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Dear Parents,

Today's Mereworth's Got Talent final was fantastic and we will be uploading pictures/videos to the school website next week. We really enjoyed the children's performances and want to say a BIG thank you to everyone that took part. This week the children have also had their second transition session with their new class teacher(s) and have worked extremely hard completing a range of end of year assessments.

Next Wednesday, 7th July, is our whole school Sports Day. Please can children come into school wearing their P.E. kit (house colours), sun cream, sun hat and with a water bottle. We are very disappointed that parents will not be able to join us, however having carefully reconsidered our decision in the light of the most recent government guidance for schools, infection numbers and school bubble closures locally and nationally, we are not able to accommodate large numbers of parents on school premises without compromising our essential protective measures. We need to minimise the risk of the virus spreading in our school community so as not to jeopardise the children's end of term learning, events and activities. Any positive cases or close contact could result in class bubble closures and children/families needing to isolate as we begin the summer holidays. We are all hoping that school life will return to something more 'normal' next academic year so that we can once again enjoy all our school events and activities together.

Wraparound childcare at Mereworth Community Primary School:

Both our Breakfast Club and After School Club will be open from Monday 6th September 2021 and we need you to book your child's places for Term 1 before Wednesday 21st July using the attached booking forms and emailing them back to the appropriate email address. Covid-19 has significantly changed many parents' working arrangements, as reflected in the school survey results from May 2021, and this will have an impact on the demand for our childcare services as many parents are working from home. Both our childcare services are fully funded by parental payments as the school budget money is designated for teaching and learning provision, not to support childcare services. This means it is imperative that parents book in advance to enable us to organise staffing and ensure that we can continue to operate both services going forward. We have updated the Breakfast Club and After School Club pages on the school website, so please **click on the links below** to find out more information including the menus, activities, session times and costs:

[Breakfast Club | Mereworth Community Primary School](#)

[After School Club | Mereworth Community Primary School](#)

Please note that in line with other childcare providers, we will no longer operate a refund policy for any booking made and not taken. If you have any further questions regarding our childcare provision from September 2021, please contact the school office.

Extra-Curricular Clubs Term 1 2021

We are delighted to be able to offer a range of extra-curricular clubs from September 2021. **Please find attached a copy of the clubs list and contact the provider directly to book your child's place.** Please note that places are on a first come first served basis. We have organised our After School Club childcare provision to work alongside our extra-curricular clubs programme so that children can attend both as needed. Our extra-curricular clubs programme will operate on a term-by-term basis and include a wide range of activities from new providers over the course of the school year.

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FOMS:

Fruit Stall: Every Thursday at pick-up in front of the car park gate. Delicious, local fruit including strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and cherries. £2 a punnet. Buy on the day or pre-order by email:

mereworthfoms@gmail.com

Sweet Jar: 'Are you a Smartie?' Guess how many sweets are in the jar - £1 a go and the closest guess wins the whole jar. Children can bring their £1 to Mrs Beaumont in the school office and make their guess. The winner will be announced by FOMS on Wednesday 14th July.

Silver Mile/Wear Your Own Clothes Day: On the last day of term, Wednesday 21st July, children can wear their own clothes to school in exchange for bringing in as many silver coins as possible. Each year group will lay out their coins on the running track to see which class stretches the furthest!

All profits raised from these activities go directly to FOMS to support all the children in the school.

Online support for parents: 14 Ways to be Kind

Please find attached a National Online Safety poster; 14 Ways to be Kind. 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:

- **School email system:** **This is still not fully operational.** Please continue to phone the office until further notice.
- **Parent Survey:** Please click the survey link in the covering email to complete the end of year survey.
- **Parent volunteers:** We are continuing our outside redecoration as well as working on areas of the school grounds including the pond. If you would like to volunteer, please let the office staff know.

Key dates for Term 6:

Monday 7th June		First day of Term 6
Wednesday 7th July	Years R-6	Sports Day with grab bag picnic lunch and FOMS special treat! *Children only*
Thursday 8th July	Years R-6	Summer music concert – 5.00pm at school
Cancelled and will be rescheduled for next school year due to COVID-19 regulations		
Monday 12 th July	Years R, 1, 2	Class Trip to LEGOLAND, Windsor
Monday 12 th July	Years 3-6	KS2 Reserve Sports Day in case of bad weather on 7 th July
Wednesday 14 th July	Years R, 1, 2	KS1 Reserve Sports Day in case of bad weather on 7 th July
Wednesday 14 th July	Years 3, 4	Class Trip to Eagle Heights Wildlife Foundation
Wednesday 14 th July	Years 3, 4	FOMS Guess the number of Sweets in the Jar - winner announced
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 19th July	Years R-6 parents	Optional parent consultations 3.30pm-6.00pm at school Please book directly with the class teacher.
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 Awaiting confirmation of restrictions lifting on Monday 19th July
Wednesday 21 st July	Years R-6	FOMS non-uniform day and Silver Mile event *Bring in your silver coins*
Wednesday 21st July		Last day of Term 6

Yours sincerely,
Miss Lavelle - Head Teacher