



## **EY NEWSLETTER (1)** **SUMMER TERM 2026**

### **Nurture**

Welcome back! We hope you had a great Easter break and are ready to start the last term in EY which will be very productive. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Jake, Enzo and their families who join us this term.

A gentle reminder that we are always available at the beginning and end of your child's school day should you wish to discuss anything, alternatively the Early Years direct line telephone number is **0208 269 6896** and our e-mail addresses are:

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### **School Uniform**

Summer PE kit should now be worn on Tuesday- Friday with full uniform being worn on Monday. 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 Tuesday-Friday and be in the children's bags on Monday when they wear the felt cap/straw boater. Please note that long hair (boys or girls) should be tied back every day. 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, along with a completed permission slip.

### **Stimulation**

#### **Curriculum**

We have now covered most of the Letterland characters along with their corresponding sounds with the children who will be moving into J1 in September. This term we will focus 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 to support the children; this is just the beginning of their Letterland journey! Our topics for this half term are 'Pirates and 'Vehicles'.

### **Ten Town Challenge**

This term we will be introducing a weekly Ten Town Challenge. Please complete and enjoy these challenges with your children; Please see the attached letter for further information.

### **Talk**

#### **"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

### **Parents' Evenings**

Parents' evenings will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> June. An editable timetable to book appointments will be on the Early Years Google Drive after half term.

### **Exercise**

#### **Games and Maths Term**

This summer term we will be linking Maths with Games, creating some exciting experiences for the children. We start our term with Games week on 27<sup>th</sup> April. EY and J1 will be taking part in rotated games activities with our specialist PE staff during our PE sessions. There will also be a dressing up day for the whole school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Children are encouraged to dress up in national costume for our theme 'We are the World'.

Maths week will be the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> May and the children will take part in Maths Hat day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. This is a competition for the whole school and we encourage all children

to take part and remember to add a sports theme!

### **Sports Day**

Sports Day for EY and J1 is on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15am.

Don't forget to start practising for the parents' race!

## **Love**

### **Allergies**

At Merton Court Prep we pride ourselves on knowing our children well and ensuring the best possible start to their 'learning journey'. This includes keeping them safe whilst in school by being aware of all allergies, medical needs and dietary requirements. With that in mind, we would like to kindly remind you that our school is a nut free zone. This includes food items such as hummus, pesto and Nutella spread. Please do always check the packaging on any product regardless of your own child's allergies as these can affect those around them.

We do have six Epi-Pens located around the school for emergency usage if we were ever to need them.

We work hard to source well-balanced home cooked meals daily for the children, with all our produce locally sourced. Please familiarise yourself with our school menus on the website. As well as lunch time we also encourage you to evaluate the food items that you provide your child with for breaktime snack and keep these within a healthy variety.

### **EY-J1 Moving-Up Coffee Morning**

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June there will be a Coffee Morning held in the School Hall for parents of current children that are moving up to J1 in September.

Mr Price, Mrs Langton and members of the J1 teaching team will be there to discuss the move up to J1 and answer any questions you may have. There will also be an opportunity to view the J1 classroom.

## **Environment**

### **Tiny Tots**

Our Tiny Tots session will recommence on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May between 9:00-10:00 and our last session will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. These sessions are run in the Early Years

classroom for prospective parents and sessions are charged at £5 per child. Please see the website for further details.

### **Individual and Form Photographs**

The photographer will be in school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May. All children should, by then, be wearing their full Summer uniform, including blazers. The girls should have their Summer dresses, white socks and red shoes. The boys should have their yellow polo shirts, grey shorts and grey school socks.

### **Prom on the Pitch**

Prom on the Pitch is a fabulous way to round off our school year. This annual event takes place on our Merton field and is guaranteed to entertain everyone. There will be a live band and DJ. Further details to follow. Our themes this year is "World Music".

*Merton Court - "To promote traditional values in a safe, exciting and stimulating environment, giving each individual child the best possible start to their learning journey."*

*Aims and Ethos – Merton Court School*

## **Diary of events:**

**30<sup>th</sup> April** – EY trip to Greenwich Maritime Museum

**27<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May** – Games week

**1<sup>st</sup> May** – National costume Day “We are the World”

**4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> May** – Maths week

**8<sup>th</sup> May** – Maths Hat Day

**11<sup>th</sup> May** – Individual and Class photos (all children in full Summer uniform)

**25<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May** – Half Term

**5<sup>th</sup> June** – Festival of Music

**16<sup>th</sup> June** – EY Parents’ Evening

**17<sup>th</sup> June** – EY/J1 Transition morning 9am

**19<sup>th</sup> June** – Father’s Day sports afternoon. More information to follow.

**25<sup>th</sup> June** – EY/J1 Sports Day 9:15am

**7<sup>th</sup> July** – Moving up day (for the children)

**9<sup>th</sup> July** – Prom on the Pitch 6pm-9pm

**10<sup>th</sup> July** – Last day of term finish at 12pm

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

Kind regards

Miss Amphlett, Mrs Richardson and the Early Years Team.

