

Year 6 Newsletter



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Welcome to Year 6

We would like to welcome everyone to the new academic year at Merton Junior School. We are very excited about what is coming over the next year and we look forward to spending the year with your fabulous children.

For many of you, this is the last year at the Junior School and we would like to say a huge welcome back to you all for Year 6 - this year will be the best one yet!



This year, we have a new team in Year 6 led by Mrs Moore in Poplar class and working alongside is Miss Thomas in Willow class and Miss Romaine in Beech class. Supporting us this year will be Mrs Wheeler and Mr Hickey.

This year it is even more essential that school and parents alike work together to ensure that each child reaches their potential. Towards the Spring Term, there will be additional meetings in place to discuss SATs and transitions. Please keep your eye out for these dates in the diary. There are also some key dates for you to be aware of on the back page including PE days.

We hope that everyone has a fantastic last year at the Junior school and we encourage parents and carers to come and talk to the teachers as much as possible. If you have any questions regarding school and your child's learning, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher Or the year lead, Mrs Moore. We are always on the playground at the end of the day or likewise you could contact the office and they will book an appointment for you to see the member of staff concerned.

As with previous years, our cloakrooms are quite small therefore we ask that children bring in their blue book bag which will be placed in the classroom, a coat and their PE kit which will live in the cloakrooms. PE kits should be in a small draw string bag which can easily hang on the pegs as backpacks are too large and end up on the floor which causes a tripping hazard. The children do not need to bring in their own stationary as our school provides everything that your child would need to complete their work to the best of their ability. We do ask for NO rucksacks unless the child rides a bike to school where they will need both hands clear!



At the end of each day, the staff will lead the children out by the pupil and library doors at the bottom of the top playground (by the steps) to be dismissed. Please can we ask that you do not crowd this area so that we can get all of the year group out of the doors safely. If your child walks home then they must let their teacher know or wait with their teacher if there is no visible adult to go home with. Thank you for your continued support.

Homework and Reading

At Merton, we pride ourselves in having high expectations for our pupils and staff and we strive to provide the very best opportunities for all of our children throughout the school.

Each week your child will be given a piece of Maths and a piece of English homework as well as a set of spellings to learn. These will be differentiated to their needs as we see them in the classroom. Homework will be handed out on a Friday and we will expect it to be back in by the following Thursday each week.

We also expect the children to read at home at least 3 times per week and to have this recorded into their Home School Book, with an adult signature, which should be brought into school each day.



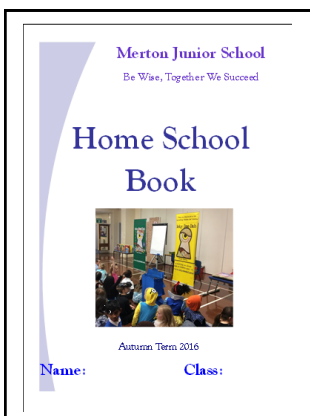
Failure to complete and hand in homework and to have met the weekly reading expectations will result in a detention on a Friday lunchtime where they will be given the homework to complete or to read to an adult.

If there are any questions regarding the homework, please come and speak to a member of the Year 6 staff, pop a note into the Home School book or your child can sign up to homework club and we will try to answer you as best as possible. We encourage children to ask questions or ask for a new sheet, if lost or mislaid, before Thursday morning so that it can still be handed in on time.

We also run a homework club (more information to follow). The club runs from 3:20 to 4:00pm and is run by some of the teaching and support staff. Homework club is open to every child in school but we do only have limited spaces in each Lower school and Upper school club. If you are interested in signing your child up for homework club, where they can be supported by staff, then please do not hesitate to contact the office.

We want to get the very best out of all of the child at Merton Junior School and we cannot do that without your fantastic support. The Home School book is a brilliant way for us to keep track of your child's home reading and it is a brilliant way for parents and teachers to communicate. If you have any concerns or you just want to let us know how fabulous they have been at home, please pop a note into the book. The Home School books are checked daily by either the teacher or Learning Support Assistant (LSA) so your comments will always be read.

Equally, we will always let you know how your child is doing in school and we will comment in the books weekly on attitude, great work, manners, etc; all of the wonderful things that you want to know about how your child is doing at school.



Dates for the Diary

Thursday 20th September—School photographs
Thursday 27th September—Love British food (special menu day)

Friday 28th September—Macmillan coffee morning

Monday 8th October—Parents evening (3:30-7)

Tuesday 9th October—Parents evening (3:30-5)

Week beginning Monday 22th October to Friday 26th



N.B Please name all your child's clothing

PE this term

Our PE day is a Monday and Tuesday

All children need to bring a **full PE kit each week** as the session will be split into an indoor and outdoor session. The School PE uniform is:

Plain white T-shirt (no logos or slogans or pictures)

Plain, dark coloured shorts or jogging bottoms

A pair of outdoor sport pumps or trainers

A plain jumper (for outside only)

We encourage children to bring a separate jumper and t-shirt for PE rather than their school clothes to avoid their uniform getting hot, sweaty and dirty during their PE sessions

PE is statutory within the curriculum therefore all children will participate. A spare kit from school will be provided for your child to wear that day if they fail to bring an appropriate kit or they will have to participate in their uniform and a letter will be sent home to inform you of this.