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Newsletter



The Merton Primary School
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Dear Parents,

It was brilliant meeting so many parents in school recently, attendance at parents evening was fantastic and I know that teachers really value this opportunity to meet with you and share both progress, areas to work on and let you know how they have settled into their new year group. Please remember we will always make time to meet with you between parent's evenings if issues arise that you wish to discuss. We are already meeting our new EYFS parents who are enjoying visiting school as they make their school choices for 2023-24.

Thank you to our current EYFS and Year 1 parents for attending recent phonics and early reading workshops. The value of reading and phonics can never be underestimated and as a school we are working extremely hard to develop reading skills and keep this vital and pleasurable skill at the core of our curriculum. A letter has been sent to year R/1 parents this week introducing our reading for pleasure home reading book. Please take the time to read this and enjoy sharing books with your child at home – no matter what your child's age. Being able to read fluently is not only the most valuable skill that opens doors to the whole curriculum but also by developing a life long love of books you are giving your child the most valuable of skills for the future.

Extra curricular activities have continued this term with some fantastic participation and results in cross country running, badminton and football. Our year 6 had an amazing (and tiring!) residential trip to Shropshire. The value of this experience for children socially and emotionally is significant and the fun and experiences they had will stay with them as important memories. Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard—night and day to staff this trip A few highlights are shown on the following page.

We enjoyed celebrating Diwali last week, different classes took part in different activities ranging from arts and craft to dancing. The week cumulated on Friday with some extremely well dressed children, and adults across school!

Finally, thank you to the PTA who ran some very well attended Discos on Friday. The PTA have recently provided cookery equipment for school for the children to use. Also, I now have confirmation that our outdoor classroom will arrive by the end of this month and will be ready for children to use before the end of term.

Mr Lee





Year 6 in Shropshire



Celebrating Diwali across School

