



WEEKLY UPDATE – 30TH NOVEMBER 2020

Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome to another weekly update! I hope you all had a good half term week

Learning Log/Homework

From this week all year groups are setting weekly online homework for their pupils. The learning log menu can be accessed by the children on their class TEAMS and their completed homework should be uploaded weekly. Nuggets will also be set on Century weekly. If your child is unable to access their homework online please contact us.

Reading Star Charts

Reading books will be coming home with your children for reading at home along with a star chart, we would be grateful if you could tick one star on their chart for each 15mins spent reading. Once your child has completed their star chart they will be able to chose a brand-new book from Mrs Mugglestone's collection to bring home and keep. Happy Reading!

Secondary School Applications

Thank you to all Year 6 Parents for applying for secondary place. Places will be confirmed in March next year.

Breakfast club

We still have some breakfast club places for pupils. The club runs in the dining hall Monday – Friday, 7:30am – 8:30am. The cost is £3.50 per child payable on ParentPay and your child will have a selection of breakfast foods and a drink included in that price. If you are interested in your child attending, please call the school office.

Hoodies

The first order of hoodies arrived this week, we apologise for the delay as this was a huge order. We are still waiting for a few more to arrive which should be with us shortly.

Going forward all orders will be placed every Friday and may take up to 2 weeks to arrive. 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.

Milk

If you would like your child to have milk during the morning this will be available from Monday 9th November. Unfortunately, we are unable to do this on a day by day/weekly basis. The cost will be £6.00 (20p per day, 5 days for the remaining 6 weeks till Christmas. Milk orders will need to be made and paid for on ParentPay by Friday 6th November. If your child is registered for Free School Meals milk will be provided free of charge.

Third Discovery Live Event

The next Microsoft Teams LIVE Event is on Wednesday 18th November, 7.00-8.00pm on 'How children learn and how you can help them' followed by a Q&A for parents. All sessions are recorded.

The link below will require you to have Microsoft Teams installed on your computer or mobile phone.





https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZjJlZDk4YTQzZjdZS00YjFmLWJlYjQtM2FhMDdhNTQxYjdi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22a9f3c5ed-5897-40fa-8267-6e3abc001a34%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%228abc124d-91cd-4f73-bec6-1564c754bd2%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atrue%7d

Timestables Rock Stars <https://play.ttrockstars.com/> Don't forget the England wide competition in November, you can always get practising.

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>

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.

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 obtaining 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.

Halloween Colouring Fun

We have attached a Halloween word search at the end of this newsletter for the children to complete (if they want to) Parents/Carers can print and get into the spirit of Halloween together.

Parent Zone New App

We've worked closely with children and parents to create an early-intervention tool that will help 8-11 year olds with their emotional wellbeing and encourage communication within families. It's packed with advice about subjects including school, friendships, family life and the internet – and it's available now, for free. We hope you like it. Try Ollee now. <https://app.ollee.org.uk/#/welcome>





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.

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. Please use the link 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).

Parent link video please click this link: <https://www.healthforkids.co.uk/leicestershire/primary-schools-flu-immunisation-schedule/>

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

PE DAYS and School Dinner Menu are attached to this newsletter

