



Welcome to the March Newsletter

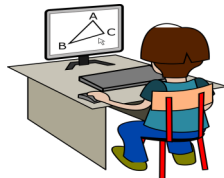
Class Assemblies—February 2020

6th March 2020, 4AV—Lady Jane Grey
20th March 2020, 4FM—Ernest Gimson
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.



School Nurse Dates
The next date that the school nurse will be visiting Merrydale Junior School will

be on Tuesday 31st March. This is a drop in clinic and you are welcome to come in anytime between 9:00am—10:00am.



New Online School Policy

A new online school policy is being sent to all parents explaining the expectation we have of the children when using the internet at school. We ask that parents discuss this with their children making this clear to them. Please sign and return the form as soon as possible please. The policy is available on the school website.



Kingswood 2020

Its not too late to sign up to attend Kingswood in October 2020. This is a great opportunity for your child to gain some independence and have fun with their friends. If you need a letter or to discuss this further please contact the school office or Mrs O'Connor.

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March 2020 it is World Book Day, a letter has been sent out to all children along with a paper plate that we would like them to bring back in decorated with their favourite character



from a book, or as the front cover of their favourite book. This must be brought back in on Thursday. We look forward to seeing the designs!



A **HUGE** thank you to all Parents/

Carers that have registered their ParentPay accounts. Also we are very grateful that Parents are keeping their accounts topped up, as we cannot offer school dinners to children if their account is not in credit in line with our dinner debt policy. Thank you all for being understanding and co-operating with this. There is still a few parents that have not registered their accounts. If you need help with this please call or visit the office, we are more than happy to help you with this. It does need to be done as we will not accept cash going forward.

Names in Clothes

Please could you make sure that your child's name is in ALL of their clothing that they wear, bring into school including coats to ensure that if an item is lost it can be returned to the owner.



Leicester Tigers—Ticket Offer!

Please find below a discount code for the Leicester Tigers fixture against Sale Sharks on Sunday 26th April. The offer is open to the whole school, friends family etc. so please feel free to pass it on. The code to use online is CARDSJ and is valid for category 4 and 5 seating – when you go online to the game you can hover over parts of the ground and it will tell you what category the seats are.

This will give the following prices:
Seated – Adults £18, Junior (u18) £6
Standing – Adult £12, Junior (u18) £5



Breakfast Club

Important Information for all parents who have children that attend breakfast club. From 20th April you will need to pay for breakfast club on ParentPay. Breakfast club runs from 7:30—8:30 and entry is through reception, the cost is £2.00 per child. Until then please continue to pay as you have been. Please also be aware that payments must be kept up to date to ensure that you child can attend.

ICT Update

On the week commencing 10th February, all year groups took part in learning about E-safety to coincide with Safer Internet Day on the 11th February. Our theme this year was exploring different ways to keep our online identity safe (#freetobe). Each year group learnt about different aspects from making avatars to making the correct choice online and understanding the differences between what information is ok to be shared and what should be kept private. On the parent zone of our school website it has a section for advice and guidance for you. Here are some websites, which are very informative.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/safer-internet-day/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

DSAT Holiday Camp

Monday 6th—Thursday 9th April 2020

The holiday camp will take place from during half term, Monday—Thursday 10am—1pm for just £3.00 per day and this INCLUDES lunch for your child!

If you are interested please visit www.discoverholidaycamps.co.uk. You must register your child first but then you can book and pay for just one or as many days in the week as you like!

Children from Foundation stage age up to year 6 are all invited!

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium

If you and your family receive benefits you could qualify for receiving Free School Meals. Even if you are not sure, it takes one simple phone call to find out if you qualify.

By applying for free meals, you could raise valuable extra funding for your child's school through the Pupil Premium. It is therefore important that you find out. Pupil Premium continues even if your free school meal eligibility changes, for 6 years.

This means that some costs at school could be subsidized for you. Some trips could be half price! Even if you are no longer receiving free meals.

It's worth checking, call 0116 454 1009 then select Option 3. You can also do this online at www.leicester.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

Reading World Cup

Merrydale has never seen a battle in reading!

Class will take on class in a pure test of reading. Who will prevail? Each Class will be measured on how much they have read until one class remains and is crowned World Champion of Merrydale!



From 24th February 2020 –
4th April 2020



Readeoke Links!

Please watch the Merrydale Junior School Readeoke videos and photos on our school twitter page @MerrydaleJunior.

Thank you to all Parents and Children that took part and made the day so successful!

Please follow us on twitter for fun updates and information

@MerrydaleJunior



Academic Year 2019-20

School Closes for Easter—Friday 3rd April 2020

School Opens—Monday 20th April 2020

Early May Bank Holidays—Friday 8th &
Monday 25th May

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

School Opens—Monday 1st June 2020

School Closes for Summer —10th July 2020

ADVANCE NOTE OF DATES

March

5th March 2020—World Book Day—Don't forget your decorated plates

5th March 2020 - Billionaire Boy Trip—Year 6

6th March 2020—4AV Assembly—9:15am

11th March 2020—Cooking School for Year 3 & 4

20th March 2020-4FM Assembly—9:15am

www.merrydalejuniorschool.com

You can find lots of useful information on our website

including term dates, letters, school curriculum, school meals and much more.

