



Welcome to  
our February  
Newsletter!



In the event that the school has to close because of extreme weather conditions, parents will be advised as early as possible via text message (it is important that we have up to date contact numbers). We will also update our website and Twitter page. Listen to BBC Radio Leicester 104.9 FM or Capital FM for school closure announcements as well.



We would like to also congratulate Miss Mountford on the safe arrival of her new baby daughter Phoebe Shauna!

#### SAFER INTERNET DAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2019

Safer Internet Day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. We will be participating and encourage you all to join in! You can find out more about this on the website <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019>

#### RECYCLE WITH MICHAEL

The school is running a scheme called Recycle with Michael. The children will be given a bag to fill with clothing, shoes, belts, pyjamas and bags that they would like to recycle. We want to encourage children to help Michael by donating their preloved clothing and shoes, which helps:

- The environment
- Your school
- The Salvation Army

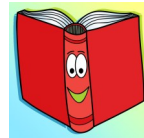
Please fill the bag and return to school on 8th February 2019.



#### PARENTS/CARERS EVENING

Parents/Carer's Evening is taking place on **13th and 14th February 2019**. Please make sure that you complete and return your Parents/Carer's Evening Letter to your child's teacher as soon as possible. If you don't have a letter, please collect one from the Front Office.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



#### EARLY READING CLUB

We want to promote and encourage reading so offer a daily, early reading club. Children are welcome to come into the dining room from 8.00am onwards to read their books and eat breakfast. Breakfast is £1 and includes toast, cereal and fruit. If your child does not wish to have breakfast but does want to read, they may come in after 8.15am.

#### TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS - LUNCHTIME CLUB

Mrs Sage is running a lunchtime club for children to practice their times tables which they seem to enjoy very much! The Club takes place at 12:40pm—1:00pm on;

Monday for year 3

Tuesday for year 4

Wednesday for year 5

Thursday for year 6.

If your child would like to attend, please ask them to speak with Mrs Sage.



#### WELL DONE!

We would like to say a huge well done to all the Year 5 and 6 students that attended the Swimming Gala at

Cossington Baths on 25th January 2019, as you all did so well representing Merrydale Junior School. Thank you!



#### KINGSWOOD RESIDENTIAL STAFFORDSHIRE – FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER TO SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2019 - CURRENT YEAR 5

Thank you for returning your reply slips back about the Kingswood Residential Trip in October. We will be sending letters out this week. Please make sure you get your deposits returned by Thursday 14th February 2019 to secure your place. If you are struggling with the deposit by the deadline date, please come and speak to Mrs O'Connor. If you haven't received a letter and would like to now go, please pop to the office.

If you would like to find out more about Kingswood, what they do and how they help children to achieve then please visit the below website to find out more:

<https://www.kingswood.co.uk/activity-centres/staffordshire/>



## MR CORBETT'S

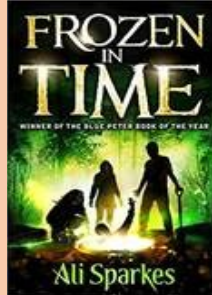
### BOOK PICK



If your child would like to borrow one of these books to read. We are happy to lend them one of our copies. They just need to speak with Miss Butler in the Library.

#### Frozen in Time—January

Can Polly and Freddy adapt to the twenty-first century? Will their bodies survive having been in suspension for so long? And most important of all, what happened to their father - and why did he leave them frozen in time?



#### Timelines of Everything – February

Explore an illustrated history of the world through more than 130 timelines for kids. From dinosaurs and Vikings to the history of cinema and espionage, discover incredible world history in this lavish collection of timelines.

To help celebrate World Book Day we will be holding a Book Fair. Between Tuesday 5th March to Monday 11th March from 3.30pm to 4.00pm, The Book People Book Fair will be in school selling great books at discounted prices. This will be held in the Library area so please come along and support the school. The school receives commission for any books sold.



### ADVANCE NOTE OF DATES

#### February

Tuesday 5th	Safer Internet Day
Friday 8th	Anglo Saxon Day - Year 4
Wednesday 13th	Parents Evening
Thursday 14th	Parents Evening

#### March

Thursday 7th	World Book Day
Friday 15th	Red Nose Day

#### May

Monday 13th	SATS Week start for Year 6
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#### Academic Year 2018-19

##### Spring Term

School Opens - Tuesday 8th January 2019  
Mid-Term Break - 18th to 22nd February 2019  
School Closes - Friday 12th April 2019

##### Summer Term

School Opens - Monday 29th April 2019  
May Day Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May 2019  
Mid-Term Break - 27th May to 31st May 2019  
School Closes - Friday 12th July 2019

#### Academic Year 2019-20

##### Autumn Term

School Opens - 29th August 2019  
Mid-Term Break - 14th—18th October 2019  
School Closes - Friday 20th December 2019



Schools meals cost £2.20 per day, £11.00 for the week. Please ensure you have credit on your ParentPay account before sending your child for a school meal. All dinner money debts need to be paid as soon as possible. If you are struggling to make any payments please come and speak to Mrs O'Connor, Parent Link Worker.

ParentPay is the online payment service used by the school. It is easy to use and means you can pay for clubs, trips and school meals online whenever you like. You can access it on your phone, tablet or PC. If you have not yet registered please activate your account as soon as possible. If you can't find your activation letter or are struggling to activate your account, please come along to the school office and we will help to set up your account with you.

[www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

Please visit our Merrydale Junior School Twitter Page, @MerrydaleJunior

Website: <http://merrydalejuniors.com>

Blogsite: <http://merrydalejuniors.net>



Are you entitled?



If you feel that your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, please call the Free School Meals telephone line on 0116 454 1009 Option 3 or pop along to the school office and we can call for you. You just need to have your national insurance number to check.

**LOST PROPERTY** Please help us keep lost property to a minimum. Make sure you label all your child's belongings including uniform, PE Kit, lunch box, etc. If they do get lost we can return them to their owner.