



WEEKLY UPDATE – 18TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

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 and at the end of this update.

If your child has any symptoms of Coronavirus or you have any questions that you would like to ask us regarding this, please send all queries to covid@dsatmerrydale.org This inbox will be checked regularly, including out of hours.

If your child has normal cold symptoms like runny/blocked noses etc. we would urge that your child attends school. If you are unsure you can call the school office on 0116 276 7708 for advice.

Mrs O'Connor – Family Support Worker

Mrs Smith – SENDCo



If you would like to speak with Mrs O'Connor or Mrs Smith about your child's learning, questions you may have about the school or their class, family issues you would like help or advice on, you can contact the school office on 0116 276 7708 and we can arrange for an appointment to be made for you to speak with them.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Breakfast Club – we have spaces available in breakfast club and this will be open 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.

Outdoor Play Equipment - Unfortunately, due the current situation with Covid-19 we are still unable to use the outdoor play equipment. Please ensure that your children do not play on the equipment in the mornings or afternoons whilst they are waiting to enter or leaving school. We hope that the play area can be in use again in the near future but for now we appreciate your co-operation with this.

Computers/Internet - We are trying to help support learning for children at home and are currently carrying out a survey on computer and internet access. If you have not already completed the survey, please click the link

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7cXzqZdY-KCCZ246vAAaNE0SvIrNkXNPvsYVZMdUu9JUM0xJUZZNEEyTkVaVVJPTkhEV0hPVVU2Qy4u>





School admissions – Year 6 IMPORTANT - Families can now apply online for entry in 2021/22 for a secondary school place. The deadline for applying is **Saturday 31 October 2020**.

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/school-admissions/starting-secondary-school/>

We are holding sessions to help with completing your form on 29th September 2020 from 8:15am – 10:15am or on 13th October between 2:00pm – 4:00pm. Do not just turn up, you **MUST** book appointment by calling the school office on 0116 276 7708. **SPACES STILL AVAILABLE!**

Twitter - We will be sharing what we get up to in class & our learning on Twitter.

<https://twitter.com/merrydalejunior?lang=en>

Merrydale Blog

We would encourage all children visit the school blog www.merrydale.net – There are great weekly writing challenges for the children to enjoy!

PE Days – PE kits need to be in school

	W/C - 21/09/2020	W/C - 28/09/2020	W/C - 05/10/2020	W/C - 12/10/2020
Year 3	Monday	Monday	Monday	Monday
	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Tuesday
	Thursday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 5	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Friday	Friday	Friday	Friday
Year 6	Wednesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Tuesday
	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday	Thursday

ICT Acceptable use of school's ICT systems and Internet – **MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EVERY CHILD!**

Each year we ask Parents/Carers and children to read and sign the ICT Acceptable use agreement. This year we will be an online form. This is the link <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7cXzqZdY-kCCZ246vAAaNCANHphDf490iFMQpUSNVgpUNDJGVkIBMTg0WTM2ODBWOUJKS09MNTThUMy4u>

We ask that Parents/Carers sit with their child and explain what is expected of them at school to keep themselves and everyone else safe when using the internet.

ParentPay - Thank you to all Parents that have registered their ParentPay accounts. If you have not registered your account, we ask that you do this as soon as possible. The registration details have been sent out by email to Parents this week but if you need help or have any questions please call the school office staff on 0116 276 7708 who will be happy to help you. It is important that all Parents register even if your child does not have school dinners or receives free school meals as this will be the only way going forward to pay for any school trips/clubs breakfast club etc. and also consent forms will need to be completed on ParentPay.





Merrydale Junior School

Be the Best you can Be



Headteacher: Catriona Mugglestone

Deputy Head: Antony Corbett

School Meals – School hot meals cost **£2.30** per day and are paid on ParentPay. A copy of next week's menu is at the end of this newsletter. 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 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 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

C Mugglestone
Head Teacher



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Anti-bullying Community Award



School Dinners for next week are as follows:

	Monday 21 st September	Tuesday 22 nd September	Wednesday 23 rd September	Thursday 24 th September	Friday 25 th September
RED (Meat choice)	Farm assured Pork Sausages & Gravy Creamy mashed potatoes Carrot Batons Peas	Pizza with chicken & red peppers Pasta Twists Sweetcorn Creamy Coleslaw	Organic lamb lasagne Garlic Bread Salad Bar Selection Creamy Coleslaw	Roast Turkey, served with sage & onion stuffing & gravy Roast Potatoes Seasonal vegetable medley	Fish Fingers with tomato ketchup Chips Baked beans Peas
BLUE (Halal choice)	Chicken Sausages Creamy mashed potatoes Carrot Batons Peas	Pizza with chicken & red peppers Pasta Twists Sweetcorn Creamy Coleslaw	Organic lamb lasagne Garlic Bread Salad Bar Selection Creamy Coleslaw	Roast Chicken, served with sage & onion stuffing & gravy Roast Potatoes Seasonal vegetable medley	Fish Fingers with tomato ketchup Chips Baked beans Peas
GREEN (Vegetarian choice)	Vegetable Chilli Fajita New Potatoes Carrot batons Peas	Margherita Pizza Pasta Twists Sweetcorn Creamy Coleslaw	Vegetarian Cottage Pie Seasonal vegetable medley	Homemade Vegetable Bites Pasta shapes in tomato sauce Seasonal vegetable medley	Vegetarian Sauage Chips Baked beans Peas
Dessert will be a handheld baked biscuit/cake or fruit choice.					


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.


A MENU FOR MEALS UP UNTIL OCTOBER HALF TERM IS NOW ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.






If you child has ANY of the following symptoms:

● A high temperature – 38° or more. 

● Loss of taste or smell. 

● New continuous cough – a cough that lasts over an hour or long coughing episodes 3 times in 24 hours 

DO NOT come to school. You **MUST** contact the school to let us know. Everyone in your household needs to self-isolate in line with the government guidance.

The government guidance is that you should seek

For medical advice you can contact:

- Call your GP
- Call NHS 111
- NHS website
- Call 119 to book a test

medical advice:

