



# Merrydale Junior School

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## **WEEKLY UPDATE - 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

Dear Parent/Carers

It was so lovely to see all the children returning to school on Tuesday. We would like to welcome our new year 3 children; they have settled well into school life at Merrydale Juniors and no doubt they will be very tired after their first week at school. We have had excellent attendance and are sure that this will improve even more next week.

**Dropping off/Collection** – We are constantly looking at ways we can help to improve the collection of children after school and may ask you to collect and wait in different areas. Please bear with us, staff will always be on hand to help direct you.

**Parking** – Thank you to all the parents who are parking away from the school gates and walking to school. It gets very congested on Claydon Road so for the safety of all the children, parents and staff may we politely remind you to park away from the school gates. Please do not drop your child off and park your car in the middle of the road.

**Masks** - Most parents are being very supportive about wearing your masks on premises, thank you. This has been introduced for everyone's safety so please do wear a mask for the short time you are dropping off/collection your child.

**Please be polite to staff - we are there to help!**

**Attendance** - If your child is fit and healthy, they must attend school as normal. If they are unwell you must follow usual attendance procedures by calling the school office on 0116 276 7708 by 9.15am each day your child is ill, giving the reason for the absence.

If your child is unwell with any Covid type symptoms, please do not send them to school and call the school office for advice. A quick reference guide for Coronavirus related absences is on our website [https://www.merrydalejuniors.com/images/school/school\\_news/current\\_letters/Quick%20reference%20guide%20for%20parents%20on%20Covid%2019%20symptoms.pdf](https://www.merrydalejuniors.com/images/school/school_news/current_letters/Quick%20reference%20guide%20for%20parents%20on%20Covid%2019%20symptoms.pdf)

**Belongings** – We do not have much space in the classrooms so please do not send your child into school with large bags or pencil cases. All they need to bring in is their healthy snack, lunch box if they are not having a school dinner and their named water bottle. Teachers will let you know the days your child needs to bring in their PE kit.

**Medication** – If your child suffers with asthma, they must always have an inhaler in school. A medication consent form needs to be completed and they need to be added to our Asthma register. Any medication for you child needs a consent form. Please speak to the office for a form.



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**Reading books** – Please return the reading books that you were issued with last term as we need all these books returned as soon as possible. New reading books and homework books are currently hold. As soon as we are able to start sending books home again we will but in the meantime please try to encourage your child to read their own books at home.

**Twitter** - We will be sharing what we get up to in class & our learning on Twitter. Please see the class twitter names/accounts below and start looking out for our Tweets.

School: @MerrydaleJunior

**YR 3:**

3LS: @Merrydale3LS (Mrs Sharma) @MissesL\_3LS (Mrs Lawrence)

3AD: @Happy3AD

3EB: @Merrydale3EB

**YR 4:**

4CW: @class\_4CW

4FM: @Mrs\_Fairhurst (Mrs Fairhurst) @Ms\_Mason4FM (Ms Mason)

4KR: @KrRamjan4

**YR 5:**

5HH: @Mrs\_Hackett\_5HH

5LD: @MrsDavisY5

5TB: @Merrydale5TB

**YR 6:**

6LR: @6LRaymond

6ML: @class6ML

6AV: @6AV13

**Breakfast Club** – we have limited places in breakfast club and this will be available from 7.30am-8.30am every morning (entry via school office reception for breakfast club only). The cost is £3.50 and payment must be made on ParentPay. As places are limited, please do not just turn up, you will need to call the office to book in advance so we know how many children to cater for.

**Free School Meals** - If you think you may qualify for Free School Meals please call Leicester City Council on 0116 454 1009, option 3. You will need your national insurance number and they will tell you if you are eligible.

