



Welcome to the December Newsletter

School Nurse Drop-In Clinic—3rd December

The School Nurse will be in school on **Tuesday 3rd December 2019** between 9am—11am for Parents/Carers to drop in and ask questions they may have about your child's health.

Christmas Fayre/Santa's Grotto

As usual we will be running a Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto. The Christmas Fayre will be open on **Wednesday 18th December** and Santa's Grotto will be open on **18th and 19th December 2019** both afterschool. Children from the Infant school are also welcome to attend if they want to. Tickets are available for the Grotto from the office for £2.00 each. There will be a flyer sent out with more details about all activities for Christmas.



Christmas Disco—19th December 2019

The Christmas Disco will take place after school on **Thursday 19th December** from 3:30pm until 4:30pm. Disco tickets are being sold in the school office for £2.00 per child and are available now. Only children that attend the junior school can attend the disco.



6ML Assembly

6ML will be performing their assembly about David Attenborough on **6th December 2019**.

The performance will begin at 9:15am, Parents/Carers are invited to come and watch. You can enter the hall from the fire door near the benches in the playground after dropping off your child. We look forward to seeing you there.

Contact Numbers for Parents/Carers

Please make sure that the office has up to date numbers for Parents/Carers and at least one other contact. You do need to be contactable in case of an emergency.



Children In Need 2019

Thank you so much to everyone who donated towards Children in Need this year, Merrydale Junior School raised **£480.08**. Also, thank you to the School Council for arranging various activities for the day!



Year 3 Nativity

The Year 3 children will be performing their Nativity on **Tuesday 17th**

December at 2.00pm for any year 3 Parents/Carers who would like to come and watch.

A separate letter will be sent with details. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Year 4 Mandir Visit—11th December 2019 am

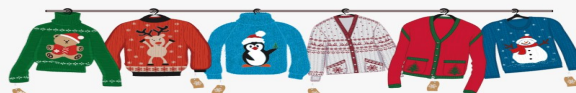
The children will be visiting Shri Swaminarayan Mandir on the morning of Wednesday 11th December, where they will be looking at the features within a Mandir as well as identifying key aspects of Hinduism. It is very important that all year 4 children attend as this part of the curriculum. Please return the permission slip as soon as possible. Thank you.

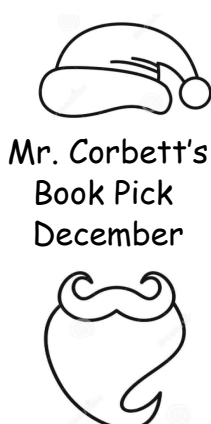
Christmas Dinner—19th December 2019

A Christmas dinner letter has been sent out to all Parents/Carers, this form needs to be returned by Monday 2nd December as we need to order these meals in advance. If you do not return the slip, a meal **will not** be ordered and you will have to provide a packed lunch as we will have not other meal options available. Payment must be made in advance using the normal dinner option on ParentPay

Christmas Jumper Day—20th December 2019

We will be having a Christmas Jumper Day on the last day of term raising money for 'Save the Children' we ask that children give a £1.00 donation but any donation is welcome! (The original 'Save the Children' day is on 13th December, we have just changed ours to the last day of term).





Mr. Corbett's
Book Pick
December



Sports this term

This month, our various sports teams at Merrydale have been enjoying taking part in many competitions. Our football teams (boys & girls) are well into their season, with the boys' team currently unbeaten and top of their league! Our girls continue to improve, winning 2 and drawing 1 of their last 5 matches. Our table tennis teams, who were successful in their East Leicester competition and therefore qualified for the county finals, attended the county finals and played brilliantly. Neither team managed to win their competition but it was a great experience for both teams coming up against some of the best U11 players from across Leicestershire & Rutland.

We have a couple of competitions remaining this term before the Christmas break. After Christmas, we will be participating in over 20 competitions in various sports right up until the summer term and I'm sure there will be many fantastic achievements to talk about!

Mr Lemmon

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

All clubs will finish on 12th December 2019 and will start again on Monday 13th January 2020.

You **MUST re-sign** the club letter. If your child had a place last term this does not mean they have a place this term.

Places are allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Academic Year 2019-20

School Closes - Friday 20th December 2019
First Day of Spring Term-Tuesday 7th January 2019
School Closes—Friday 14th February 2019
School Opens— 24th February 2019
School Closes for Easter—Friday 3rd April 2020
School Opens—Monday 20th April 2020

ADVANCE NOTE OF DATES

December

3rd December 2019—School Nurse Drop in, 9am—11am
6th December 2019—6ML Assembly
11th December 2019—Year 4 Mandir Visit
17th December 2019—Year 3 Nativity for Parents
17th December 2019— Santa's Grotto
18th December 2019—Aladdin Pantomime (In school—all years)
18th December 2019—Christmas Fayre/Santa's Grotto
19th December 2019—Christmas Dinner Day
19th December 2019—Christmas Disco
20th December 2019— Christmas Jumper Day
20th December 2019—Last Day of Term

January 2020

7th January 2020—School opens for Spring Term
13th January 2020—Clubs start this week
21st January 2020—Year 4 Swimming starts today (every Tuesday)



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You can find lots of useful information on our website

including term dates, letters, school curriculum, school meals and much more.

