



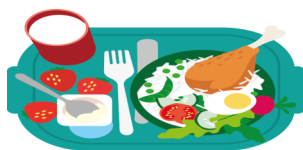
January Newsletter

2020!



Snow & School Closures

As we are in the season of cold weather and possible snow, if the decision is made to close the school it will be made if possible before 7.30am. Parents and carers will be informed via text message. The school website will also be updated. The closure information is shared with the Local Authority and radio stations.



Dinners & ParentPay

Please remember that you must pay for your child's dinner before it is taken. (not after) Dinner is £2.25 per day (11.25 per week). If you are not registered for ParentPay, please do this as soon as possible. You can make payments for dinners, clubs, trips and also see your outstanding amount that is owed. Soon the office will no longer be able to accept cash and ParentPay will be the only payment option. Your log-in details can be collected from the office.



Clubs



Clubs will be starting again on 13th January 2020 until 11th February 2020. Clubs will not be taking place on 12th and 13th February due to Parent's Evening (you **have not** been charged for these days). Letters must be returned by Friday 10th January along with payment. A letter was sent out at the of term. There is a list of the clubs that are running on the back of the newsletter.

Swimming Lessons—Year 4

The Year 4 children will be starting swimming lessons on Tuesday 21st January. All permission forms need to be returned to school before this date. All children in year 4 should attend as this is part of the curriculum as children will be taking part in swimming lessons instead of scheduled PE lessons. Any issues with this, please contact Mrs O'Connor.



Class Assemblies—January

21st January 2020, 6ES—Biddie Baxter
24th January 2020, 3CLM—Alice Hawkins
28th January 2020, 5HH—Gary Lineker
31st January 2020, 3LS—Richard Attenborough
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.



Young Voices—School Trip



Some of the Year 6 children have been practising to take part in the Young Voices performance at the NEC in Birmingham on 15th January 2020.

The children have been working very hard and we wish them the best on luck and look forward to hearing all about their experience.

Kingswood—October 2020

Any children in year 5 now that are interested in going to the residential Kingswood Trip in year 6 (October), please keep an eye out for the letter being sent home with all the information you need.



Arriving at school in the mornings

Please note that all children and parents should be entering the school through the playground and not through the front office. You only need to enter through the office if you are late (after 8.55am) or have a query. Mrs O'Connor and other staff are always available in the playground before and after school. Children do not need to wait to hand in individual letters at the office in the mornings, all letters should be handed in to the class at registration.



Fundraising

Children in Need (November) - £480.80
Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children) - £270.00
Christmas Festivities- £542.00



THANK YOU!

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

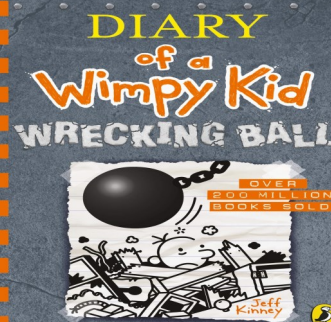
All clubs will start on Monday 13th January until 11th February 2020.

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
January
Diary of a
Wimpy Kid—
Wrecking Ball



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

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

Sports this term

We have seen over 350 spaces taken up on extra-curricular sporting activities after the first two terms of the school year. It has been great to see so many children attending various clubs and competitions. This number will go up even further as we approach a busy calendar of clubs & competitions in the spring & summer terms.

20 girls took part in the first WISPA (women in sport & physical activity) programme to take place at Merrydale.

They completed 10 sessions across the two autumn terms and enjoyed it immensely. They all improved so much and we are hoping the next group of girls to take part will gain as much from it as the first group of girls! Well done to you all!

Our year 5's have come to the end of their swimming lessons at Spence Street. Many of them have improved so much and are now able to swim competently. Well done to you all!

Our new year 5 sports leaders have made a start on running various playground activities for children at lunch time. They have done brilliantly so far with so many children taking part and being active!

Finally, it was a great 2019 for sport at Merrydale. We achieved the school games **gold mark** for the fourth year running, which shows our commitment to providing a great sport provision for everyone in the school.

Representing East Leicester, the cricket team managed to win the county championships at the summer games in July beating many teams from across the county to be crowned the **best primary school team in Leicestershire & Rutland!**

I'm sure 2020 will bring many more brilliant achievements!

Mr Lemmon



Academic Year 2019-20

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

Early May Bank Holidays—9th & 25th May

School closes for May Half Term—26th May 2020

School Opens—1st June 2020

School Closes for Summer —10th July 2020

ADVANCE NOTE OF DATES

January 2020

7th January 2020—School opens for Spring Term

13th January 2020—Clubs start this week

14th January 2020—Orchestra Unwrapped—Year 4

15th January 2020—Young Voices Trip to NEC Birmingham

16th January 2020—Year 6 Height & Weight Check

21st January 2020—Year 4 Swimming starts today (every Tuesday)

31st January 2020—NSPCC Day

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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.

