



Welcome to our October 2019 Newsletter

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Immunisations

Seasonal flu vaccinations will be taking place in school on 29th October 2019, a letter has been sent out informing you how to give your consent online.

www.leicsandrutlandimms.co.uk/Forms/Flu using the code LE143244. This should be completed by all parents no later than 2nd October 2019. Any questions please contact the school office.

Year 6—Applications for Secondary Schools

Reminder for all Year 6 Parents/Carers, your child's application for secondary school must be completed before 31st October to ensure that it is not late.

Help for Parents

A representative from the school's admission team will be available in the Meeting Room between 2.00 pm and 4.00 pm on Tuesday 8th October and between 8.00 am and 10.00 am on Thursday 10th October in order to assist parents of Year 6 children with their Senior School applications.

Change of Details

Please keep all contact details up to date. If you have changed your address, telephone number or email address recently please contact the school office and update this as soon as possible. You may miss important updates or be uncontactable in case of emergency.

Family Support Worker Drop-In Clinic

Mrs O'Connor will be running a drop-in clinic on Thursday mornings at 9:00am—11:00am for Parents with any questions and concerns that they would like to speak with her about.

Kingswood Residential Trip —Year 6

The Kingwood Trip is taking place on Friday 4th October— Sunday 6th October. Parents/Carers should have all information they need but any questions will be answered by the school office. We hope the children have a lovely trip and we look forward to hearing about it on their return.



Halloween Disco

The Halloween disco will take place on Thursday 31st October 2019 at 3:30pm—5.30pm. Tickets will be on sale after half term. We look forward to seeing all of you there!



ParentPay

All Parents should now be signed up for ParentPay which is used for paying for all school meals, clubs and trips. If you are not signed up for ParentPay, please visit the school office as soon as possible and ask for your log-in details. We can also help if you are struggling to set up your account. Dinners, clubs and trips etc. do need to be paid for in advance. No cash will be taken after the October half term. www.parentpay.com



Clubs

The afterschool clubs will be running until half term. A new club letter will be sent shortly regarding clubs for next term. To ensure that your child gets a place in the club they choose, please return your form to the school office and pay on ParentPay as soon as possible.

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Teacher Day—21st October 2019

Please remember that the school will not be open on Monday 21st October as this will be a teacher day for Merrydale Junior School.

Merrydale Infant School will be open as usual.

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

Help Merrydale Junior School to access a further **£1,320** per year to support your child's education. If you qualify, by registering for Free School Meals (even if your child doesn't want a school meal every day), you can help Merrydale access significant additional funding from the Department for Education that will support your child to meet their potential.

Successful applicants will receive a free school meal and free milk everyday, as well as a free school jumper and support towards school trips, clubs and other activities.

You can apply online at www.leicester.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals or you can call the free school meals team on 0116 4541009 (Option 3) and you will be told straight away if you qualify (just have your national insurance number with you when you call). If you have any questions just ask at the school office and we can help you apply.

Sports this term

We are well into the autumn term and it has been a great start to the year on the sporting front at Merrydale. We are yet to compete in any of the 25+ out of school competitions we have signed up for this year, so it has been quiet in that respect. However, our clubs are well underway with 110 places taken up on our various after school sport clubs! It has been great seeing so many children active and having fun! Our year 5's have continued their swimming lessons at Spence Street after starting their lessons towards the end of their time in year 4. Their progress has been brilliant, with many children already demonstrating some fantastic swimming. Our first two sport competitions of the year are coming up, with the 5K World Relay and Cross Country competitions taking place on the 4th & 11th October, where 68 children will be taking part across the two events!

Mr Lemmon

PARENTS EVENING

Parents Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October 2019. The Book People will be in school with a selection of books for sale. No clubs will be running on these dates. A letter will be sent out to you shortly.

ADVANCE NOTE OF DATES

October

- 2/10/19—Consent for Flu Immunisation must be completed by today.
- 4/10/19—Kingswood Residential Trip for Year 6 Children
- 8/10/19—Transition Support for Year 6 Parents 2—4pm
- 10/10/19—Transition Support for Year 6 Parents—8—10am
- 11/10/19—Last Day of School before half term.
- 21/10/19—Teacher Day—School Closed. (Merrydale Infants School Open)
- 22/10/19—School Opens
- 29/10/19—Flu Immunisations Today
- 29/10/19—Parents Evening (No afterschool clubs today)
- 30/10/19—Parents Evening (No afterschool clubs today)
- 31/10/19—Halloween Disco 3.30pm (No afterschool clubs today)

Academic Year 2019-20

Autumn Term

Mid-Term Break - 14th—18th October 2019
School Teacher Day—21st October 2019—**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS DAY FOR ALL CHILDREN.** This day **does not** apply to the infant school.
Closes - Friday 20th December 2019

www.merrydalejuniorschool.com

You can find lots of useful information on our website including term dates, letters, school curriculum, school meals and much more.



Please visit our Merrydale Junior School Twitter Page, @MerrydaleJunior
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