



Welcome back to Merrydale Junior School!

We hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer and that you are all ready for a new year at Merrydale. We ask that you can all join us in helping the new children in Year 3 settle in and feel welcome too!

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.



Clubs

Clubs will be starting on Monday 9th September 2019 and running until 10th October. On Wednesday 18th & 25th September 2019 clubs will be cancelled due to staff training. You will not be charged for these sessions. Please make sure club letters are returned to the office. Payment must be made on ParentPay before Monday 9th September. If you have already paid the full price for Gymnastics/Table Tennis or Homework Club on Wednesdays please contact the office for a refund of £3.00 back to your ParentPay account.



Summer Fayre—14th September 2019

Merrydale Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 14th September from 11:00am—2:00pm. If any Parents would like to run a stall at the Fayre or know someone who would, the cost is £10.00 per stall. Please contact Mrs O'Connor for further information. Any donations of cakes/chocolate or gift sets towards the Fayre would be greatly appreciated.

Family Support Worker Drop-In Clinic

Mrs O'Connor will be running a drop-in clinic on Thursday mornings at 9:00am—11:00am starting on 12th September for Parents with any questions and concerns that they would like to speak with her about.

Kingswood Parents Meeting—Year 6

There will be a meeting for Parents to discuss the upcoming trip to Kingswood. This will take place on Thursday 19th September 2019 at 3:30pm. If your child is attending Kingswood please make sure that you do attend.



Family Learning—ESOL English Classes

We are starting a Family Fun with English class on Wednesday 9.00 am to 11.00 am. This will commence on the 11th September and run for 14 weeks. If you are new to English or need some confidence with speaking English then this course is for you. Please call 0116 2767708 or email doconnor@dsatmerrydale.org or speak to Mrs Solanki to book a place. We really look forward to seeing you here.



Education City

The school uses Education City as a IT educational resource for primary school children to support children in the classroom and at home. On Monday 23rd September at 3:30pm, all Year 3 Parents are invited to a demonstration. A reminder will be sent shortly.



Halloween Disco

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

School Nurse Drop-In Clinic

The school nurse will be holding a drop-in clinic on Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at 9:00am till 11:00am for any parents that would like to attend.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

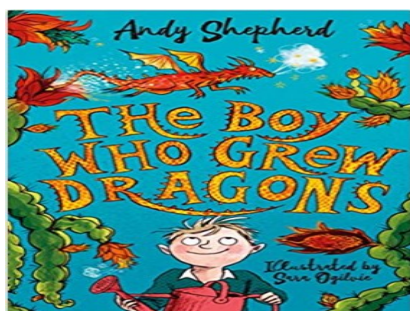
Mrs O'Connor is hosting a MacMillan Coffee morning on Friday 27th September 2019 at 10:00am in the school hall. We would be delighted if Parents could join us for coffee and cake to support the cause.

Immunisations

Seasonal flu vaccinations will be taking place in school on 29th October 2019, a letter with details of this will follow.

Free School Meals

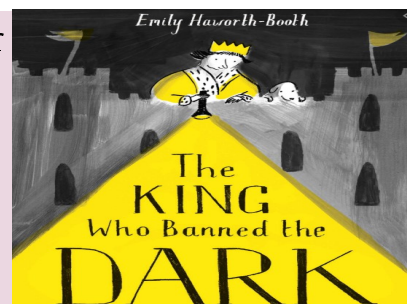
Children who are registered for Free School Meals are also entitled to Pupil Premium which helps towards the costs of trips, clubs and other activities. It is easy to check if you are eligible, please call 0116 4541009, Option 3 with your child's name and your own National Insurance number.



Mr Corbett's Book Picks for September

The Boy who Grew Dragons

The King who Banned the Dark



CLUBS RUNNING THIS TERM—09/09/19—10/10/2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Homework Club £1.50 per session or £9.00 per term	Homework Club £1.50 per session or £9.00 per term	Homework Club £1.50 per session or £6.00 per term	Football £9.00 per term
Dance Club £9.00 per term	Multi Sports £9.00 per term	Table Tennis Club 6.00 per term	
		Gymnastic Club £6.00 per term	

Dinner Debts

Please remember that dinners need to be paid for in advance. The cost of a school meal is £2.25 per day or £11.25 per week. We have a 'no debt' policy relating to the school meals. The school does not have the budget to subsidise school dinner money debts. As most parents appreciate no-one would take their child to a restaurant and expect them to be given food without paying; the same applies at school. Please clear your dinner balances immediately and keep them in credit. If you are struggling to pay off your dinner debt please make an appointment see Mrs O'Connor.

CLUBS WILL NOT BE TAKING PLACE ON WEDNESDAY 18TH & 25TH SEPTEMBER DUE TO STAFF TRAINING.

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

ADVANCE NOTE OF DATES

September

- 09/09/2019—Afterschool clubs start
- 10/09/2019—Year 5 Swimming starts
- 11/09/2019—Family Fun Meeting at 9:00am—11:00am
- 12/09/2019—Family Support Worker Drop-in clinic 9:00am—11:00am
- 14/09/2019—Summer Fayre at 11.00am—2.00pm
- 19/09/2019—Kingswood Parents Meeting at 3:30pm
- 23/09/2019—Education City Meeting for Parents at 3:30pm—Year 3
- 25/09/2019—Family Fun with English 9:00am—11:00am
- 27/09/2019—MacMillan Coffee Morning in the hall at 10:00am



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