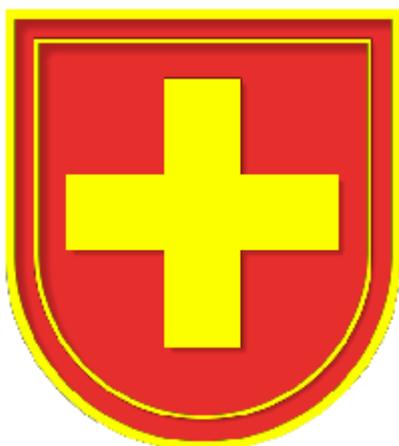


MERTON COURT EY NEWSLETTER



Summer Term 2018

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.

The Easter Holidays were very busy and we are delighted with our completed outside area and the new interior units in the Early Years department. We look forward to seeing you at our 'Stay, Play and Plant' session this Friday from 8.30-10am.

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 will begin introducing the Letterland characters to the children where appropriate. We will continue to share 'My favourite part of the story' during whole class story sessions.

We will be continuing with our formation of numbers work using the Ten Town scheme and we will be identifying sets containing certain numbers. We will also be extending our knowledge of shapes and introducing estimating.

Our topics for this half term are 'Dinosaurs', 'Pirates', 'London' and the 'Royal family'.

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 be worn to school Monday-Thursday and be in the children's bags on Friday when they wear the felt cap/straw boater. Please note the girl's hair accessories must only be those sold in Oz Schoolwear. As the weather gets warmer please ensure that sunscreen is applied to your child before they come to school. If you would like 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.

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.

Story Sacks and Magical Maths Bags

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 be given a busy box to take home on a Wednesday and return the following Monday.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held on the 2nd and 3rd July and a timetable to book appointments will be put up after half term.

Dinosaur Fun Day

This exciting event is taking place on Friday 4th May – a separate letter will follow.

Festival of Music

The Festival of Music takes place on 28th and 29th of June and the children will be performing in the class event on Friday 29th at 1.40pm. Please do come along to watch and support us!

Sports Day

Sports Day for EY and J1 is on Friday 6th July at 9.15am. Parents, grandparents, family and friends are all welcome to both watch and take part! Please advise Miss Cook or Mr Mullin if you wish to collect your children afterwards.

EY-J1 Transition Coffee Morning

On Tuesday 3rd July 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 10th and the children will spend the morning in the J1 classroom with their new teachers. Please bring your child directly to the Astroturf on this day to line up and not into the EY classroom.

E.Y New Parents Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning will be held on Tuesday 10th July at 9am.

This is for parents of children staying in EY in September and is a great opportunity to meet new parents.

Prom on the Pitch

A fabulous way to round off the school year and this year's event has a 'Abba Magic' theme and a host rides and entertainment for the children.

Diary of events:

'Stay, Play, Plant' – 20th April (Children to wear tracksuits please as we will be getting muddy!)

Prospective Parents Open Evening – 2nd May 5-8pm

Dinosaur Fun Day – 4th May

School Photographs – 21ST May

Festival of Music Class Event – 29th June 1.40pm

Parents' Evenings – Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd July

Transition Coffee Morning – 3rd July

Sports Day – 6th July 9.15am

Moving Up Day – 10th July

EY New Parents Coffee Morning – 10th July 9am.

Prom on the Pitch – 12th July 5pm

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

Please find attached the Key Person list to show you who your child's Key Person is. We have also attached the Ten Town rhymes that we have learnt with the children. The attached Letterland sheet has been highlighted to show the characters that we have met so far and will be consolidating this term.

Kind regards

Mr Mullin, Miss Cook and the Early Years Team.

