

October 2021 Newsletter



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Dear Parents, Carers and Members of the Community,

It has been an exciting, busy and productive first half term back! We were delighted to have been able to take our year 6 children to Manor Adventure in Shropshire last month. The value of this residential for children is significant and we feel an important step in terms of developing independence, resilience and building positive relationships. The trip was great fun for children and an opportunity to try new things and develop new skills. Thank you to the staff who made this possible and to the children who were brilliant but a little tired by the end!

It has been lovely to see the children at competitions and tournaments again. Our Year 5/6 boys managed to win the football tournament at Wreake and well done to our cross country competitors who ran at the weekend and represented The Merton so well. Good luck to our girls football team and golfers who have their competitions next week!

Mrs Neal is hoping to be back with us after half-term (or possibly even for some sessions next week) and I know she is keen for everyone to know that she is recovering well and looking forward to coming back. I would like to thank the Year 2 children and parents for their patience and resilience during this time without their teacher. This year's staffing model means that we can cope with such absences through the use of our HLTAs and people we know will nurture our children and provide quality learning alongside the teacher in the parallel class—in this case Miss Egglestone.

Please read our sections on Parents Evening and the Website along with our curriculum update on the following pages. I hope you like the changes we are making and your child is enjoying school. There will be an opportunity for you to feedback via questionnaires in the near future but in the meantime please get in touch if we can support you further. **Mr Lee**



Parents evenings

We look forward to meeting you for parents evenings next week (Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th). This will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher to discuss how your child has settled into their new class, to share progress and to ask questions. Please see below where to wait for your appointment.

Year Group	Where to wait
EYFS	Breakout zone (EYFS/ Y1 Block)
Year 1	Breakout zone (EYFS/ Y1 Block)
Year 2	Breakout zone (EYFS/ Y1 Block)
Year 3	Hall
Year 4	Hall
Year 5	Hall
Year 6	Hall

Website

We are in the process of re-organising our website and how we share information with you. Please have a look if you get chance. Things to look out for include:

- Reorganised Home page that includes our welcome, calendar, twitter feed and quick access to key areas as you scroll down
- Our school ethos and values and updated information on teacher roles in our About Us section
- Curriculum information including subject intents and long term maps with exciting Knowledge Organisers to follow in the next few weeks to inform you about the exciting changes in the curriculum
- Year Group Page welcome messages—these pages will populate over time to give an overall flavour of what is happening in class alongside our Twitter Feed
- All of our Newsletters and key letters for you to access
- Key events via our calendar
- Other Key Information via the tabs at the top of the website

We hope you like the clear organisation and new information on the site, we will endeavour to keep it as up to date as possible, however if you have any questions or queries then please contact out school office.

An Inspiring Curriculum...

Our children are fully immersed in their learning and enjoying the exciting topics and journeys planned for them by their teachers. Year 6 children are learning about life at the time of the second World War and in year 5 'The Victorians' is a theme and the children are considering the question: what would my life be like if I lived in 1865? In year 4 children are, amongst other themes considering climate change and in year 3 children are learning all about The Celts and The Romans. Our year 2 children are learning about Traditional Tales and composing their own 'Twisted Tales', while in year 1, children are learning about the 'Secrets Of The Seashore'. Our Youngest learners in EYFS are following a 'Marvellous Me' theme and particularly enjoyed learning about The Colour Monster last week: making monsters in all colours, shapes and sizes!

Teachers are busy creating and adapting new plans across school and we are sharing these on our website so we can show you some of the fantastic learning opportunities taking place across school.

Mrs Elsome - Deputy Head and Curriculum Lead

Captured around school this month...

Children across school have been immersed in all things scientific recently. Year 1 have been learning about energy transfer by making food chains. Year 3 have been exploring the reflective properties of different materials and our year 5 scientists have been observing substances to test which would dissolve and become a solution.

