



Merryhills Primary School



News from Mrs Motley

Welcome back to all pupils, staff and parents.



The new soft start arrangements seem to have brought calmness to the start of the school day with children coming in and ready for learning. The doors open at 8.45am and the school day will still begin at 8.50am.

The idea of this new system is to reduce congestion coming into school, ease traffic and allow your children to come in calmly.

The bell will ring at 8.55am, if you hear this, you are late!

School Uniform

Please can I remind all children that they should be wearing the correct uniform and that headbands with ears on should not be worn in school. This is a health and safety issue as the ear part is quite sharp and hard. The picture is an example of the headband.



Boys and Girls must wear shoes and not boots. Please remember as the weather gets colder, warm coats will need to be worn.

Please check your Curriculum Over view for P.E days as all children should have a PE Kit in school.

Medical

If your child has a new medical condition or there are changes that we need to know about, please inform our Medical Team. If your child is asthmatic, please ensure an up-to-date inhaler is in school. For any other conditions, please ensure any medical medication/equipment needed is logged and with our Medical team.

Risk Assessments

If your child has experienced an injury inside or outside of school it is good practice to complete a risk assessment. Please can you notify the school as soon as possible so that we can book an appointment to complete the Risk Assessment with you and your child.

Together, we want to ensure that your child is safe and want them back into school as soon as possible. However, while we will endeavour to do this assessment as soon as possible, but there may be times when you may have to wait before your child can return to school. Please be patient as we want to do things right and follow procedure.

Contact Details

If your phone number or address has changed over the summer holidays, please inform the school immediately as it is crucial that we have the most up to date information. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Dinners

Please ensure that there is sufficient money in your account to allow your child to have a School Meal. If your child is changing meals, please notify the school office of the changes on a Monday. If there is not sufficient money in your account, your child may be refused a school meal. Please ensure it does not come to this as we all have a duty of care.

It is a waste of everyone's time to have to chase up debts. If you went to Sainsbury's, you would not get a loaf of bread for free or have it in advance!

The price of school meals are £2.30 per day/£11.50 per week.

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Reminders

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT**

Please join us for
coffee and a cake
sale on Friday 28 Sept
from 9.00am.

Entry £3 for tea/
coffee/cold drink
and cake.

Donations of cakes
and biscuits, shop
bought or home-
made, will be grate-
fully received.

On the day children
are invited to wear
non-uniform and as
much green as they
can in support of
Macmillan, for a £1
donation.

All proceeds to Mac-
millan cancer sup-
port.

PS Little ones, nans,
granddads etc are all
welcome

Thank you for your
support



Excellence

Equality

Determination

Creativity

Confidence

Cooperation

Friendship

Happiness

Honesty

Independence

Respect

Self Belief

Posting Box

As you are all aware, mornings are very busy in the entrance lobby!

If you are waiting to hand in permission slips/forms/ medical appointment /absence information etc (or anything that does not need to be discussed), there is a post box on the wall by the window.

Please use this box: it is emptied every day and will save you time waiting in a queue and alleviate congestion.

Alternatively, you can give the notes to your child who will hand them in when they arrive in their classroom. The information is then sent to the school office.

Volunteers / Parent Helpers

Can you spare anytime during the school day to come and listen to children read?. If so, please contact Mr Hudson. We will give you an induction and you would also need to complete a DBS application.

Secondary Transfer

If you have a child in Year 5 or 6, we will be hosting a Secondary Transfer Meeting on **Wednesday 19 September at 9.00am** in the hall. **All Year 6** parents will receive an information pack from the Local Authority. The deadline for your application is 31 October 2018 for Year 6 parents.

Year 1 & 2 Curriculum Morning – Friday 5 October 2018 at 9.00am

We would like to invite all Year 1 and Year 2 parents to an information session about the expectations of learning in Year 1 and 2.

This session will inform parents of the curriculum, statutory assessments and strategies to help at home. If you are unable to make this session, the PowerPoint presentation and any hand-outs will be available from our website.

The session will take place in our school hall. Please wait at the Year 1 entrance doors where you will be greeted by Jennie Keown or Mr Hudson, who will be delivering the session. We look forward to seeing you then.

Merryhills Parliament- 24 September- Speeches for Election

Merryhills is proud to announce their very own school parliament! This is an opportunity to hear the views of all pupils through a democratic process.

Year 2 to Year 5

Each class has 4 class councillors. The councillors are responsible for collecting the views and issues raised in their classes.

The Councillors will prepare their speech and the class will vote for them. These speeches will take place the **week of 24 September**. If your child would like to stand to be a Councillor, please support them in this process.

Year 6

In Year 6, instead of councillors, each class has three MPs (Members of Parliament) who lead their council in bi-weekly meetings. They take minutes and chair the meeting, supported by a member of staff.

The MPs will be 3 from each class. Year 6 pupils will vote for the MPs from their class. This will take place the week of the **24 September**.

The Prime Minister and Deputy will be chosen from the group of MPs. They will meet with the Headteacher each half term.

A special 'Polling Day' will take place to vote for the councillors and MPs. Children will visit the school hall to vote on ballot papers and enter into a box. The Councillors can also select a Prime Minister and Deputy who will oversee the Councillors.

These are some of the themes that will be discussed during the meetings: Charity, Global, Community, Pupil Voice, Healthy Life styles.

This system will replace House Captains, as this will give children an opportunity to learn about our democratic system and British Values which are part of our curriculum.