

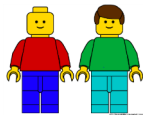


# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Happy New Year and welcome back to the Spring Term. We hope that you all had a lovely break and enjoyed some time with loved ones.

Congratulations to Mrs Hackett on the safe arrival of Emily Kate born on 2nd January. Both mum and baby are doing well.

### LEGO LEAGUE



Some of our children represented the school at De Montfort University last week and had a fantastic time taking part in the Lego League Challenge. They were placed as Best Newcomers. Well done to our Lego League Champions



### SWIMMING

Swimming will start again on Tuesday 15th January 2019 for our Year 5 children. Please make sure swimming kits are in school on this day.

### ASSEMBLIES FOR YEAR

The students will be hosting various assemblies this term. Please look out for letters inviting you to attend.

### CAR PARKING

There is a BIG problem with cars outside our school at the beginning and end of the day. Please DO NOT park on the double yellow lines or stop to let your child out of the car for even a minute. Everybody makes the same excuse and it is making the front of the school a dangerous place for ALL of the children. Please consider walking to school and/or leaving the car further away and walking down Claydon Road. Everyone needs to make an effort for the safety of the children.

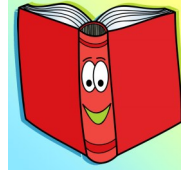


### CONTACT DETAILS

If you have changed your mobile please remember to update your contact details at the school office. It is important that we have up to date telephone numbers for all our parents/carers.

### MEDICAL NEEDS

If your child suffers with asthma please make sure that they have their inhaler and spacer in school and it is in date.



### 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.

### READING BOOKS

If your child has an Accelerated Reader or Library book that is overdue, please return it or renew it with Mrs Butler. Many thanks for your support.

### BOOK BAGS

Please use school book bags to protect your books. If your child has lost their book bag and needs a new one we do have a limited number of Merrydale spare book bags to give out.



### FREE SCHOOL MEALS



Are you entitled?

Do you receive any of the following benefits?

- \*Income support
- \*Income-based jobseeker's allowance
- \*Income-related employment and support allowance
- \*National asylum seeker support
- \*Child tax credit (provided you're not also entitled to working tax credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- \*The guaranteed element of state pension credit
- \*Working tax credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for working tax credit.
- \*Universal credit with annual net earned income of less than £7,400

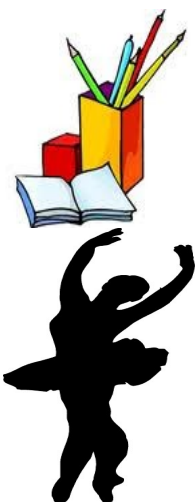
If so, and your child is not already registered for Free School Meals, please call the Free School Meals telephone line on 0116 454 1009 Option 3 or pop along to the school office and we can call for you. You just need to have your national insurance to check.

If you do qualify, your child can have a free school meal every day if they want one. Also, the school can help support the cost of other activities such as school trips and clubs. It is quick and easy to call up and you will be told straight away if you qualify.

## AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

**MONDAY 14TH JANUARY 2019 TO THURSDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2019**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Homework Club</b> £1.00 per session or £5.00 per term	<b>Homework Club</b> £1.00 per session or £5.00 per term	<b>Homework Club</b> £1.00 per session or £5.00 per term	<b>Homework Club</b> £1.00 per session or £5.00 per term
<b>Sketching/Art Club</b> £7.50 per term	<b>Film Club</b> £7.50 per term	<b>Multi Sports</b> £7.50 per term	<b>Dodgeball</b> £7.50 per term
<b>Dance Club</b>			



Afterschool Clubs start this week. If you would like your child to attend a club please complete the club letter and make your payment by ParentPay or cash. A child cannot attend the club without a permission form and payment. Please remember all after school clubs finish at 4.30pm. If you need a new club letter please come to the school office.

### ADVANCE NOTE OF DATES

#### January

Monday 14th      Afterschool Clubs start  
 Tuesday 15th    Swimming starts for Year 5  
 Friday 18th      Parent assembly for 6SF

#### February

Wednesday 13th    Parents Evening  
 Thursday 14th    Parents Evening

#### May

Monday 13th      SATS Week start for Year 6



#### 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)

# Thank you

We raised a fantastic amount of money last term so just wanted to say a big thank you for all your support. We raised;

Christmas Jumper Day - **£302.10**  
 Christmas Disco - **£133.50**  
 Santa's Grotto - **£142.00**  
 Poppy Appeal **£121.11**  
 Children in need **£577.00**  
 Asha Trust **£600.00**



**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.