



## Welcome to the February Newsletter

### Lost Property

Please check the lost property stall at Parent's Evening on 11th/12th/13th February as if we cannot find the owners of the items we will have to dispose of them or pass them to charity.

### Class Assemblies—February 2020

7th February 2020, 3AD—Joseph Merrick  
11th February 2020, 5TB—Henry Walter Bates  
28th February 2020, 4GW—Henry Walker  
The assemblies are scheduled to start at 9.15am. We ask that you arrive for 9.10am latest. The fire doors in the playground will be open for you to enter the hall after dropping off your child.

### Upcoming Trips;

National Space Centre—Year 5, 7th February  
Sikh Temple—Year 3, 27th February  
Warning Zone—Year 6, 3rd March  
Billionaire Boy—Year 6, 5th March  
Please make sure the permission slip and payment (if needed) is promptly returned to school. There will be a date on each letter stating a date this needs to be done by. Thank you.

### Parent's Evening.

Parents Evening will be taking place on Wednesday 12th

February and Thursday 13th February 2020. Letters have been sent home with your child for you to complete with a suitable time to attend. Time slots are allocated on a first come first serve basis, so return the form quickly to avoid disappointment.

Mrs Williams (4GW) and Mrs Sherrenham (6ES)  
Parent's Evenings will take place on Tuesday 11th February and Wednesday 12th.



### Fundraising

Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children) - £270.00  
Christmas Festivities- £542.00  
Australian Bushfire Emergency—£381.16



### DSAT Holiday Camp—February Half Term

As you may have heard DSAT are running a holiday camp at Merrydale Junior School during the half term. Monday to Friday, 10—1 for just £3.00 per day per child. This even includes lunch for your child. You can register and book and pay online at [www.dsatholidaycamps.co.uk](http://www.dsatholidaycamps.co.uk). Or alternatively complete a form at the school office.



### Kingswood October 2020

If your child would like to attend Kingswood, you must return your permission form and make the first deposit by 14th February 2020. If you would like more information, please contact the school office.

### ParentPay—Important



All Parents/Carers should now be registered with ParentPay to pay for their child's school dinners, trips and clubs. Unfortunately not all Parents have done this. Letters have been sent out again this week and it is important that this is done. All payments should be made on ParentPay, cash can only be used in exceptional circumstances with agreement with the office staff. After the February half term every parent/carer should be paying online for their child's dinner, club or trip before it is taken. If Parents need help registering their account the school office is happy to help you.

### Readeoke—3rd February 2020

On 3rd February 2020, Parents attended Merrydale Junior School to take part in readeoke with their children. Pictures will be added to our twitter page. Please take a look and share the fun. Information of our twitter page is on the reverse of the newsletter. Find us on Twitter and follow us for future fun events!

Thank you to all Parents/Carers that got involved, we appreciate your support!



### AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

All clubs will start on Monday 13th January until 11th February 2020.

**Clubs will not be taking place on 12th and 13th February due to Parents Evening.**

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.

Mr. Corbett's

Book Pick

February

Young Samurai

By Chris Bradford



**Start Date: 13th January 2020 – 11th February 2020 (5 weeks)**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Homework Club</b> £1.50 per session or £7.50 per term	<b>Homework Club</b> £1.50 per session or £7.50 per term	<b>Homework Club</b> £1.50 per session or £6.00 per term	<b>Hockey Club</b> £6.00 per term
<b>Dance Club</b> £7.50 per term	<b>Multi Sports</b> £7.50 per term	<b>Table Tennis Club</b> £6.00 per term	
		<b>Gymnastic Club</b> £6.00 per term	

It has been a very busy start to the first spring term with many Merrydale teams participating in various competitions in January so far.

Our boys football team have played their first fixtures in their league at Judgemeadow and are currently unbeaten after the first round of matches. We took 6 children to participate in a boccia competition at Aylestone Leisure Centre. They all had a great time and showed off some great boccia skills! 8 year 5 children took part in a table tennis development session at Knighton Park Table Tennis Club. This has been a great event to go to over the last couple of years, allowing children to experience playing matches against other schools whilst also receiving some coaching too.

We attended a swimming gala at Cossington Leisure Centre where two Merrydale teams (year 5 & 6) were up against swimmers from across East Leicester. We won a few heats on the day so well done to both teams! Our final competition of January was a very competitive basketball competition at Orchard Mead Academy. We played some great basketball throughout the afternoon and were very unlucky to just miss out on qualifying for the finals.

30 children attended a day at Leicestershire County Cricket Club where they took part in a health & wellbeing classroom session, had a guided tour around the ground and took part in a cricket session. The day was fantastic and the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Well done to everyone who has represented the school this month!

-Mr Lemmon

Please follow us on twitter for fun updates and information

@MerrydaleJunior



### Academic Year 2019-20

First Day of Spring Term—Tuesday 7th January 2020

School Closes—Friday 14th February 2020

School Opens—Monday 24th February 2020

School Closes for Easter—Friday 3rd April 2020

School Opens—Monday 20th April 2020

Early May Bank Holidays—Friday 9th & Monday 25th May

School closes for May Half Term—Tuesday 26th May 2020

School Opens—Monday 1st June 2020

### ADVANCE NOTE OF DATES

#### **January 2020**

7th February 2020—National Space Centre Trip—Year 5

10th February 2020—Safer Internet Day

12th & 13th February 2020—Parents Evening

17th February—Half Term—DSAT Holiday Camp running Monday—Friday

24th February—Return to school, Family First Aid training for Parents.

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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.**

