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### **End of Spring Term 2021**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents,

Thank you all for supporting our FOMS Class Easter Hampers. You can still buy raffle tickets from your class rep until Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March and the raffle draws will take place on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Don't forget that on Monday, children can bring in their decorated egg(s) for the '**Lockdown EGGSTRAVAGANZA**' competition and on Wednesday they can bring in their (very!) hard-boiled egg for the **Mereworth Egg Rolling competition**. We also have a special Easter Lunch menu for the last day of term; please find attached the menu.

#### **Online support for parents: FACEBOOK:**

**Please find attached a National Online Safety poster about FACEBOOK.** We recognise the challenges of ensuring that your child is safe online and each week we will provide information to support you as a parent. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any advice or support regarding the online safety of your child.

#### **Key dates Term 4:**

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March is the last day of term / Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April is Staff Training Day.**  
*Easter holiday from Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April.*

#### **Key dates for Term 5:**

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>		<b>First day of Term 5</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Year R-6	Special Lunch Day - Pizzas
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year R-6	Class photos
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May		Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R-6	Special Lunch Day – Star Wars
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6	Reform Restore Respect workshop in school
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R-6	Special Lunch Taster Day – seasonal vegetables
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R-6	Special Lunch Day – Burger Bar
w/c Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R-6	Annual school sponsored walk in class bubbles
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>		<b>Last day of Term 5</b>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May		Staff Training Day
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> May- Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> June		Half Term
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>		<b>First day of Term 6</b>

#### **End of Spring Term 2021:**

As this is the last Head Teacher letter before the Easter holiday, I want to thank you all for working in partnership with the school during these extraordinarily difficult times, where information, guidance and planning are ever changing. As always, the staff at Mereworth have worked extremely hard and I am immensely grateful to each and every one of them.

We are now busy planning for the Summer Term, and are looking forward to being able to deliver our curriculum programmes for each year group. We remain highly focused on closing 'gaps' and recovering lost learning from both last academic year and from the most recent school closure period. Our comprehensive intervention programme for every class will continue in Term 5, involving dedicated staff teaching groups of children and following personalised learning activities based on assessment of the children's needs; this is above and beyond the normal staff deployment for the class.

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At the start of next term, you will receive a Class Teacher letter containing information for the term together with a Topic Overview explaining the key areas of learning across all curriculum subjects.

The government guidance for schools has not been updated at the time of writing, however as soon as there are important changes I will inform you all. In line with the guidance, we are still unable to run extra-curricular clubs but as soon as we are able to, I will ensure that we reinstate our extended school programme. However, I am happy to say that our visiting music teachers are able to recommence their teaching programmes from the start of Term 5. Guitar, piano, keyboard, drumming, woodwind and brass tuition are available and all lessons are arranged directly with the relevant teachers (for information please contact the school office).

#### **Wraparound Care Provision:**

Our After School Club has been really busy since all children returned to school on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.

**Please book your child's place for Term 5 by completing the attached booking form and sending it to [casc@mereworth.kent.sch.uk](mailto:casc@mereworth.kent.sch.uk)**

It is important that we can plan ahead, to ensure that I have suitable staffing arrangements in place to meet demand for this service. **Please submit your booking form by Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March.**

Unfortunately we are still unable to operate Breakfast Club at this time. I want to reassure parents that we will be reviewing this provision in May, so that we are in a position to inform parents regarding our wraparound care offer for September 2021. As part of this review, we will be sending a questionnaire to all parents at the start of the Summer Term to help inform our decision and to understand if there will be enough parents needing this service on a regular basis.

Finally, after a period of shielding, I am delighted to announce that Mrs Pearson (Year 3) and Miss Jordan (Year 5) will be returning to their classrooms from the start of Term 5, and Mrs Beaumont is due to return to the school office from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Have a lovely weekend and ready for next week, on behalf of all the staff team at Mereworth, we wish you and your family a wonderful Easter holiday.

Miss Lavelle  
Head Teacher