



# MERTON COURT

## PREPARATORY SCHOOL

CO-EDUCATIONAL DAY PREPARATORY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-11  
*WHERE OPPORTUNITIES MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE*

### **EY NEWSLETTER (1) SPRING TERM 2024**

#### **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 start off by thanking you all for your continued support, the children have settled back into their daily routine well and we are all looking forward to the busy term ahead.

We would like to welcome our new children: Owen, Oliver, Ellis, Sophia, Daniel, Meera and Frankie and their families. We are always available at the beginning and end of your child's school day. The Early Years direct line telephone number is

**0208 269 6896** and our e-mail addresses are:

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#### **Dietary Requirements**

If your child has a change to their dietary needs, please notify us as soon as possible in order that we can liaise with our kitchen staff. A gentle reminder to encourage children to bring in two healthy snacks for school, one for the morning and one for the afternoon, along with their clearly named school water bottles. Please also remember we are a nut free school.

#### **"Tooled Up"**

Tooled up is a useful resource for teachers and parents to turn evidence-based research into impactful real-life tools to help children thrive. Please see below the link for you to access at home.

<https://www.tooledupeducation.com/register>

School PIN Number: MCP0809

#### **Uniform**

A gentle reminder that full uniform is worn on Mondays and tracksuits are worn Tuesday – Friday with a pair of black trainers (not shoes) suitable for PE and outdoor use.

We ask that children have a red school ski hat (available from Oz Schoolwear).

In order that your lost items are returned quickly please ensure that **ALL items of school uniform (including shoes) are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

#### **Topics**

We are starting the Spring Term with our new topic 'Space'. The children will take part in daily craft and messy activities linked to our topic; these will include shaving foam play, ice and water play, and a mixture of other textures. Our subsequent topics will be 'Science' based and we will also be celebrating Chinese New Year. If you have any stories that link to the topics please do share these with us.

#### **Science Term**

This term sees a dual focus, cross-curricular link between Science and History. The whole-school topic for this term will be 'A Brief History of Time!' We will be taking part in a 'Wild West' drama workshop, where the children can use their imaginations and go back in time. There will also be a dressing up day along with some space themed activities and science experiments.

## **Parent Partnership**

One of the most important aspects of the children's learning is the development of independence and self-confidence. One of the best ways to foster this is to create environments where the children are given the opportunity to do things on their own.

Please encourage your child to dress themselves as this will aid us greatly when changing for swimming and Forest School. We also would like to encourage the children to come in to class independently and carry their own bags.

## **Story Sacks**

This term we will be introducing our Story Sacks, the children will take them home on a Wednesday and they should be returned the following Monday.

Please find more details on the letter attached.

These will complement our Busy Boxes and Self-Care boxes.

## **Snow Day arrangements**

In the event of school being closed due to snow this term, teachers will provide online education for the children via Zoom. This will be in the form of a 9am morning registration to set work for the children to complete through the course of the day. Teachers will then re-engage with the children at 11am and 2.30pm. Zoom details for each yeargroup will be provided.

## **Mrs Richardson**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9874898869?pwd=RDZudIRQenNXL1IWcmhtbGI2SGNNUT09>

Meeting ID: 987 489 8869

Passcode: 84DY2j

## **Miss Amphlett**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/8177409429?pwd=PHBzxODeza02MW5mlRho7qsZ8hjIU.1>

Meeting ID: 817 740 9429

Passcode: 6ibW9s

## **Photography**

Merton Court operates a 'no phone zone policy' and we have noticed recently that some parents / carers have been filming and photographing productions and school events. The School will in future take photographs and videos where appropriate and upload to year group google drives for parents to view. Please respect our policy which is for the safety of all our children and enjoy each performance in the moment.

## **Diary of Events**

**5<sup>th</sup> January** – Club registration monies and forms to be handed in.

**20<sup>th</sup> January** – Prospective Parents Open Day 9:15-12pm

**29<sup>th</sup> January** – Science Week

**1<sup>st</sup> February** – 'Wild West' drama workshop for EY and J1

**2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Dress-up day – come dressed as an inventor or historian.

**6<sup>th</sup> March** – Early Years Parents Evening

**15<sup>th</sup> March** – S4 Bring and Buy Sale.

**22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Festival of Dance – Class event 1:30pm

**27<sup>th</sup> March** – Term finishes at Midday

We look forward to sharing an exciting Spring Term with both you and the children.

Kind regards

Miss Amphlett, Mrs Richardson, and the Early Years Team.

