



WELCOME YEAR 4 INFORMATION MEETING

WE HOPE YOUR CHILD HAS SETTLED IN
WELL AND IS ENJOYING THE YEAR SO FAR.

THE YEAR 4 TEAM



- Badgers - Miss Rowley & Miss Atkinson-Coates
- Foxes - Miss Parkin & Mrs Fortnum

On Wednesday afternoons, the children will be taught by Mrs Scotney and Mrs Johnson while the Year 4 teachers have their PPA time.

School Values

Respectful

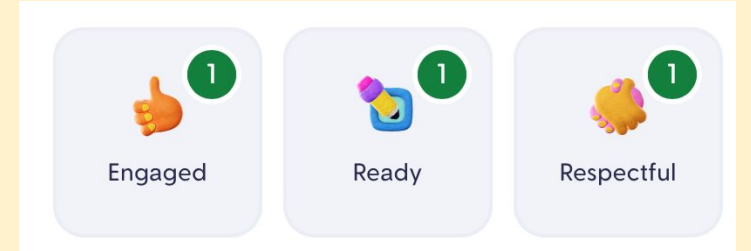
Engaged

Ready

Dojo



We use class dojo to reward children for their work, effort and behaviour.



These rewards reflect our Merley school values.

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Behaviour

Code 1 - Un-Social Behaviour Low level disruption in class or on the playground	Code 2 - Un-Social Behaviour Disruption of lesson / playtime activities	Code 3 - Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention of other children learning / playing in peace
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Reminder

Moved to a separate space for 5 minutes

Moved to another classroom for 5 minutes
Time with SLT to reflect on behaviour at playtime/lunchtime.

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Uniform

	Acceptable
Trousers or shorts	Grey tailored school trousers School conventional material Trousers full length
Jumper or school sweatshirt or school cardigan	Royal blue with school logo
Polo shirt	Plain white
Skirts	Grey knee length skirts
Pinafore	Grey knee length dress
Summer dress	Blue and white striped or checked dress – knee length
Socks and tights	Plain grey, black or white socks Plain grey, black or white opaque or knitted tights
Shoes	Traditional black and low heeled <u>school</u> shoes Velcro, laces, buckle or slip on only

	Acceptable	Not Acceptable
PE T-shirt	Blue with school logo	No brand names or logos
PE Jumper	Same as school jumper or Navy or black – for use in cold weather	No brand names or logos Fleece
Shorts	Navy or black or white	No brand names or logos Fashion sports wear
Trainers	Non-marking Supportive footwear Lace or Velcro fastening	Plimsolls
Tracksuit trousers	Navy or black – for use in cold weather	No brand names or logos



Attendance



Attendance is monitored by the school and BCP (data shared daily)

The national expectation is that children's attendance will be 95% or above (in Initio we are ambitious for all and the expectation is 96%)

The threshold at which penalties must be considered is any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks (2 sessions = 1 day)

8:45-8:55 register open and children expected to arrive

8:55-9:15 late

After 9:15 unauthorised absence recorded (this counts towards the 10 sessions)

Overall attendance level	Number of days lost each year	Impact on child's education
97%+	5 days or less	These children have every chance to make really strong progress at school.
95%	10 days	These children benefit from strong overall attendance and are well placed to make good progress at school. We aim for every child to have at 96% attendance overall.
90%	19 days	Children in this group are missing a month of school per year; it will be difficult for them to achieve their best
85%	29 days	Children in this group are missing six weeks of school per year; there is a real risk that this lower attendance will hinder children's progress. Absence below 90% is considered to be persistent absenteeism.
80%	38 days	Children in this group are missing a year of school over five years of education. They are not benefitting from their right to be educated. Parents / carers of young people in this group could be issued with a penalty notice.





Growing together to build our future...

Year 4 Learning Experiences

Autumn Term

Roman Britain



Summer Term

Ancient Egyptians



Spring Term

Habitats

We have a new handwriting scheme this year which focuses the following:



Making bodies stronger	Learning the letters	Holding the pencil	Flow and fluency
Physical strengthening of the body	Dynamic movements for learning letter shapes	Optimal pencil hold for speed and legibility	Speed and stamina developed
Motor and spatial preparation	Sensory experiences for memory and recall	Diagnostic photos for addressing issues	Economy of movement and use of rhythm for speed
			Joining letters in a 12 week programme

Parent information meeting in January.

