

Exercise

EY NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2025

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Welcome to Early Years! We hope you had an enjoyable summer break and are ready to start your journey here at Merton Court.

Early Years Team

The Early Years Class Teachers for this academic year are Miss Jane Amphlett and Mrs Kirsty Richardson. We will be supported by Miss Clifford, Miss Dawson, Mrs Smith, Mrs Houghton and Mrs Learmouth. A list of each child's class teacher is attached, but please do feel free to talk to your class teacher if you have any concerns about your child or if you feel there is any pertinent information we should be aware of. We are always available at the beginning and end of your child's school day. If you need to contact us in an emergency during the day please call **020 8300 2112** and enter the extension number **2209**.

Our email addresses are as follows:

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Please keep an eye out for weekly communication via Parentmail.

Our doors open at 8.30am each morning and close at 8.45am. For children attending mornings only, the session finishes at 12noon and for children attending all day the session finishes at 3pm.

Labels

Please label all belongings clearly, including socks, underwear on swimming days and ribbons on girls' hats. You may wish to do this with your child to help them recognise their personal belongings.

School Uniform

Monday – Full winter uniform

Tuesday – Tracksuit (PE and Forest School)

Wednesday – Tracksuit

Thursday – Tracksuit (Swimming Day)

Friday – Tracksuit (Music and Dance)

Blazers must be worn to and from school each day along with our school baseball cap (Tues-Fri) and the felt cap/hat on a Monday.

May we also request that a school ski hat and Merton Court school coat is purchased in anticipation of the cold and wet weather.

Snacks

Please send your child in with a clearly named morning and afternoon snack in separate containers (if they stay all day.) Please note that snacks should not be so large that the children will not eat their lunch! Water bottles will be provided please name clearly, fill up daily and bring to school. Please note that we are a 'Nut Free' School, we have children with nut allergies so may we politely ask for no snacks to be sent in containing nuts or traces – many thanks.

Asthma Pumps and Auto Injector pens

If your child uses an Asthma Pump or Auto Injector Pen, please ensure it's in date, clearly labelled, and accompanied by an 'Administration of Medicine' form which is required for any prescribed medication.

Tooled Up

Here at Merton Court we use a useful resource called 'Tooled up' both parents and teachers can use it 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

School Website

Our school website and parents' section are updated regularly please make sure you keep up to date and look out for what Early Years have been up to. There is a password to access the parent's section, please ask the office or a member of staff if you should require this.

Stimulation

Topics

Our topics for this half term are, 'All About Me', 'Dinosaurs' and 'Space'.

We plan to link some of our 'Show and Tell' sessions to these topics and will keep you posted via Parentmail.

Letterland – Our Phonics Scheme

The children will begin their first adventures into Letterland this half term, we will be introducing them to;

(s)Sammy Snake, (a)Annie Apple, (t)Talking Tess, (p) Peter Puppy, (i) Impy Ink and (n) Naughty Nick.

If you have any questions regarding Letterland please do not hesitate to ask.

We will be hosting a parents' Letterland Evening on Tuesday 1st of October – details to follow.

Ten Town- Our Maths Scheme

The children will also start their journey through Ten Town this half term beginning with the numbers, zero, one and two. They will consolidate their mathematical knowledge by learning through a range of visual, practical and written activities.

Talk

Festival of Speech

On Friday 3rd October, children who stay all day will be taking part in the Festival of Speech. They will be reciting a class poem in front of Mr Price and the judges. You are invited to watch the Festival – more details to follow.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will be held on Monday 10th November – keep an eye out on the EY Google Drive week commencing 3rd November to make your appointment.

Love

Celebrations

Following on from our Parentmail of 1st September a gentle reminder that items brought in to celebrate birthdays/religious festivals must be non-edible treats only to share with their classmates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Early Years 'Stay and Play'

We would like to invite you to our Early Years 'Stay and Play' on Friday 19th September at 2pm, in our EY classroom. We will have a chance to discuss any queries that may have cropped up after the first few weeks of term. This will also be a great opportunity for your child to show you around our fantastic classroom.

Google Drive

The EY Google Drive can be accessed via the below link,

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1T48K7C8FFisAmgiCTR2GcaJXHbxk7gVJ?usp=sharing>

You will be able to access the Parents' Evening form via this link. Appointment slots will be available after the half-term break.

We look forward to sharing an exciting first half term with both you and the children.

Kind regards

Miss Amphlett and Mrs Richardson and the Early Years Team.

Environment

Diary of events:

- **EY Parents' Meet and Greet Friday 19th September at 2pm in the EY classroom.**
- **School Photographs Monday 15th September (full winter uniform)**
- **FOMC AGM Wednesday 17th September 7:30pm in the School Hall**
- **Prospective Parents Open Morning Saturday 20th September 9.15-12.00**

- **Inspection Zoom for Parents
Wednesday 24th September
(more info TBC)**
- **Dinosaur Workshop (EY/J1)
Tuesday 30th September**
- **Letterland Evening Tuesday 30th
September 6pm (adults only)**
- **Festival of Speech and Drama
(class entries) – Friday 3rd
October**
- **English Week Monday 6th- Friday
10th October**
- **Harry Potter Dressing Up Day –
Friday 11th October**
- **Half Term: 18th October – 3rd
November**

Please continue to check the Merton Court website, Parent Mail and Google Drive regularly for updates and more information.

