



Merrydale Junior School

Be the Best you can Be!

10th July 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

It is the end of another school year at Merrydale Junior School. We wish you all a lovely summer and are looking forward to seeing you all soon when we start back on 1st September.

LEAVERS

Sadly, we say goodbye to our Year 6 children who will be leaving us and continuing their education at their chosen secondary schools. We will miss you all very much and wish you all the very best for the future. We also say goodbye to Mrs Marriott 3CLM and who will be moving on to a new school and Mr Smith who will be working in some of our other Trust schools.

NEW STARTERS

We look forward to welcoming the new children into Year 3. I know you haven't been able to visit but there is a lovely tour of the school on the home page of our school website www.merrydalejuniors.com. If you have not yet sent in your admission forms, please do so as soon as possible. It is very important to have this information before your child starts. You can find the links to the online forms on our website just go to the Parent Information, Letters section.

We would also like to welcome some new teachers who will be starting with us – Miss Boxall who will be teaching 3EB and Ms Ramjan who will be teaching 4KR.

FIRST DAY OF TERM – 1st SEPTEMBER 2020

You should all now know class details for next year. The school will open to children on **1st September 2020**.

SCHOOL DINNERS

In September, the price of a school meal will change to **£2.30** per day. Please ensure meals are paid for in advance, on ParentPay, in line with our dinner debt policy!

CHARITY FUND RAISING

A huge thank you to you all. Since the start of the academic year, pupils and staff have raised just under £1700 to support Macmillan, Breast Cancer, Children in Need, Save the Children, Australian Bushfire Emergency, Sports Relief charities.

SCHOOL FUND RAISING

Thank you for your generous parent donations and to the staff who have organised events as we have raised just under £3,000 from the Summer Fair, Non-Uniform days, Halloween

disco, Christmas events, photo commission and book sales. This money has been used to support the Pantomime in December, coach costs for school trips, visitors in school such as the Victorians for Year 4, Rainforest Experience for Year 3, rewards and treats as well as subscriptions to online resources.

PARENTPAY

Thank you to all Parents/Carers that have registered their ParentPay accounts. Also for keeping your accounts topped up, as we cannot offer school dinners if accounts are not in credit.

There are still a few parents that have not registered their accounts. If you need help with this there is a step by step document on the school our website www.merrydalejuniors.com go to the Parent Information, Letters section, ParentPay Registration Help! **It does need to be done as we will not be able to accept cash going forward.**

KINGSWOOD

The Kingswood residential in October has unfortunately had to be cancelled. If your child booked to attend, we will have already contacted you about an alternative day session hosted by Kingswood in school and your refund. We will contact you again all in September with more details about this day session and details about refunds.

SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR AUTUMN

A full list of the academic school term dates is on our website:

Schools open	Tuesday 1st September 2020
Schools close	Friday 16 October 2020
Autumn half term	Monday 19 October to Friday 23 October 2020
Schools open	Monday 26 October 2020
Schools close	Friday 18 December 2019
School Opens	Tuesday 5 January 2021

School is closed now until 1st September – if you have any safeguarding concerns please call Leicester City Council on 0116 454 1004 or the school mobile 07858 816323.

Please remember that the school is closed so if you do email office@dsatmerrydale.org or leave a message on the school answer machine 0116 276 7708 – it will be checked but not as regularly as normal.

Have a lovely summer and see you all soon.

From all the staff at Merrydale Junior School