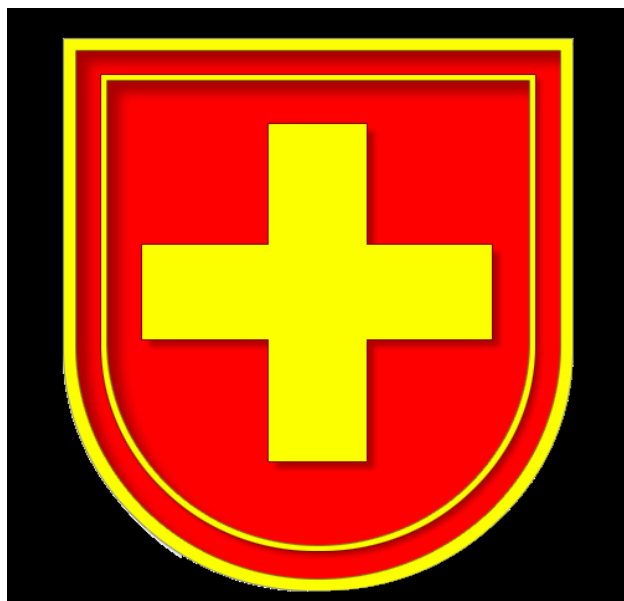


MERTON COURT EY NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term 2017

Dear Parents and Children

Welcome to the new Autumn Term in Early Years and a special welcome to all our new children, their families and carers.

Early Years Team

We are delighted to welcome Mr Alex Mullin BA(Hons)PGCE and Miss Roxanne Cook-Friar BA(Hons)Ed to the Early Years team. They will be supported by Miss Clifford, Miss Morris, Miss Retberg and Mrs Richardson. A list of each child's Key Person is attached, but please do feel free to talk to any one of the team if you have any concerns about your child or if you feel there is any pertinent information we should be aware of. We are always available at the beginning and end of your child's school day and our direct telephone number is **0208 309 5299**.

The Parent/Carer's noticeboard is situated to your left as you enter Early Years and we have a weekly communications board situated in the children's' cloakroom; this is one of our key communication tools along with written communications sent via Parentmail and informal open mornings. If you have not yet completed a Parentmail

form please contact the School Office as a matter of urgency.

Our doors open at 8.30 each morning and we take the register at 9 o'clock. For children attending mornings only, the session finishes at 12noon and for children attending all day the session finishes at 3pm. Please note that in order to take part in lunch time clubs your child must attend all day.

School Uniform to be worn;

Monday – PE Kit

Tuesday – PE Kit

Wednesday – PE Kit (swimming kit if staying all day)

Thursday – PE Kit

Friday – Full uniform.

Blazers must be worn to school each day along with our school baseball cap (Mon-Thurs) and the felt cap/hat on a Friday. May we also request that a school ski hat is purchased and left at school in anticipation of the cold weather.

Please may you ensure that all items of your child's uniform (including shoes and trainers) are clearly named.

Snacks

Please send your child in with a clearly named morning and afternoon snack (if they stay all day.) Please note that snacks should not be so large that the children will not eat their lunch! Water is freely available for the children throughout the day and milk is also available at snack time, so there is no need to send in a drink. As we have children with nut allergies may we politely ask for no snacks to be sent in containing nuts – many thanks.

Welcome Drinks

On Wednesday September 6th at 3.15 the Friends of Merton Court will be serving tea coffee and cakes in our Jubilee Garden. Please do pop along if you can to this informal event which is a great way to meet new parents and other teachers in the school.

Welcome Meeting

We will be holding our first coffee morning for parents and carers on Tuesday September 19th at 9am in the school dining

room and we very much hope you will be able to attend.

Topics

Our topics for this half term are, All About Me, The Farm and Harvest and Autumn. We plan to link some of our Thursday Show and Tell sessions to these topics and will keep you posted via Parentmail.

School Photographers

Van Cols will be in school on Monday September 18th to take individual school photographs. Please note that all children must come to school in full winter uniform on this day, including blazers.

Festival of Speech

On Friday October 6th, the children who stay all day will be taking part in the Festival of Speech. They will be reciting a class poem along with the other classes in the Junior School. Please do come along to support us!

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held on Monday November 20th (Mr Mullin) and Tuesday November 21st (Miss Cook). The timetable will go up on November 6th.

Junior Production

The Early Years children will be taking part in the Junior Christmas production on Thursday November 30th and Friday 1st December – further details to follow nearer the time.

We look forward to sharing an exciting first term with both you and the children.

Kind regards

Mrs Langton, Miss Cook, Mr Mullin and the Early Years Team.

