

Merley First School

Summer 2019 Number 7

Dear Parents and Carers

The Summer Term is well underway now with half-term fast approaching and it has been a busy few weeks.

Reception Canopy

The canopy over the Reception outdoor area has now been completed and looks lovely and colourful. The staff are now busy improving the outdoor facilities and equipment for the children so that they can enjoy their time outside even more.

Goodbye to Mrs Hashtroudi

As some of you may be aware, Mrs Hashtroudi has been absent on long-term sick leave for a number of weeks and has decided to take early retirement. We are all very sad to say goodbye but wish her a long and happy retirement. Our thanks go to her for all she has done for our Reception children over the past thirteen years.

For your information...

Di Hyler (Family Outreach Worker) and Kim Burton (School Nurse) are going to do a joint drop-in session for parents on Wednesday 10th July at 9am. Both will be able to give parents advice on sleep issues and also preparing children towards the end of the holidays for returning to school.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 24th May Half Term @ 3.15pm

Monday 3rd June

Return to School - Art Week!

Thursday 13th June

New Reception Intake Meeting 6-7pm

Friday 14th June

Mufti Day for the Summer Sizzler

Wednesday 19th June

Sport's Day (AM Y1-4, PM-Reception)

Thursday 20th June Theatre Production

Friday 21st June (Reserve Sport's Day)

Summer Sizzler 5-8pm

Tuesday 25th June

Year 4 to Lantern - story reading

Thursday 4th July

Reports go out to parents

Friday 5th July Transfer Day

Tuesday 9th July

Year 3 trip to Winchester Science Centre

Thursday 11th July

Year 1 trip to the Sea Life Centre

Friday 12th July

Pyjamarama Day

Monday 15th/Tuesday 16th July

Year 4 Leavers Show 6-8pm

Tuesday 16th July

Year 2 trip to Brownsea Island

Monday 22nd July

Year 4 trip to Marwell

Tuesday 23rd July

End of Term @ 1.15pm

Attendance to end of April 2019

Butterflies 96.7% Ladybirds 96.0% Robins 96.9% Sparrows 96.3%

Hedgehogs 96.5% Rabbits 97.0% Kestrels 96.9% Owls 97.9%

Badgers 98.2% Foxes 97.2% Whole school 97.0%

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Events in School

Reception visit to New Forest

At the start of the term, our Reception children enjoyed a visit to the New Forest where they explored the environment in groups and were really excited to meet and find out about the wolves and lynxes.

Odyssey Dome

The MSA organised a visit to school from Space Odyssey inflatable planetarium. All children visited the dome and learned about space, the planets, space exploration and much more. It was very much enjoyed by all and we would like to thank the MSA for organising this event.

Mad 4 Animals

We were fortunate to enjoy a visit from Mad 4 Animals in which the children were introduced to various unusual animals including a corn snake, a barn owl, a cockroach, giant snails and a tarantula. Some of our children were brave enough to hold these creatures and we all learned some interesting and surprising facts about them. The presentation was both funny and informative but also had a serious message about how our fears are learned and that we are often frightened by things which cannot really harm us. Our congratulations go to Mrs Simmonds who was brave enough to hold the tarantula even though she is scared of spiders!

PGL

A couple of weeks ago, 60 children and 7 staff went to Osmington Bay in Weymouth for an action packed three days. The children went on the zip wire, built rafts and then sailed them in the sea, went quad-biking and the favourite was the giant swing. The children were a credit to our school and fun was had by all, even the staff got actively involved!



Transfer Day

On **Friday 5th July** all children will spend part of the morning in their new classes meeting their new teachers. After school you are more than welcome to come in and meet your child's new teacher and see what class they are in. Our Year 4'S will spend the day at their new Middle Schools.

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 Carolyn Waldron (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mike Wheeler (Deputy DSL). The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and sunny half-term holiday!