



Welcome to the November Newsletter

Trips

There are various trips planned for all years this term. If your child has received a letter regarding a trip, please return the permission form as soon as possible to ensure trips can run as smoothly.

Thank you for your support.



School Photos

Thank you to all Parents/Carers that have placed orders. As soon as your orders arrive, we will make sure that they are promptly delivered to you.



Bonfire Safety

Whilst bonfire night is all about having fun and watching the lights, it's also really

important everyone knows how to keep safe and act appropriately around bonfires and fireworks.

- Stand well back
- Never go near to a lit firework
- Never put fireworks in your pocket
- Never throw fireworks
- Let adults light sparklers, only ever have one at a time and always wear gloves
- Keep pets indoor

Children in Need—15th November 2019

We will be supporting Children In Need at Merrydale Junior School. The School Council will be planning events for this and we will let you have the details of these soon! Thank you



Poppies for Remembrance Day—11th November

The Royal British Legion has launched its annual Poppy Appeal. We have poppies for sale in the office along with wristbands, snapbands, reflectors and zip pulls. All donations go towards the Poppy Appeal Charity. Thank you all for your support.



Parents Evening

Thank you to all Parents/Carers that attended Parents Evening on 29th and 30th October. We hope that this was a good opportunity for you to discuss any questions or queries you have with your child's teacher and learn more about your child's accomplishments at school.

School Meals

If your child has a hot dinner at school we would be very grateful if you could make sure that payment is made **before** they have the meal. Dinners cost £2.25 per day, £11.25 per week. ParentPay is the most efficient way to make sure that your dinner balance is kept in credit at all times. If you have not yet registered for ParentPay please ensure you do this as a matter of urgency as we will not be able to take cash from you in the near future.



ParentPay Competition

To be entered into a draw to **win £50.00 Tesco voucher**, just make sure that you are registered for ParentPay and your balance is cleared or in credit on 30th November 2019. The winner will be selected on Monday 4th December 2019.

Good Luck!

Pumpkin Carving Competition

The winners of the pumpkin carving are...



Best carved pumpkin: Tilly-May M, 6ML

Best use of the whole of the pumpkin:

Ishaan K, 4GW

Best use of pumpkin flesh: Kumari L 4GW



Thank you!!

We would like to thank you all for your donations so far this year;

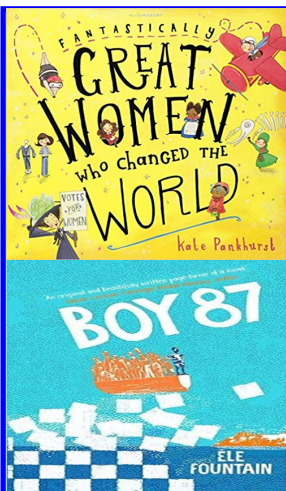


Summer Fayre = £1,400.00

Non-uniform Day—11th October= £262.63

Halloween Disco = 300.00

Staff Event—Wear Pink for Breast Cancer = £85.00



Mr. Corbett's Book Pick November



School Gates

Just a reminder about gate and access times. The main entrance door at the back of the school is locked at 8.55am, so if you are arriving after this time please come via the front reception to sign in your child. Other doors to classroom areas are closed prior to 8.50am and dependent upon the number of parents in the playground and staff on duty.

Merrydale Junior School site gates at the back of the school and at the side are locked from 9.00am. The Hastings Road gate with pedestrian access to the Infant School is locked at approximately 9.10am to allow Infant school parents to exit the pedestrian access.

Sports this term

We have had a great start to the second autumn term with lots happening during our first week back!

We have seen great participation again across our 4 after school clubs. We still have a few spaces available but it has been great to see so many children taking part in the various activities we have on offer.

We took a boys and girls team to the East Leicester Table Tennis competition where they came up against other schools from the area. Both teams did fantastic and managed to come away winning both competitions and progressing to the county finals, where they will face competition from other schools who have won their respective area competitions. Well done to both teams and good luck in the county finals!

8 children from year 5 attended a sports leadership course which was delivered by the Leicester City School Sport & Physical Activity Network (SSPAN). The SPANN is very important to our school as the package that they offer enables the children to participate in competition and attend various development days that really have an impact in school. The children who attended the course learnt about sports leadership and how to deliver activities in school, which they will start doing during this term.

We have a few competitions coming up over the next few weeks so keep an eye on our school twitter to see how our various teams get on! Well done to everyone who has participated so far this term!

Mr Lemmon

ADVANCE NOTE OF DATES

November

- 1st November—Year 3 Local Walk
- 4th November—Diwali Performance for Parents
- 6th November—Year 5 Trip to Phoenix Cinema
- 11th November—Remembrance Day
- 11th November—Year 5 Local Walk
- 13th November 2019—Year 4 Trip to St Barnabas Library
- 18th November 2019—Year 5 Mosque Trip
- 20th November 2019—Year 6 Trip to Phoenix Cinema
- 22nd November 2019—6LR Assembly
- 29th November 2019—Year 6 Church Visit

December

- 3rd December 2019—School Nurse Drop in, 9am—11am
- 6th December 2019—6ML Assembly
- 11th December 2019—Year 4 Mandir Visit
- 17th December 2019—Year 3 Nativity for Parents
- 17th December 2019— Santa's Grotto
- 18th December 2019—Christmas Fayre/Santa's Grotto
- 19th December 2019—Christmas Dinner Day
- 19th December 2019—Christmas Disco
- 20th December 2019— Christmas Jumper Day
- 20th December 2019—Last Day of Term



Academic Year 2019-20

Autumn Term

School Closes - Friday 20th December 2019

First Day of Spring Term-Tuesday 7th January 2019

School Closes—Friday 14th February 2019

School Opens— 24th February 2019



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