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Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Parents,

This week, the children having been working very hard and completing assessments to support our understanding of their current level of attainment and progress against their year group expectations. This in-school assessment focus will enable us to plan effectively for Term 6 and close 'gaps' further before the end of the academic year. Every school day is critical to learning and progress and we have been so pleased with the progress children are making despite the challenging circumstances of this school year, therefore, please can I remind you all that children should not be taken out of school during term time, unless it is under exceptional circumstances. This includes medical appointments so please make every effort to arrange these for outside school hours. With the severe disruption to learning caused by the pandemic since March 2020, covering two school years, we are doing everything possible to ensure children 'catch-up' on lost learning. Taking your child out of school during term time 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.

Thank you for your responses to the **Breakfast Club survey** and also for your donations to our JUSTGIVING PAGE for our **sponsored walk** taking place week commencing Monday 24th May. So far, we have raised an AMAZING **£1,205** from 41 supporters. Please can you promote this with your family and friends as every little helps us to get nearer our target. If you have not completed the Breakfast Club survey or made a donation and would like to do so, please see the links below:

Sponsored Walk: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mereworthsponsoredwalk>

Please add a comment mentioning which class you are supporting.

Breakfast Club Survey: <https://forms.gle/aBcQ12rtHNa1Z5wR6>

The deadline for responses has been extended to Monday 17th May.

Online support for parents: Roblox

Please find attached a National Online Safety poster about Roblox a very popular video game. 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.

Music Update

We are really pleased to have resumed individual music lessons this term and to welcome Clare Martin from the Kent Music School who can offer piano, violin, ukulele and recorder lessons. If your child is interested in learning an instrument please email the office for information. Alternatively, more information on Kent Music School and how to sign up for lessons can be found here: <https://www.kent-music.com/music-lessons/>

Unfortunately, due to COVID, we have been unable to run any of our usual music events this year. However, in Term 6, we are hoping to host 'Mereworth's Got Talent' and a small summer music concert. More details to follow soon.

Reminders

- **If you have an important on the day message for the teacher, please email the school office or telephone the school office (class teachers are not able to check the class email address now that we are back to full time education in school).**
- **No dogs please on school premises** – however cute and cuddly.
- **Please collect your child from the teacher** – staff are not able to release children if they can't see the parent (some parents are at the school gates and it is difficult for staff to see). This is for your child's safety.

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Key dates for Term 5:

Thursday 20 th May	Year R-6	Special Lunch Day – Burger Bar
Tuesday 25 th May	Year R/1/2	Sponsored Walk – Year R / Year 1 / Year 2
Wednesday 26 th May	Year 5/6	Sponsored Walk – Year 5 and Year 6
Thursday 27 th May	Year 3/4	Sponsored Walk – Year 3 and Year 4
Thursday 27th May		Last day of Term 5
Friday 28 th May		Staff Training Day
Mon 31 st May- Fri 4 th June		Half Term
Monday 7th June		First day of Term 6

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lavelle
Head Teacher