

MERTON COURT EY NEWSLETTER



Summer Term 2017

Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to the Summer Term and we hope you enjoyed the Easter Break. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new children and their families. Please see the attached list for the children's keyworkers.

Curriculum

We have now covered most of the Letterland characters and corresponding sounds with the children who will be moving into J1 in September. This term we will be focussing on recapping and consolidating the children's knowledge and where appropriate, introducing blending sounds to form simple words. Please continue to use any Letterland materials you may have at home in order to support the children; this is just the beginning of their Letterland journey. With the younger children, our focus will be on the structure of stories and anticipating endings, as well as increasing their vocabulary. We are introducing a 'Words of the Week' board for unfamiliar words we discover in our stories; please do keep an eye on this in order to reinforce these words at home with your child.

We will be continuing with our formation of numbers work using the Ten Town scheme and we will also be introducing the children to identifying sets containing certain

numbers. We will also be extending our knowledge of shapes and introducing estimating.

Our topics for this half term are 'Wild Animals and the Jungle' and 'People Who Help Us.'

School Uniform

Summer PE kit should now be worn on Monday-Thursday with full uniform being worn on Friday. If it is cool towards the beginning of the term then children may still wear their red tracksuits. School baseball caps must to school Monday-Thursday and be in the children's bags on Friday when they wear the felt cap/straw boater. As the weather gets warmer please ensure that sunscreen is applied to your child before they come to school. If you wish sunscreen to be re-applied during the day, then please bring in a clearly labelled bottle to remain at school. We will also ask you to complete a permission slip.

We strongly recommend that earrings are removed on the days we have swimming, PE and Forest School.

Snacks

A gentle reminder please that mid-morning snacks should be of a sensible size and should not include nuts due to allergies. If your child attends all day please provide them with two snacks clearly separated. The children all have their water bottles at school and milk is also available at snack times.

New Parents' Coffee Morning

We will be holding a coffee morning for new parents at 9.00am in the Dining Room on Tuesday 2nd May. This is a great opportunity to meet other new parents and also to ask any questions after your child's first few days at school.

Hatching Chicks

On May 8th, we will take delivery of some hatching chicks which will provide the children with an amazing experience and links to many areas of our curriculum. The chicks will be in an incubator but the children may get the chance to handle them. The chicks come from The Mobile Farm Experience, a company with whom we have strong links.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held on 26th and 27th June and a timetable to book appointments will be put up shortly after half term.

Home School Diaries

Please note that these are always available in the children's drawers and you are welcome to take them home to share with family members. We welcome any photographs or other additions that support your child's interests or developmental progress.

Library Books, Story Sacks and Magical Maths Bags.

The children will continue to choose a library book to take home on Monday and return on Wednesday. Please note that if library books are not returned then the children will not be able to take another home. Story sacks or Magical Maths bags will be issued on Wednesdays to be returned the following Monday.

Busy Boxes

This term sees the exciting introduction of Busy Boxes for the younger children in the class. They contain a variety of fun activities to help develop the children's fine motor skills. The children will choose a box to take home on a Wednesday and return the following Monday. We would welcome any feedback you may have in order for us to further develop these into the Autumn Term.

Early Years Trip

Our school trip this term is to Shorne Woods Country Park on June 9th. Further details to follow.

Festival of Music

The festival of Music takes place on 22nd and 23rd of June and the children will be performing in the class event of Friday 23rd at 1.40pm. Please do come along to watch and support us!

Sports Day

Sports day for EY and J1 is on Friday June 30th at 9.15am. Parents, grandparents, family and friends are all welcome to both watch and take part!

EY-J1 Transition Coffee Morning

On June 27th at 9.00am there will be a transition coffee morning in the hall. Mr Price and members of the EYFS teaching team will be on hand to answer any questions you may have and there will be an opportunity for you to view the classrooms and meet your child's new teacher.

Moving Up Day

Our moving up day is on July 11th and the children will spend the morning in the J1 classroom with their new teachers. Please bring your child directly to the Astro turf on this day to line up and not into the EY classroom.

Prom on the Pitch

A fabulous way to round off the school year and this year's event has a 'Rock and Roll' theme and a host of new rides and entertainment for the children.

Diary of events:

New Parents Coffee Morning – 2nd May 9am

Prospective Parents Open Evening – 3rd May 5-8pm

An Evening of Music, Madness and Mayhem – 4th May 6.30pm

FOMC Ball – 20th May 7pm Sundridge Park Golf Club

EY trip to Shorne Country Park – 9th June

Festival of Music Class Event – 23rd June 1.40pm

Parents' Evenings – Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th June

Sports Day – 30th June 9.15am

Prom on the Pitch – 13th July 5.30pm

We look forward to sharing a busy final term with both you and the children.

Kind regards

Mrs Langton, Mrs Warner and the Early Years Team.



