



## J3 Spring 2018 Newsletter 1

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday and are looking forward to the new term. This newsletter will provide you with useful information but if you have any further queries, then please feel to contact us.

### Reading and Homework

In J3, children are expected to complete twenty minutes of homework (longer is not necessarily beneficial) as well as learn their spellings and do some reading. Please encourage your child to work independently and to start taking responsibility for this. 'Every term is English term at Merton Court' - therefore we would like you to continue encouraging your child to read additional books by continuing with the 'Reading Challenge' this term. All the books read will be counted towards the end of academic year 'Million Word Challenge.' The goal for J3 is either 150 picture books or 50 chapter books. Remember, good writers read!

### Festival of Dance

Please encourage your child to enter the individual category of the Festival of Dance (Thursday 15th March). The entrants will need to make up their own dance routine. Registration for this will be on Thursday 1st March at 8.15 and 3.15 in the hall. The class event will be on Friday 16th at 1.30pm. Do talk to Mrs. Saunders if you have any questions.

### Equipment

Please ensure that your child has a glue stick, eraser, sharpener, HB pencils and crayons for the term.

### Uniform

Full winter uniform is needed for this term including the cap/hat. Please make sure that all items are clearly labelled and hairbands/ties/clips... must comply with school uniform code (grey, red or yellow in colour).

### Punctuality

Please ensure that your child arrives in time for start of the school day at 8:45am. Arriving late is disruptive to both your child and to the class.

### Kit Requirements

Monday	Full uniform and Games kit.
Tuesday	Full uniform and P.E kit.
Wednesday	Full uniform.
Thursday	Come to school in tracksuits and bring Swimming kit.
Friday	Full uniform.

### Dates to remember

Friday 5th January: Club registration.

Thursday 11th J3 Class assembly and Friday 12th: J3 Coffee Morning.

Tuesday 23rd January: Positive Parenting Workshop 6.30pm in the Library.

Thursday 1st February : S4 'Breakfast Bites' 8.45 am and Friday 2nd: 8.45 and 11.00am

Friday 9th February: S4 Bring and Buy Sale.

Trainers should be black for outdoor games and plimsolls or white for indoor P.E.