**School Dinners** for this week are as follows



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Roast Turkey & onion stuffing  
Parsley potatoes  
Cabbage  
Cauliflower

	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September
RED (Meat choice)	Salmon & spinach frittata Pasta spirals in tomato sauce Mixed salad Coleslaw	Chicken fillet served with sage and onion stuffing & gravy Creamed potatoes Seasonal vegetable medley	Organic lamb meatballs Rice Broccoli florets Carrot batons	Chicken curry Rice Cauliflower Carrots	Fishcake served with tomato ketchup Chips Baked beans Peas
BLUE (Halal choice)	Margherita pizza Jacket potato, Peas, Sweetcorn	Chicken fillet served with sage and onion stuffing & gravy Creamed potatoes Seasonal vegetable medley	Organic lamb meatballs Rice Broccoli florets Carrot batons	Chicken curry Rice Cauliflower Carrots	Fishcake served with tomato ketchup Chips Baked beans Peas
GREEN (Vegetarian choice)	Margherita pizza Jacket potato, Peas, Sweetcorn	Vegetable bolognese Spaghetti Seasonal vegetable medley	Cheese flan Boiled potatoes Broccoli florets Creamy coleslaw	Quorn tikka masala Rice Cauliflower Carrots	Vegetable finger Chips Baked beans Peas
<b>Dessert will be a handheld baked biscuit/cake or fruit choice.</b>					

	Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September
RED (Meat choice)	Pizza topped with tuna & sweetcorn Jacket wedges Sweetcorn Peas	Chicken pie & gravy Creamy mashed potatoes Broccoli florets Carrot batons	Organic lamb bolognese & Garlic bread Spaghetti Seasonal vegetable medley	Roast Turkey, served with sage & onion stuffing & gravy Parsley potatoes Cabbage Cauliflower	Battered fish served with a lemon wedge Chips Baked beans Peas
BLUE (Halal choice)	Margherita pizza Jacket potato Sweetcorn Peas	Chicken pie & gravy Creamy mashed potatoes Broccoli florets Carrot batons	Organic lamb bolognese & Garlic bread Spaghetti Seasonal vegetable medley	Roast Chicken, served with sage & onion stuffing & gravy Parsley potatoes, cabbage and cauliflower	Battered fish served with a lemon wedge Chips Baked beans Peas
GREEN (Vegetarian choice)	Margherita pizza Jacket potato Sweetcorn Peas	Quorn stir fry Rice Broccoli florets Carrot batons	Cheese & potato pie Seasonal vegetable medley	Country vegetable pie & gravy Potatoes in the skins Cabbage Cauliflower	Quorn dippers Chips Baked beans Peas
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All Year 3 parents, please remember that school hot meals are no longer free and will cost £2.30 (unless you are registered and qualify for Free School Meals). All meals need to be paid for on ParentPay as we no longer take cash at the school office.

**Webcast** – Merrydale is part of Discovery Schools Academy Trust and Paul Stone, CEO has arranged for some podcasts for Parents, the first session will take place at 7.00pm-8.00pm LIVE via Microsoft Teams which you will need downloaded on your device on Wednesday 9th September 2020 and will consist of both a presentation led by Paul Stone and David Briggs followed by a Q&A for parents. If you are unable to attend, the session will be recorded, and the link will be provided by your school.

[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_MWMwYTI5MWQqNTc1Yi00ZjQ0LTg4OTctM2IzMzEwZjY0ZDA0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22a9f3c5ed-5897-40fa-8267-6e3abc001a34%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22e620472c-c0c6-41e8-959b-f8ce680ac340%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atrue%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MWMwYTI5MWQqNTc1Yi00ZjQ0LTg4OTctM2IzMzEwZjY0ZDA0%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22a9f3c5ed-5897-40fa-8267-6e3abc001a34%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22e620472c-c0c6-41e8-959b-f8ce680ac340%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atrue%7d)

Instructions on how to access the webcast are in the attached letter.

**School Office** – As we need to reduce the access to the school site, there is no entry or exit to parents/carers or pupils via reception. If you need to speak a member of staff or the office, please call 0116 276 7708 or email [office@dsatmerrydale.org](mailto:office@dsatmerrydale.org) to make an appointment first. We will also be in the playground every morning to answer any questions.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely

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