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Merridale Primary School

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,
As we near the end of the academic year, we would like to share some of our school events over the last half term.

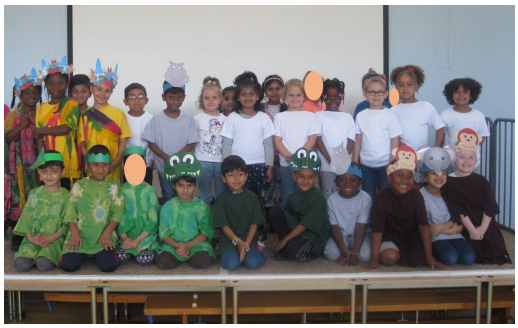
Year 5 Class Assembly

On Thursday 9th May, we were treated to a fun and informative class assembly from Year 5 as they took us back to the 60s with their "This is your life" assembly. We enjoyed learning about key events and people from history through their performances. Well done Year 5.

School Council
On Thursday 2nd May, we held our School Council elections where pupils were given the opportunity to choose their class representatives (Year 2-5) for the next academic year. Pupils were selected by their class mates after delivering their own campaign presentations. We look forward to continuing to representing our pupil voices through this forum.

Year 6 SATs
Well done to our Year 6 pupils on their conduct and attitude during their test week in May. The children worked incredibly hard throughout the four days of testing and we were incredibly proud of their determination and motivation throughout this challenging week. Well done year 6!

Year 1 Class Assembly



On Thursday 23rd May, we were entertained by Year 1's "Enormous Crocodile" assembly. Children showcased their drama and singing skills and demonstrated all that they have learned and enjoyed about this story.

Year 1 & 2 Theatre visit

On Thursday 23rd May our Year 1 and 2 classes visited the Arena Theatre to see "The Flying Bath". The children enjoyed the story, which was told through puppets.

Cricket team success!
On Tuesday 21st May our cricket team played their Wolverhampton league matches, winning all three! This takes them through to the City Finals in June. The team played brilliantly and represented the school well with their behaviour and attitude. Well done team!

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Attendance and Punctuality

We continue to strive for our whole school attendance to stay above 96%! Well done to all of the children who have achieved this so far this year.

Each child will receive a personalised attendance update letter this week – please let school know if you do not receive one for your child.

For the school year so far (September to May)

Whole school: 95.5%

Reception: 93.4%
Year 1: 94.4%
Year 2: 94.9%
Year 3: 95.5%
Year 4: 96.2%
Year 5: 97.2%
Year 6: 96.9%

The class with the highest attendance at the end of this term will enjoy a special treat.

Can I remind you of the importance of children attending school every day unless they are unwell. If your child is ill, please telephone the school office to inform them on the first day of absence.

Reception to Year 6 Children can come straight into the school building between 8.40am and 8.50am each morning where they will be supervised by school staff. From 8.50am, children must enter school through the main office at the front of the building and they will be classed as late.

All children must be collected by an adult from school at 3.15pm unless they have permission to walk home alone. We appreciate your support in this.

Our attendance policy states that we are unable to authorise any absence for family holiday, trips or visits. If you wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see Mr Lane. Patterns of poor attendance and punctuality will be followed-up by the school's educational welfare officer to look at ways of reducing these instances. If you require any support with these areas, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Families taking unauthorised absences are referred to the Local Authority who will look at each case and decide whether to take legal action, resulting in a fine.

Term Dates

Wednesday 5th June 2pm—Reception new intake meeting
Thursday 6th June: Year 5 & 6 Wolverhampton Art Gallery visit
Thursday 6th June: Book Fair Twitter competition closes
Friday 7th June: Photographer in school
Monday 10th June –Thursday 13th June: Book fair in school 3.15-4pm each day
WB 10th June: Year 1 Phonic check week
Thursday 13th June: Year 1 visit to Cosford
Thursday 13th June 2.30pm: Year 4 Discover show-case for parents and carers
Friday 14th June: Food Bank Friday collection
Friday 14th June: Year 6 Archives visit
Tuesday 18th June: Year 3 Wightwick visit
Wednesday 19th June: Messy Church session 3.30-5pm
Thursday 20th June 9.15am: Year 2 class assembly (parents, carers and family are invited to attend).
Thursday 20th June 2.45pm: Year 1 Discover show-case for parents and carers
Friday 21st June: Year 2 visit to Bantock House
Tuesday 25th June 2.30pm: Year 2 Discover showcase for parents and carers
Wednesday 26th June 2pm: Reception class assembly (parents, carers and family are invited to attend).
Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th June: Year 6 Borth residential
Thursday 27th June 8.45am: School nurse drop-in session for parents and carers
Friday 28th June: Year 4 visit to Sea Life Centre and Lego Discover Centre
Monday 1st July 2.30pm: Year 3 Discover showcase for parents and carers
WB 1st July: Enterprise Week
Tuesday 2nd July 2.30pm: Year 4 wider opportunities music performance for parents and carers
Wednesday 3rd July : Book Swap in school
Wednesday 3rd July: Reception class visit to Rays Farm
Friday 5th July 2pm: Enterprise Week sale for parents, carers and family
WB 8th July: Healthy Living week and Daily Mile
Wednesday 10th July 1.45pm: Reception – Year 6 Sports day
Thursday 11th July 1.45pm: Reserve Sports Day
Friday 12th July: Merridale's Got Talent
Friday 12th July 9.15am: Year 6 Discover showcase for parents and carers
Friday 12th July : Last day for Nursery pupils
WB 15th July: No after school clubs this week
Wednesday 17th July 9.30am: Year 6 Leaver's Play for parents, carers and family
Wednesday 17th July: Year 6 leaver's party after school
Thursday 18th July: Summer Disco
Friday 19th July 3.15pm: School closes to pupils for Summer holidays
Monday 22nd July: INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 23rd July – Friday 30th August: Summer Holidays
Monday 2nd September: INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 3rd September: School re-opens to pupils