Growing Together

Merridale Primary School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,
Please see below for school news and updates.

After School Clubs
Clubs run for every week this term from Week beginning Monday 25th April until the week beginning Monday 11th July.

Food Bank Friday

We will be holding our next Food Bank Friday collection on Friday 29th April – If you are able to donate any items, please send them into school on the morning of the 29th. The Friday Food Bank collection is a great way to help those in need across our city so please help to support us in this if you can.

Parent Ambassadors
We have now recruited three parent ambassadors. If you have any questions or queries that they might be able to help you with, please come to school and ask for Margaret, Usha or Hajra and they will be happy to help.

Spring term prize winners

Well done to our Spring term prize winners! These children worked hard throughout the spring term to demonstrate outstanding achievement and progress.

Attendance Winners: Spring term
Well done to Year 5 who had the best overall attendance for the Spring term. They very much enjoyed their treat of lunch and bowling before the Easter holidays.

FRED for Reception, Year 1 and 2
Our special FRED launch event (Fathers Reading Every Day) will be held at school on Saturday 30th April at 10am. Any dads, uncles, granddads or male family members are welcome to come along to the special event to receive their FREE goodies!

Year 5 class assembly
On Wednesday 23rd March, Year 5 presented an excellent class assembly about the Egyptians. The children worked really hard to put on an informative and entertaining assembly. Well done Year 5!

Sponsored Spell
We are pleased to announce that our Sponsored Spell event raised over £300. Thank you to all of the children and their families who worked hard to learn their spellings and get sponsorship!

Home Learning Packs: Kings and Queens
All children in Years 1-6 have now received their Spring Home Learning Packs. Please complete the tasks and send them back to school no later than Friday 10th June.

Summer Fair Friday 17th June
Preparations are getting underway for our annual Summer fair. We are still desperately in need of volunteers to help with the planning, preparation and to help run stalls on the day. The fair will take place after school on Friday 17th June. If you are able to offer any help, please contact Mrs Towle at school or drop us an e-mail: office@merridaleprimary.co.uk and someone will contact you.

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Attendance and Punctuality

We continue to strive for our whole school attendance to stay above 95%! Well done to all of the children who have achieved this so far this year.

For the school year so far (September to April)

Whole school: 95.2%
Reception: 91.5%
Year 1: 95.5%
Year 2: 95.3%
Year 3: 95.9%
Year 4: 94.9%
Year 5: 97.2%
Year 6:95%

The class with the highest attendance for the **Summer term** will enjoy a FREE trip to Hollywood Bowl with lunch included.

We recently sent out our half termly "attendance updates" for individual pupils so that you can see your child's current attendance. Please let us know if you didn't receive your child's attendance update.

As you are aware, we are unable to authorise any absences from school for families wishing to take their children out of school during term time. Currently the fine for this from the Local Authority stands at £60 per child per parent. Please can I also remind you that your child's school place will be at risk of being filled by a child on the current waiting list if your child is absent from school during term time without authorisation.

Courteous and Legal Car Parking

Please can I ask that parents and carers park courteously when dropping off and collecting children from school. Many local residents have complained that they are unable to use their driveways as they have been blocked by parked cars. It is illegal to block drop-down kerbs and I have asked local traffic officers to continue to monitor this.

Please can I also remind you that the school car park is for **staff** use only.

Term Dates

Week beginning Monday 25th April: After school clubs commence.
Wednesday 27th April 3.15pm: Year 6 parent/carers meeting for Pioneer Centre residential visit
Thursday 28th April: Year 4 and 5 visit to WGHS
Thursday 28th April 9.15am: Year 1 class assembly. Y1 parents, carers and families welcome to attend.
Friday 29th April: Friday Food Bank collection
Saturday 30th April 10am: FRED launch event for Reception, Year 1 and 2
Monday 2nd May: May bank holiday: School closed
Thursday 5th May: Election Day: School closed to pupils
Friday 6th May: Year 2 and 4 visit to Ray's Farm
WB 9th May: Year 6 SATs week (Monday –Thursday)
Monday 16th-Wednesday 18th May: Year 6 residential visit to The Pioneer Centre
Thursday 19th May: School photographer in school
Thursday 19th May: Year 3 Souper Celebration for parents and carers
Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June: Half term.
Thursday 9th June: Year 5 trip to Sycamore Green Adventure
Friday 10th June: Year 3 to Fun Run event
Friday 10th June: Last day for home learning packs to be returned to school: Kings and Queen
Monday 13th June – Thursday 16th June 3.15-4pm: BOOK FAIR in school
Friday 17th June 3.30-5pm: Summer Fair
Wednesday 22nd June 9.15am: Reception class assembly. Reception parents, carers and families welcome to attend.
Thursday 23rd June: School closed to pupils due to European Referendum voting day.
Friday 24th June: Year 4 visit to Sea Life Centre
Wednesday 29th June 1.30pm: Sports Day. Parents, carers and families welcome to attend.
Thursday 30th June 1.30pm: Reserve Sports Day.
Friday 8th July: Merridale's Got Talent
Week Beginning Monday 11th July: Enterprise Week
Friday 15th July 2pm: Enterprise week sale at school for parents, carers and family.
Week beginning Monday 18th July: No after school clubs this week.
Wednesday 20th July 9.30am: Year 6 Leaver's Play for Year 6 parents, carers and family.
Thursday 21st July: Summer disco
Friday 22nd July: School closes for Summer holidays at 3.15pm.
Monday 5th September: INSET day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6th September: School re-opens to pupils for the Autumn term.