

MERTON COURT EY NEWSLETTER 2



Spring term 2018

Dear Parents and Children

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term, which we hope will bring a little spring-like weather!

Termly Topics

Our topics for this half term are:

- The changing Seasons, Winter into Spring and how it effects our environment.
- Planting and growing, noticing what happens over time.
- Easter- preparing for Easter and discussing the meaning with the children.

Literacy

We will be continuing to introduce the Letterland characters and sounds to the children on a weekly basis and link the sound to show and tell activities in order to build upon the children's communication, language and listening skills.

Listening skills are vital to children's learning and as the academic year progresses we will be focussing more on giving the children short instructional sequences. In order to build upon this, listening skills may also

be practised at home through games such as "Simon Says".

English Week 19/2

We are looking forward to Mrs Holowaty's visit on Thursday 22nd February. Mrs Holowaty writes a variety of children's fiction including Peppa Pig and Peter Rabbit and will be sharing stories with the children.

A reminder that the theme for our dressing up day on Friday 23rd February will be: 'Peppa Pig' and 'Superheroes'. A £2 donation would be welcomed towards our chosen charity The Lord's Taverners.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held on 5th March (Mr Mullin) and 6th March (Miss Cook) and a timetable to book appointments is on the noticeboard in the children's cloakroom. Parents' Evening for children remaining in EY in September 2018 will be on March 5th with Mrs Langton and Mrs Richardson and a timetable is on the noticeboard above these children's pegs.

If there is not a suitable time then please see Mr Mullin or Miss Cook to arrange an alternative, mutually convenient time.

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 so there is no need to provide a drink.

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.

Busy Boxes and Story Sacks

The children will continue to receive a Busy Box or a Story Sack to take home on Wednesday to be returned on Monday of the following week.

Uniform

Full summer uniform will be worn after the Easter break on Fridays. For girls, this is the school summer dress (available to order now from Mrs MacDonald), red shoes and the straw boater. For the boys, it is the Merton Court amber polo shirt with grey shorts. Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name and that girls with long hair have it tied back using the school regulation hair accessories.

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. Please note that blazers and the correct school hat or cap must be worn to school every day.

Look how I have grown

Many thanks for all the petals 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 petals please ask a member of the EY team.

Festival of Dance

Our annual Festival of Dance takes place on Friday 16th March. Please do come along to the hall at 1.30pm to support the children as they perform their class dance.

If your child doesn't usually attend full time, they are more than welcome to stay all day on this day to participate in their form dance. Please note that children remaining in Early Years in September will not participate in the Festival.

Save the Date!

On Friday April 20th at 9am we will be holding a "Stay, Play and Plant" event for you to come and share our newly refurbished outdoor facilities with your children. Further details to follow later this half term – we do hope you will be able to join us!

Diary of events:

Charities Day – Friday 23rd February

FOMC Comedy Night – Friday 23rd February

Parents' Evenings – Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th March

Festival of Dance (class event) – Friday 16th March 1.30pm

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

Kind regards

Mr Mullin, Miss Cook and the Early Years Team.

