

# February 2023

## Newsletter



The Merton Primary School  
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Dear Parents,

Both the children and staff have been working really hard to use their learning for real life purposes and have been thinking about what they would like to 'make a difference' to. This term, during Key Stage and Class Assemblies, the children have generated many ideas about how they could make an even bigger difference. Over the next few weeks we will be looking at how we might achieve this and sharing our ideas for you to add to!

Next week is Children's Mental Health week. We will be reflecting on what positive mental health is and how we can support our own and others mental health. Children will be looking at healthy relationships and learning to recognise that each individual has a unique blend of abilities and characteristics and learning to embrace and support these in each other. Mrs Edwards has planned in some extra activities this week all designed to connect people together and boost mental wellbeing. Staff are offering the opportunity for children to attend lunchtime clubs ranging from yoga to chess and connecting at breaktime over a bagel and a drink. On Friday 10th February we would like to invite parents, grandparents and childminders to join us in the training room for a hot drink and a cake (made by the school council) and a chat. A range of second hand uniform will be available at this event. Please come along, in the future we would like such events to have a theme / be an opportunity to share learning or ideas to support and connect parents and the community. If anyone has any thoughts on how this might look, please pop in and see us next week or get in touch.

On February 7th, it is Safer Internet Day, where children will be talking to their teachers about appropriate social media use, how to stay safe online and what to do if they come across content that is upsetting or inappropriate. Please talk to your child about this and remember to supervise your child's use of social media especially when gaming or when using social media apps.

I am delighted to let you know that Miss Eggleston is expecting a baby in June and I'm sure you will join me in congratulating her on her wonderful news and wishing her all the best.

I would also like to let you know that Mrs Slater will be returning from her adoption leave to meet Year 5 just before we break up for half-term. After half-term, Mrs Slater will be job sharing with Mrs Pickaver. Mrs Pickaver will teach on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Slater will teach on a Thursday and Friday. Miss O'Callaghan will continue to teach our year 2 children on a Monday and Tuesday and I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all she has done in Year 5.

As always, if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch and I look forward to seeing some of you at our event next Friday.

**Mr Lee**



Merton  
children have been  
keeping physically  
and mentally fit this  
month....



Mrs Percy was very proud  
of all the determined  
Saturday morning  
cross country runners.



Year 3 Gymnasts and  
seen below our year 5 & 6  
Dodgeball team



Math's games in action  
and Year 5 re-enacting the  
Battle of Bosworth!

