

Merley First School News

Autumn 2018 Number 2

Dear Parents and Carers

The term and new school year seems to be flying by and so much has been happening. The children have settled back into school in their new classes and it has been lovely seeing them involved in their learning, making new friendships and growing in confidence. Our Reception learners have settled in amazingly well. Thank you to all who attended the information evenings a reminder that all information shared is on our school website.

It's hard to believe that we are fast approaching half term. During this term the children have experienced a wide variety of learning. Our Year 3 children went to The Ancient Technology centre at Cranborne. Our Year 1 children went shopping at Waitrose and on Friday they had their picnic. Year 2 visited the Priest House museum as part of their learning experience on Toys



Dropping off in the Morning

Please can I remind everyone that children should not be dropped off in the morning and left unattended in the school playground as there are no staff on duty. Doors open at 8.45am and close at 9am. If you arrive after 9.00am you will need to sign your child in via the school office.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th October

Parents Evening

Friday 19th October

End of Half Term 3.15pm

Monday 29th October

Staff Training

Tuesday 30th October

School reopens

Thursday 1st November

Individual and Sibling Photographs

Thursday 29th November

Jack and the Beanstalk - Pantomime

Friday 30th November

Non Uniform Day - MSA

Tuesday 11th December

Year 4 Performing at the Lantern Church

Thursday 13th December

Year 4 at Canford Church Parents Welcome

Friday 14th December

Children's Bazaar

Monday 17th December

9.30 & 2.00 Reception and Y1

Nativity

6.00pm Year 2 and 3 Carol Concert

Thursday 20th December

Christmas Party Day

Friday 21st December

End of term 1. 15pm

Monday 7th January

Staff Training

Tuesday 8th January

School Reopens for Children

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Welcome

After half term we have a new Teaching Assistant starting. Miss Kyprianou will be working in the afternoons across all the year groups.

ELSA/Family Support

Mrs Phillips and Mrs Atkinson-Coates are our new ELSA's and Family Support Workers (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants)

ELSA covers all aspects of emotional well-being, including:

- Friendship and social skills
- Self-esteem
- Loss and bereavement
- Anger management
- Recognising emotions in themselves and others

Please contact Mrs Phillips or Mrs Atkinson-Coates if you would like any advice or think your child would benefit from support, especially if family circumstances have created change.

NSPCC Staying Safe

Today the children had an assembly held by the NSPCC on how to stay safe. To support the work of the NSPCC the children will also be coming home today with a sponsor form to help raise money for the work of the NSPCC. As a school we have decided to hold a danceathon on Wednesday 31st October. During the day we will play music and the children will have to dance for the duration of the piece. Sponsorship forms with the money need to be returned by Tuesday 6th November as the NSPCC will return to collect them. Thank you for your support.

Parking

A couple of our neighbours have contacted us about how our parents are parking in Harrier Drive. Please can I ask that you do not park over peoples drive ways, even for a short time. Also can I remind you about not parking in the school car park without prior permission. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Sport

On Monday a group of year 4 children went to Allenbourn Middle School to take part in a Netball and Multi skills Festival. This is one of five events that our children will be taking part in during the year. Our school football team also took part in a tournament and won all their games. Well done.

A note about safeguarding....

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our children please contact the school to speak to Jane Phillips (Designated Safeguarding Lead), Carolyn Waldron (Deputy DSL). The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.