



Welcome to our March Newsletter!

POLITE REMINDER — GATES

The main gates are closed at 9.05am and therefore all parents need to exit the playground before this time. If you and your child arrive after this time you must enter through the main office so that your child may be registered. The Hastings Road gate is closed at 9:15am so that the Infant School Parents have enough time to exit after dropping off their children. **Thank you**

WORLD BOOK DAY— 7TH MARCH 2019



The main aim of World Book Day is to encourage children to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own.

We would like all children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on World Book Day, please don't feel under pressure to produce an expensive costume. Get creative with your child and make something from old clothing!

BOOK FAIR 6TH—12TH MARCH 2019

The Book Fair will take place after school in the main hall from 3:30pm—4pm. This is an opportunity for you and your child to look at books together and buy Any books you are interested in. The school receives a percentage of any books sold. Thank you for your support.

We look forward to seeing you all there!
www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bookfairs

RED NOSE DAY—15TH MARCH 2019

Red Nose Day is a fundraising campaign run by the non-profit organization Comic Relief. Red Nose Day brings people together to have fun, raise money and change the lives of children who need our help the most.

We will be selling red noses in school from Monday 11th March until the end of the day on Friday 15th March for £1.25 with profits going to Comic Relief.

We hope as many people as possible can get involved and help us raise money.

NON UNIFORM DAY

The children can come to school on Red Nose Day in non-school uniform for a donation of £1.00 to the Charity!



MAYAN DAY

The Year 5 children had lots of fun getting creative on Mayan Day at school. Pictures below show some of the creative things the children got up to on the day



GYMNASTIC COMPETITION

A huge well done to the children that attended the Gymnastic Competition on 8th February 2019 at New College. Our Year 3/4 children who came 1st and 3rd, Year 5/6 who came 3rd & a Year 4 child who came 1st overall in the individual competition. Merrydale Junior School are very proud and thank you for representing the school.

PANCAKE DAY—5TH MARCH 2019

We are celebrating Pancake Day on Tuesday 5th March. There will be a change to the normal menu on this day. Pancakes with various toppings will be served for dessert, with the choice of yoghurt for the children that do not wish to have pancakes.



We hope that the children will enjoy this!

INTERNATIONAL BOOK GIVING DAY

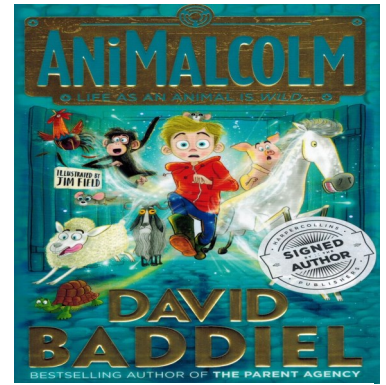
We hope that all the children enjoyed International Book Giving Day on 14th February 2019 and that you are sharing the book that was given to your child as a gift at home.



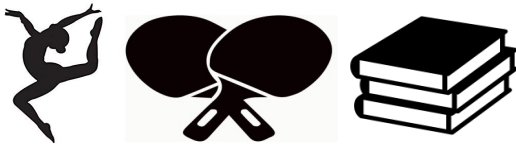
International Book Giving Day

MR CORBETT'S BOOK PICK

Malcolm doesn't like animals, which is a problem because his family love them. Their house is full of pets. What the house is NOT full of is stuff Malcolm likes. Such as the laptop he wanted for his birthday. The only bright spot on the horizon is the Year Six school trip, which Malcolm never thought his parents would pay for. And yet there he is, on the bus, heading to... oh no. A farm. After a bizarre school trip unlike any other, Malcolm begins to understand animals more deeply than anyone. But will he end up the same as before? Because sometimes the hardest thing to become is... yourself.



| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday |
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| Homework Club £1.00 per session or £7.00 per term | Homework Club £1.00 per session or £7.00 per term | Homework Club £1.00 per session or £7.00 per term | Hockey £10.50 per term |
| Amazing Maths (Yr 4,5 & 6) £10.50 per term | Film Club £10.50 per term | Table Tennis Club £10.50 per term | |
| Dance Club £10.50 per term | Multi Sports £10.50 per term | Gymnastic Club £10.50 per term | |



AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Above are the afterschool clubs that will be running this term. If you would like your child to attend any of these clubs please return the clubs form to the front office. Payment is also essential to secure your child's place, this can be paid on ParentPay or in cash at the front office. Places are limited so please return your forms as soon as possible.

If you need a new form these can also be collected at the front office.

Academic Year 2018-19

Spring Term

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

ADVANCE NOTE OF DATES

March

Monday 5th/8th

Afterschool Book Fair until 4pm

Thursday 7th

World Book Day

Friday 15th

Red Nose Day

Friday 15th

Non-Uniform Day for Comic Relief

May

Monday 13th

SATS Week start for Year 6



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

Please visit our Merrydale Junior School Twitter Page, @MerrydaleJunior

Website: <http://merrydalejuniors.com>

Blogsite: <http://merrydalejuniors.net>

Free School Meals

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.