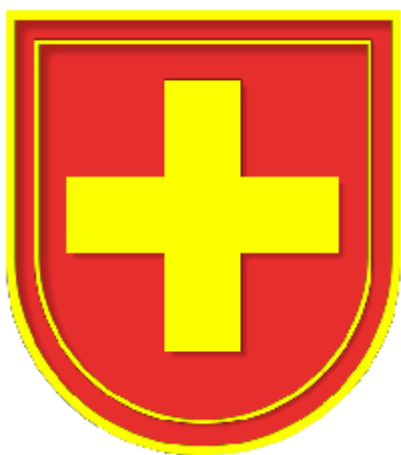


MERTON COURT EY NEWSLETTER



Spring term 2018

Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to the Spring Term, we hope you all had an enjoyable festive break and wish you a very Happy New Year. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new children: Milo, Zachary, Serah-Joseph, Elise, Kirat, Sienna, Ariya and their families. A list of each child's key person is attached, but please feel free to talk to any one of us 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 line telephone number is **0208 309 5299**.

Weekly Celebration

This term we will be celebrating the children's achievements and successes on a Friday by giving out certificates. This will help prepare the children for when they move into J1 in September and attend Merit Assemblies and Prize Giving.

Positive Parenting Workshop

This will be held on Monday January 23rd at 6.30pm in the school library.

Further details to follow shortly but places are limited.

Letterland

This half term we will be introducing the children to d h e c and k. We will continue to have 'show and tell' sessions and will keep you updated on these via the Parents' notice board and/or Parentmail. Please do encourage your children to identify any Letterland characters they know and tell you the corresponding phonetic sound during family reading times and bedtime story times.

Library visit

We will be visiting Sidcup Library this term. Further details about this trip will be sent out to you separately.

Snacks

Please ensure mid-morning snacks are of a sensible size and also do 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 so there is no need to provide a drink.

Parking

We have parents/carers within the school who need access to the disabled parking bay (just outside of J1). Please be mindful of this even when in a rush. Please also do not obstruct our school gate, access to field and the passing bays.

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.

Forest School

A polite reminder that some of the children's Wellington boots from last

term may be starting to get a little small. They may need replacing and that spare socks are useful for them to have in their drawers.

If you do not yet have one please can we ask that children have a red school ski hat (available from Oz Schoolwear) to remain at school and be worn as part of their Forest School clothing. As the weather is a little chilly it may be useful to bring in an extra jumper as well.

Assembly

This term we will be taking the older children to assembly on Thursday; we will leave the classroom at 8.40 but should you not be in at this time, practitioners will still be in the classroom to receive the children.

'Look How I Have Grown'

Many thanks for all the leaves that have so far been returned, it is lovely to see how independent and grown up the children are becoming. Should you require any more leaves please ask a member of the EY team.

Festival of Dance

We will be taking part in the Festival of Dance on Friday 16th March and performing a class dance - further details to follow nearer the time! Please note that only children moving up to J1 in September and who are full-time will take part in this.

Parent's Evenings

Parent's evenings will be held on March 5th and 6th and a timetable to book appointments will go up on the noticeboard after half-term. If there is not a suitably convenient time then please see Miss Cook or Mr Mullin to arrange an alternative, mutually convenient time.

Uniform

Monday – tracksuit
Tuesday – tracksuit

Wednesday – tracksuit and swimming kit if children stay all day

Thursday – tracksuit

Friday – full uniform

Please note that blazers should be worn to school every day.

Please can you ensure that **all items of school uniform including shoes are clearly labelled with your child's name**. Children should be wearing the School coat available from OZ School wear. Girls hair accessories should be red, yellow, black or grey and be of a simple design (alice band, bow or scunchy). Children should wear their caps/hats to and from school or baseball caps if in tracksuits and all children should have the correct school bag.

If girls have pierced ears their earrings will need to be removed for the day on Tuesday (PE), Wednesday (swimming) and Thursday (dance). Also a gentle reminder that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted for girls.

Diary of events:

Positive Parenting Evening – Monday 23rd January

Breakfast Bites – 1st and 2nd February
FOMC Comedy Night – Friday 23rd February

Parent's Evening – Monday 5th and 6th March

Festival of Dance (class event) – Friday March 16th 1.40pm in the Hall

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

Kind regards

Miss Cook, Mr Mullin and the Early Years Team.