



WEEKLY UPDATE – 16th OCTOBER 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome to another weekly update. I hope you are finding them informative.

As we come to the end of term at Merrydale Junior School we would like to thank Parents/Carers and children for your co-operation over these unprecedented times. We appreciate all families that have made such an effort to follow guidelines and we would like to wish everyone a happy half term!

Microsoft Teams

For any Parents or children that struggle or find Teams complicated, we have added a visual guide to our website to try and help simplify using the system. There is a guide for children and a separate guide for Parents/Carers. We have also added a link below for a very useful video guide of how to use Teams. We hope this helps Parents/Carers and children who are struggling or just want to get to know the system better!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zoc78NKvTK0&list=PLxp90x5c0ttY6YQiUyoG9gmoAx2OVncHa>

Reading Books

From now on children will be bringing home reading books in a named plastic wallet together with their reading diary for you to keep a record of your children's reading. Please return them after half term, especially if they are reading regularly over the holidays. Just make sure they come back in the named plastic wallet so they can be exchanged for new reading books. If your child wants to access additional reading over the holidays this can be done on Accelerated Reader by going to

<https://ukhosted57.renlearn.co.uk/2242511/> or ebooks are available on Myon

<https://www.myon.co.uk/login/>

Don't forget there is also Century <https://www.century.tech/n> and Timestables Rock Stars <https://play.ttrockstars.com/> In November there is going to be an England wide competition so you can always get practising.

Merrydale Blog

We would encourage all children to visit the school blog www.merrydale.net where they can share what they have been up to over half term. There are also great weekly writing challenges for the children to enjoy!

Emails

Please remember to check your emails frequently as we will not be sending out paper letters going forward. We do send you a text reminder if something very urgent has been sent to you, but we will not send a text every time we send something to you by email. This update will always be sent every Friday during term time. If your contact details have changed please make sure you update the office.

Pastoral reminder

Pastoral Services are available for all families. If you have any questions about the school, your child's class, behaviour or anything else you can contact the school office to speak with Mrs O'Connor, Family Support Worker or Clair Munton, Pastoral Officer by calling 0116 276 7708 or sending an email to office@dsatmerrydale.org.





Secondary admissions

If you have not yet completed the online form to apply for your child's secondary school place, please remember that the deadline for this is 31st October 2020. Any applications sent after this time will be classed as late and will not be considered as first priority.

ParentPay

Reminders have been sent out to all Parents that have not registered their ParentPay account for their child. If you need further instructions, please contact us today. All Parents MUST register their child's account as this is how we obtain various consents and permissions from you as well as being the only method of payment for dinners, clubs, trips, swimming and anything else that may be planned by our school.

Hoodies

If you have ordered a school hoodie via ParentPay, they are on the way to us and will be sent home with your child as soon as they arrive. We do apologise for the delay; the first order was larger than expected and is taking just slightly longer to prepare. If you would like to order a hoodie, the option is on ParentPay, please remember to add your child's size option in the notes section of your order. Thank you for your patience.

Allergies

If your child has an allergy of any kind, especially a food allergy, we ask that the school office is kept up to date with this. It is important that we know to ensure that the correct documents are completed and processes put in place to keep your child safe. You can call the school office to request an allergy form which must be completed by you and signed by your GP. You can also download this from the useful forms section of our website.

Flu Immunisations – **VERY IMPORTANT, ALL PARENTS/CARERS TO COMPLETE!**

Some Parents have still not completed the Flu Immunisations Online Form. It is important that you complete this even if you do not wish for your child to have the immunisation. The link is below; please contact the school office if you have problems with this, there is also a helpful video that the NHS have produced which provides information on how to complete the online form. To watch this video please click this link:

<https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/leicestershire/primary-schools-flu-immunisation-schedule/>

Please respond to your invitation for the vaccine by completing the consent form that has been sent from school, so your family can be better protected this winter.

To be given the vaccination in school you need to complete an ONLINE consent form by visiting:

www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu

You will need a code for your child's school. For Merrydale Junior School the code is LE143244

If you want to opt for the flu injection, please complete the consent form as normal. On the consent page, select 'No' to the nasal flu and you will be given the option of the flu injection.

Top tip: Ensure that the email addresses match and that there are no spaces or punctuation before or after the email address and the school code.

You will need to fully complete the consent form as soon as possible after receiving this letter.

If you are unable to complete this online, please ring us to complete this over the phone on 0300 300 0007 (select option 1 then option 4).





PE DAYS -

Date	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Week Commencing 26 th October 2020	Monday & Wednesday	Tuesday & Wednesday	Thursday & Friday	Tuesday & Thursday
Week Commencing 2 nd November 2020	Monday & Wednesday	Monday & Thursday	Tuesday & Friday	Wednesday & Thursday
Week Commencing 9 th November 2020	Monday & Thursday	Monday & Tuesday	Wednesday & Friday	Wednesday & Thursday

A FULL-TERM PE ROTA CAN BE FOUND ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

School Office

As there is no entry or exit to parents/carers or pupils via reception, if you need to speak a member 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.

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.

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.

I hope you all have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

C Mugglestone,
Head Teacher





**SCHOOL MEALS COST £2.30 PER DAY; THIS SHOULD BE PAID ON PARENTPAY BEFORE THE MEAL IS TAKEN
BOTH DESSERTS ARE PREPARED EQUALLY DAILY AND ARE GIVEN OUT FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS.**

	Monday 26 th October	Tuesday 27 th October	Wednesday 28 th October	Thursday 29 th October	Friday 30 th October
RED (Meat Option)	Margherita pizza Pasta in tomato sauce or potatoes in their skins. Sweetcorn Coleslaw	Farm assured Lamb Kofta Served in pitta with a yoghurt and mint dressing with fluffy rice	Farm assured roast turkey & onion stuffing & gravy Creamed potatoes, fresh cabbage and fresh carrots	Organic beef meaty mac & cheese With garlic bread	Sustainably caught battered fish with tomato ketchup, chips, peas or baked beans.
BLUE (Halal Option)	Margherita pizza Pasta in tomato sauce or potatoes in their skins. Sweetcorn Coleslaw	Halal Lamb Kofta Served in pitta with a yoghurt and mint dressing with fluffy rice	Halal roast chicken & onion stuffing & gravy Creamed potatoes, fresh cabbage and fresh carrots	Halal lamb meaty mac & cheese With garlic bread	Sustainably caught battered fish with tomato ketchup, chips, peas or baked beans.
GREEN (Vegetarian Option)	Roasted pepper and tomato pizza Pasta in tomato sauce or potatoes in their skins. Sweetcorn Coleslaw	Red pepper and cheese frittata With a salad bar selection	Lentil & sweet potato curry with fluffy rice	Potato & courgette layer bake with garlic bread.	Quorn Dippers, chips, peas or baked beans.
YELLOW (Light bite)	Homemade Tandoori vegetable wrap With a salad bar selection.	Red pepper and cheese frittata With a salad bar selection.	BBQ bean wrap With a salad bar selection.	Tomato pasta bake with a salad bar selection.	Jacket potato with baked beans & homemade crunchy coleslaw with salad bar selection
Dessert	Apple Cake OR Granola & Yoghurt fruit sundae	Peach and Raspberry Cobbler with custard OR Toffee Crispy Cake	Chocolate Shortbread OR Carrot Cake	Iced bun OR Strawberry Jelly & Cream	Vanilla ice cream OR Flapjack slice

A FULL THREE-WEEK MENU IS ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE.

