



A message from Mr Hudson

As we approach the end of term and turn our minds to September. As I mentioned last week, we are carefully planning all arrangements for what school will look like. The Government expects all children to return in September and at Merryhills we share this expectation. Please note that the school has two INSET days on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September. I very much hope to be able to share with you our plans for September by the end of next week. Obviously, all plans will be reviewed and confirmed over the summer holidays. Current data for Enfield shows that there is a downward trend of confirmed virus cases and that the excess mortality rate in Enfield has now fallen below the 5 year average. This is very positive news. Once we do return in September, like with the rest of the world around us, there will be changes in how we operate. Children's seating arrangements may change, year groups will be kept apart in 'bubbles' and our lunchtime arrangements will be different. With around 200 children now in school each day, we are already making these changes and I am pleased to say the children are adapting very well. Our children are resilient people and at Merryhills we have amazing staff. I don't doubt we will make the 'new normal' a success and it will be great to see the community back together. I will send full details of all changes to parents as well as sending a presentation home for children to look at before they return in September.

Value of the half term: Curiosity

"Question like a child, reason like an adult and write like a sage"

Chriss Jami



Hello/Goodbye

We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming our Year 3's back into school yesterday and had a great turnout of children. It was so nice to see you back! Next week we will be looking forward to seeing the rest of the year groups. Please check the school website if you are unsure of the time your class is attending. We hope the weather is kind to us, however please come in a coat and suitable shoes as we'll endeavor to hold these events outside. At the event, you will be taking home any PE kits and items left in trays.



Well-being

As a family, think of all the good things to come out of lockdown:

- *More family meals together
- *Siblings helping each other with school work
- *More time to talk to each other
- *An adult has helped teach you things you didn't know before



Congratulations

I am delighted to inform our families, that after a year as acting Assistant Headteachers, Mrs J Organ and Miss Charles have been appointed in a permanent role. Mrs O'Shea has also been appointed as the School Office Manager. These three colleagues are highly valued members of the team and have contributed significantly to the success of the school this year. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing them congratulations!



Classical Music Recommendations...

- *Elgar Enigma Variations
- *Rachmaninov Symphony No. 2 (The Rock)
- *Mozart Symphony No. 40
- *Brahm's Violin Concerto
- *Luciano Pavarotti - Nessun Dorma



5 to Try...

- 1 - Learn the alphabet backwards
- 2 - Send a letter to a grandparent
- 3 - Build a castle out of Lego
- 4 - Design a board game and play it with your family
- 5 - Summer Reading Challenge



Notice Board

* The final day of 'bubbles' in school will be:

Reception: Wednesday 15th July

Year 6: Tuesday 14th July

Year 1: Wednesday 15th July

Key Workers: Friday 17th July