PE & Games

- **PE for Year 4 is on Wednesday (Indoor PE) and Thursday (Outdoor PE)**
- Please name all kit.
- No jewellery or earrings (or these must be taped)
- Year 4 will have sessions of **Outdoor Adventurers** during the summer term on a Monday beginning 12th May.

PGL - OSMINGTON BAY



- Monday 30th June 2024 - Wednesday 2nd July 2025
- Children placed into groups of 10 -12 and will have a selection of activities throughout the day accompanied with MFS staff and specialist PGL staff
 - Raft building, climbing, tunnelling, giant swing, quad biking, zip wire **AND MORE!**
- Evening activities provided by PGL staff
- Rooms allocated to groups of 4
- **Separate information evening with further details will take place on 21st October at 2:45pm.**

Every Day Counts - Every Book Counts



Reading books will be changed every Monday and Thursday.
(Please make sure the children have their reading book with them on these days so we can change their books).

*Children will receive one book on each of these days.

***Just 5 mins reading a day is 900 mins reading per school year you can really make a difference.**
Reading is the fastest way to build vocabulary - children can learn between **4000 and 12 000 words per year** through reading.

If you read just **20 mins a day you'll read 1, 800 000 words per year** and all that reading will pay off, as children who read a million words per year are often in the **top 2% of reading achievement**.

So every day every book really does count.

Love to Read



To support your child's reading further your child will also bring home a

'Love to Read' book

which will be chosen each week by them from our school library.

This book is for you to read to your child and for you and your child to

enjoy together.

By sharing this book together, talking about the story, characters, exploring vocabulary and asking questions you will be **supporting their understanding, developing their comprehension skills and widening their vocabulary.**

Homework at Merley First School

At Merley we are placing huge significance on the value and benefits of reading and vocabulary. This will be our sole focus for homework for this term and we would really appreciate your support with this.

Homework KS2

- Daily reading
- Spellings sent home to be learnt - this will be key words and/or words linked to previously taught spelling lessons.
- In addition, pupils will be required to practise their times tables to help secure number facts and prepare them for calculation.

Google Classroom

- All the children have a Google Classroom login.
- Home learning will be posted on Google Classroom every Friday to be completed by the following Thursday.



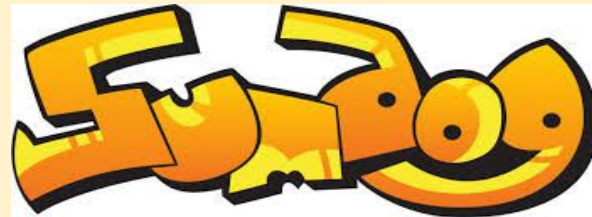
HELPING AT HOME

HOME LEARNING

- SumDog
- Daily reading (independent or with parents/carers)
- Spellings
- Times tables
- Books to be returned on a Monday and Thursday

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

- Discussing words and stories
- Giving your child first-hand experiences
- Having quality time together
- Writing whenever possible
- Watching the news (Newsround)
- Using Maths when shopping or cooking together
- Talking about how/ why things work in the world around them (Science)
- Having fun!



Communication

Morning drop off	Pass quick messages to school staff.
End of day pick -up, once all pupils have been safely dismissed	Arrange meetings. Ask questions. Pass on more detailed information.
Parent Mail	Communicate pupil absence.
E-mail to the school office office@merleyfirstschool.org	Inform teachers and staff of non-urgent matters. Ask questions. Schedule meetings with staff. Advise staff of regular or one-off pupil collection arrangements.
Telephone 01202 888455	Communicate urgent information. Request for a member of staff to contact you.

Merley PTA

Merley Parent Teacher Association was reformed last year.

We are very excited to have a PTA who are passionate about finding ways to celebrate our amazing school and community and provide those special extras for our children.

ALL parents/carers are welcome to attend meetings and all support is welcomed.



merleypta@gmail.com

KEY DATES



- **Christmas Performance to parents** - Monday 16th December 2024
- **Lantern Church Visit** - Tuesday 17th December 2024
- **Bikeability Level 1** - Monday 30th October and Tuesday 22nd October 2024
- **Bikeability Level 2** - Monday 3rd March - Friday 14th March 2025
- **Outdoor adventurers** - 7 week block on a Monday afternoon from 12th May - 7th July.
Each class will go out for a whole afternoon on alternate weeks
- **PGL** - Monday 30th June 2025 - Wednesday 2nd July 2025
- **Leavers Show** - 16th and 17th July 2025

PE days

Wednesday (indoor) and
Thursdays (outdoor)