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Newsletter



The Merton Primary School
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Dear Parents,

We have had a fantastic start to the new academic year and children have settled well into their new classes. Around school children are really embracing their learning through exciting new lessons from *Seaside Explorers* through to *WW2*. Please look out on our website in the coming weeks for the knowledge organisers produced by class teachers outlining the key learning your child will be doing this term. These are designed to share school learning with you and to encourage conversation and support between you and your child.

As many of you will be aware we have further improved our outdoor learning environment over the summer holiday and our pond area is now ready to be used as part of our Science curriculum as well as an area for children to work in and develop across the curriculum. Unfortunately part of the outdoor classroom is on back order but we are looking forward to this arriving towards the end of October for children to use later in the term.

Thank you to all staff and especially Miss Eggleston for setting up extra curricular clubs this term, our dodgeball team had a fantastic first tournament and managed to win three games and lose just two. Cross country was back in full force at the weekend and our children showed both determination and enthusiasm. We now have 60 children attending cross country training after school on a Tuesday evening, it is fantastic to see so many taking part. Girls and boys football clubs are now running for our older children and we have plans afoot to extend our range of clubs over the term.

As our youngest children settle into full-time schooling in the Bee and Ladybird classes our eldest children are getting excited as they begin to prepare for their residential to Shropshire. This is always a successful trip where the children have the opportunity to bond as a year group and develop independence, learn new skills and widen their experiences as they begin their last year at primary school.

We have been delighted by the new menu on offer to children, the menu offers a wide variety of new tastes and flavours as well as ever popular favourites such as fishfingers and pizza! The fresh fruits and salads this week have been especially popular and look very appetizing, the watermelon and cucumber salad was a real hit. Thank you for your understanding through any teething problems during the change of caterer.

Parent's evenings this term are planned for Wednesday 5th October and Thursday 6th October where you will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher, discuss how they have settled and have a look at the work they have produced so far in their books. Once booking is 'open' you will be able to make an appointment via Arbor.

Mr Lee

Reminders....

Parents Evening

We will be welcoming parents in school on the 5th and 6th October to share books and meet the teacher for an update on how your child has settled in and their progress. Further details will be with you

Attendance

I hope you have had time to read the letter from Dean Pomeroy, Director of Schools for the Trust around expectations on attendance. It is difficult to authorise any kind of holiday and there is an increased expectation Nationally that parents are fined where there are a number of un-authorised absences in any 6 month rolling period—note this automatically includes any 5 day holiday. With this in mind, we ask that you do not take your child out of school unless it is absolutely essential. We are looking to achieve an attendance level of over 97% to enable children to progress to their full potential and this is a hard target to achieve when taking into account authorised absences such as illness etc. A huge thank you to those who arrange medical appointments (where possible) and holidays outside of the school term and support both school and their child's education through good attendance.

Before and After School

Can we ask that children wait next to their classrooms or with parents/carers and do not stand on the hill or play across the field at the start and end of the day.

Lost Property

We would ask that parents come to the front entrance where a member of the office team will accompany you to the lost property area to look for any items. Parents and carers will no longer be permitted to walk straight into a school entrance and look themselves.

Badminton Festival



The Bee Class exploring through play



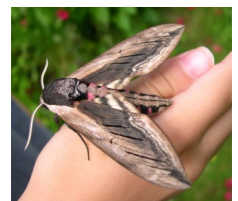
Our new Ladybird Class!



A Privet Hawk Caterpillar turned up in EYFS... they can move really fast!



Year 6 Dodgeballers!



Our Vision... To Be The Best We Can Be by...

- Encouraging children to **make a difference** to their own lives and the lives of others, close by and in the wider world
- Developing children's **knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the world** through purposeful, relevant, practical learning experiences that they can fully invest in.
- Maximising the potential of each individual's **character**, supporting growth through real-world examples both within and beyond the school to ensure children can succeed and flourish in a changing world
- Prioritising **physical and mental health**, creating a culture of nurture and happiness where children have the capacity to thrive emotionally, socially and academically
- Embracing the power of collaboration, working together and building **positive relationships** where children have a voice but listen, care and value each other as individuals



← Our Vision Threads weave through our curriculum. We have adapted this slightly for 22-23 by the addition of world appreciation!

