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## **J1 Newsletter** **Summer 2 2025**

Welcome back! We hope you had a great break and are ready for the last few busy weeks of J1!

### **Summer Focus**

This term the whole school focus on Maths continues and we have enjoyed a busy Maths Week! The children thoroughly enjoyed our visit from a magician who showed us everything is not always as it seems. We have been working hard on new maths concepts and developing our addition and subtraction skills.

### **School Uniform**

Please ensure that children have their baseball caps with them every day (including Friday), this is part of their uniform and essential for when they go outside in the warmer weather. May we also remind you that blazers should be worn to school every day.

### **Parents' Evening**

We would like to invite you to J1 Parents' Evening after school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June. There will be 10-minute timeslots for you to meet with your child's teacher in person and discuss their progress. Please book your appointment via the J1 Google Drive, the sign-up sheet will be available from Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Numeracy**

We will use these last few weeks of term to consolidate the children's learning. We will talk about shapes, clocks, coins and measurement. We will also continue with addition and subtraction, now incorporating counting on and counting back.

### **Literacy**

Continuing our narrative focus, this term we are looking at stories about nature and summer. We will be using the CLPE text "Stanleys Stick" to develop the children's understanding of these topics.

### **Letterland**

This term we are looking at the 'Hat Man Happenings'. We are discovering that Hairy Hat Man has many adventures and often teams up with other letters to make new sounds like ch, sh, th, and wh. We would encourage you to ask the children to re-tell the stories and try to find the relevant sounds in their reading books each week.

### **Homework**

We trust that you and the children are enjoying the maths games - they are a fun way of revising the number concepts that we deal with in class. Please may you ensure that these are returned by the following Monday at the latest.

We will continue to send reading folders home twice a week, could we please ask you to write a comment or initial to say your child has read the book at home with you.

The children are decoding well at this level, and we are now encouraging them to take note of the punctuation and use some expression. They should also be able to discuss what has happened in the story to indicate that they have understood what they have read.

The handwriting sheets will focus on the Letterland sound that we are dealing with as we are now practising how to join the letters correctly to write words. Please check that the children remember to start with a 'slide up' and then flow into the following letter - as indicated on the sheet.

### **Fathers' Day 'Building Memories Together' session**

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June we will be holding a Fathers' Day session where we look forward to seeing your construction skills. Please arrive at the J1 gate to be signed in at 1:45 ready for an afternoon of fun.

### **Sports Day**

Sports Day for EY and J1 is on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15am. The children will be taking part in several different races and events, and they are practising hard. Don't forget the ever-popular parent's race!

### **Moving up Day**

Our moving-up day is on Tuesday 8th July. The children will meet their new teachers and spend time in the J2 classrooms.

### **Prom on the Pitch**

Prom on the Pitch is a fabulous way to round off the school year. This year the event will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 6pm – 9pm. The theme for Prom this year is 'Old School Disco'.

### **Talent Contest**

Our annual Talent Contest takes place on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July. We would like you to encourage your children to do a short dance, song or joke to perform to the rest of the school. Please note this is a closed event!

### **Tree Planting Ceremony**

Please join us on the last day of term, 11<sup>th</sup> July, to conclude our 125 celebrations. Tree planting, Time capsule burying, flag changing and the unveiling of the '125' Mosaic. 11am-12pm.

***'To develop children with clear opinions and a 'go for it attitude'***

*– Aims & Ethos, Merton Court School.*

### **Dates of Events**

**Fathers' Day 'Building Memories Together' session** – Friday 12th June 1:45pm

**Parents' Evenings** – Tuesday 17th June  
**Music and Movement workshop for parents** – Thursday 19th June 2pm in the School Hall

**125 Art Exhibition & Sports Day** – Thursday 26th June 9.15am

**125 Whole School Production** – Friday 4th July 2pm & 4pm more information to follow

**Moving Up Day** – Tuesday 8th July

**Junior Prizegiving** – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2pm

**Prom on the Pitch** – Thursday 10th July (6pm-9pm)

**Talent Contest** – Friday 11th July

**Tree planting and Flag changing ceremony** 11-12pm

**Term ends at 12 noon on Friday 11th July.**

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely summer!

The J1 Team

