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End of Term 5 2021

Thursday 27th May 2021

Dear Parents,

I have been extremely impressed and proud of the children and their positive attitude and enthusiasm during their sponsored walk events. It has been so lovely to see them all enjoying themselves so much. We really missed you all not being able to join us, however the new route was great fun and we will be putting up photos from the walks on the school website and will text you when they are available to view. I want to thank you all for your generous donations as we have now raised an amazing **£3,893** with **177 sponsors** at the time of writing. I am therefore delighted to announce that I am in the process of organising for the Clever Touch Whiteboard to be installed in the ICT suite after half term. As we have managed to raise so much more money, we are also able to purchase the Clever Touch Screens for our Reception and Year 1 classrooms. Thank you so much for all your support! Any final donations before Monday 7th June can be made via: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/mereworthsponsoredwalk> We will announce the class with the most donations after half term in our Friday Celebration Assembly and share this with you in the next Head Teacher letter!

Term 6:

As previously communicated, we are busy planning Term 6 events and activities and our transition programme for each class moving up to their new year group. As part of our plans we are hoping to arrange for every class to have a school trip in Term 6. We will send the details to parents after half term. This will be a wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy extra learning outside of school and as you will all be very aware, there is nothing better than a school trip, with all the excitement of the coach journey and picnic lunch! We also have some really lovely events and activities planned for the children in Term 6 (please see the diary dates below) and all being well we will be able to invite parents back onto school premises to enjoy these with the children.

FOMS:

I am delighted to announce that we have a new Chair of FOMS - Nicola Simmonds - and a new support team, who will be taking over from our existing Chair of FOMS Nicola Gigney. They will share information about this next term as FOMS are also hoping to support and arrange a number of activities for the school before the end of this year and for next academic year. There are a number of meetings taking place at this time and I would like to thank all the parents involved with FOMS for their time and support to the school. Please note that information has been emailed to parents regarding FOMS Father's Day gifts, and **all parents are invited to attend the FOMS meeting being held via ZOOM on Wednesday 9th June at 8pm when the new committee will be elected.** Everyone is welcome and the meeting link will be sent to you all after half term.

Parent volunteers:

A huge thank you to the group of parent volunteers who have been coming in on a regular basis during May to help repaint a number of outside areas around the school. They have done a fantastic job and we are extremely grateful. We plan to continue this redecoration during June, so if you would like to volunteer please let the office staff know.

Online support for parents: 12 Social Media tips for parents

Please find attached a National Online Safety poster; **12 Social Media tips for parents.** 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.

Reminders:

Mereworth's Got Talent: Children will need to bring in their recorded audition performance by Monday 14th June.

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Music at Mereworth: We offer a wide range of individual music lessons in school. If your child is interested in learning an instrument next term, please email the office for information.

After School Club: Please ensure that you book your place for ASC in advance of next term as we need to make sure that we have enough staff to cover each day. Please do this by completing the attached Term 6 booking form and sending this to the ASC email address casc@mereworth.kent.sch.uk **If you need to make a last minute booking for ASC on the day, then please CALL the school office.** Otherwise all bookings should be made via the ASC email address.

Key dates for Term 6:

**Please note: More details on all Term 6 events will be confirmed nearer the time, once we have an update from the government as to when we can welcome parents back into school and or allow class bubbles to mix. Class Trip dates to be added after half term.*

Monday 7 th June		First day of Term 6
Tuesday 8 th June	Year R-6 parents	Deadline for Bag2School donations – 9am
Wednesday 9 th June	Year 6	Safety in Action
Thursday 10 th June	Year 5	Day trip to Carroty Wood
Friday 18 th June	Year 5/6	Online safety training from KCC Officer
Thursday 24 th June	Year 6	Transition workshop
Friday 25 th June	Year 6	Transition workshop
Friday 2 nd July	Years R-6 parents	Mereworth's Got Talent - FINAL
Wednesday 7 th July	Years R-6 parents	Sports Day with grab bag picnic lunch
Thursday 8 th July	Years R-6	Summer music concert – 5.00pm at school
Monday 12 th July	Years R-6	Reserve Sports Day in case of bad weather in 7 th July
Tuesday 13 th – Friday 16 th July	Year 6	Residential trip to Carroty Wood
Friday 16 th July	Years R-6	End of Year academic reports go home to parents
Monday 19 th July	Years R-6 parents	Optional parent consultations 3.30pm-6.00pm at school
Tuesday 20 th July	Years R-6	Special Lunch – Summer street party
Tuesday 20 th July	Year 6 parents	Year 6 production – 7.00pm at school
Wednesday 21st July		Last day of Term 6

Contact tracing over May half-term

The government requires schools to play an important role in contact tracing for pupils and staff as this remains vitally important in the continued national effort to limit the spread of the virus. **Where pupils or staff test positive for COVID-19 during half-term, having developed symptoms within 2 days of being in school, please inform the school office by email**, as the school has been asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Where pupils or staff test positive for COVID-19 having developed symptoms more than 2 days since being in school, you do not need to email the school office, and instead follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

End of Term best wishes:

During this school year we have been able to support teacher training and have had 3 first year Student Teachers from the University of Greenwich working in Year R, Year 2 and Year 6. They have thoroughly enjoyed their time at the school and gained essential professional experience working alongside our experienced staff team. They have now finished their final block practice with us this week and we want to wish them every success in their future training.

Mrs Markins, our school PPA cover teacher, finishes with us this week to take up full time employment outside of education. We wish her every success and would like to thank her for all her years of service to the school. We welcome Mrs Dunne as our new PPA teacher to the school next term.

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Miss Ovenell (Year 2 Class Teacher) commences her maternity leave tomorrow. We wish her a very happy time and look forward to hearing all her baby news next term. The Year 2 children will have Mrs Griffiths teaching them until the end of the academic year.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support for the staff and school during these challenging times, and on behalf of myself and all the staff team at Mereworth, we wish you a very happy half term holiday with your children, family and friends.

Miss Lavelle, Head Teacher