursday at 9.00am** that everyone is welcome to attend. This week is part of our programme of work focusing on our School Action Plan Area 1: The Health Project. More information can be found on the school website.

### Safer Internet Day 2020:

Over the next two weeks we will be focusing on this important area of safety, highlighting the positive uses of technology and exploring the role we all play in helping to create a better and safer online community. This year's global theme is **"Together for a better internet"** and our children will work together across different year groups on a collaborative project related to this theme.

### Parent Consultation Meeting - March 2020:

A separate letter will be sent home explaining how to book your appointment via our **Teachers2Parents** system. Bookings open next week on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February and close on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Our two Parent Consultation days will be during **week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March (Week 3 Term 4)**. It is essential that all parents see their child's class teacher, as important information will be shared on your child's progress and their next steps for learning. You will also get to see all your child's workbooks and find out about their current level of attainment and progress since September 2019. We have organised for every class to have one Parent Consultation afternoon running from 1.00-4.30pm, plus one evening session which will be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 5.30-8.00pm. We hope that providing a wider range of times and days throughout the week will not only support you as parents, but also our teachers by ensuring that they do not need to be in school for two long evenings while still managing the demands of marking, planning and teaching the children the next day.

### Our school value for FEBRUARY is POLITENESS

One way in which we can make our school and community a happy place is through our value of **'politeness'**. In assemblies and in class, children will be learning all about how we can be *respectful* and *considerate* of others through our actions and words. Children can earn a **'Respect and Responsibility card'** by showing excellent behaviour. I have been so impressed by the number of cards awarded by staff and children so far this term and the excellent behaviour that is evident right across the school.



## Reminders/important information:

### Diary dates for Term 4:

Please find attached dairy dates so that you are aware of the different events and activities taking place as we head towards the Easter holiday.

### Extra-curricular clubs:

This week we will be sending you a copy of the clubs planned for Term 4. Flyers will be available on Friday for you to complete and return by the end of next week so that you can secure a place for your child. Please fill in a new form each term, even if your child did the club last term.

### Music lessons at Mereworth:

If you are interested in your child learning to play an instrument, please speak to the school office for more information.

### Breakfast Club:

Our Breakfast Club is available every day from 7.30am until the start of the school day. Children are provided with a wide range of breakfast choices and activities to ensure that they are ready for the school day. If you would like further information please visit the school website or ask for more information from the school office. Please always book and pay in advance.

### Collection of pupils at the end of the school day:

Unless prior arrangement has been made with and approved by the school, children should always be collected by a member of their family or nominated person over the age of 16. Any changes to arrangements must be made in advance of collection.

### Temporary traffic lights in the area from 10<sup>th</sup> February for 3 weeks:

We have been contacted by SNG who will be carrying out essential gas works in the area. There will be temporary traffic lights on 'The Street' and 'Church Close' during this period. We have informed the company of our February half term holiday dates and hope that they will consider this carefully in their planning. The school gates open from 8.30am and I would encourage everyone to leave more time to get to the school during this period. We will keep you updated when we know more about this period of disruption.

**Miss Lavelle – Head Teacher**



## FOMS 2020

A BIG thank you to FOMS for film night in January. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and the event raised £336.75.

The Quiz Night was also a great success with approximately £400.00 raised.

### **Pyjama Day £1.00 donation**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### **Children's Disco**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

3.20-4.45pm Infants and 5.00-6.30pm Juniors

### **Mother's Day gifts**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020

during the school day

### **Non uniform day - donate chocolate/confectionary eggs/alcohol**

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

### **Mereworth Easter Egg rolling competition**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020

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