Merton Junior School Newsletter

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Be wise, together we succeed

The birthday celebrations continue...

Thank you to everyone who made it to our Summer Fun Day—the weather held out for us and it was a brilliant day. A special thank you to all of our stallholders, staff and volunteers for stepping in and making sure that the event was a success.

A big thank you to Miss Youngs for making the amazing cake for The Worshipful the Mayor of Basingstoke and Deane Cllr Diane Taylor to cut and open the event!

The children had fun playing games, jumping on the bouncy castle, winning prizes on the tombola, eating delicious food from the BBQ and playing hockey with Basingstoke Bison—all in all, a great day.

It was fantastic to see you all at our recent Parents' Evenings and to hear your positive comments about how pleased you are about how well your children are getting on. If you ever have any worries of concerns, please do come in and talk to us.

Mrs K Reading Headteacher

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who supported us at the Macmillan coffee morning. It was a great success - lots of tea, coffee and, of course, cake was enjoyed. Merton raised an amazing £264 for this charity. Well done, everyone!

Science Day

On Friday 4th October it was 'Science Day' at Merton Junior School. Miss Youngs invited 'real scientists' into school to work with the children. A big thank you to all of our scientists who came in to work with the children—we really appreciate your time and the children loved the day. All year groups spent the day investigating, researching and discovering.

Year 3 were posed with the question "How do objects travel through the air?" Up in Year 5 the children were discovering how sound travels and Year 6 worked with a scientist investigating infra red light.

Year 4 were learning about chemical reactions out on the playground. They even learnt how to make instant ice cream. It was an amazing day!

Dates for the Diary

24th October—1:45pm Harvest Assembly at St Bede's - everyone welcome

24th October—Halloween Disco

4:30pm-5:30pm Y3/4

5:30pm-6:30pm Y5/6

25th October Iron Age Workshop-Y3

25th October Non-uniform day—Friends of Merton—£1 donation

Monday 28th October-Friday 1st November—Half term

5th November—Trip to Winchester Science Centre-Y5

11th November—Anti-bullying Week

15th November—Children in Need (Dress spotty)

29th November—INSET day (school closed)

12th December—9:15am-10:45am Christmas Coffee Morning - everyone welcome

13th December—Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch

13th December Christmas Market-Friends of Merton 3:15pm-4:30pm

17th December—6pm Evening Performance of Year 3 Nativity

18th December—2pm Matinee Performance of Year 3 Nativity

19th December—1:45pm Christmas Carol Service at St Bede's Church - everyone welcome

20th December—Last day (normal finish time)

Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January-Christmas Holidays

6th January—1st day of Spring Term

14th January—Friends of Merton meeting—9am

4th February—Roman Workshop-Y4

10th February—Internet Safety Week

Monday 17th February-Friday 21st February—Half term

Tuesday 25th February—Pancake Races

Wednesday 4th March—Friday 6th March—Lower School Residential to Gordon Brown Centre

Monday 2nd March—Parents' Evening 3:30pm-7pm

Tuesday 3rd March—Parents' Evening 3:30pm-5pm

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day (dress up as a book character)

<u>2019-20 INSET days:</u>

29/11/2019 1/6/2020 29/6/2020

Hampshire School Term Dates can be found here:

https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schoolholidays

Dates are also on our NEW school website: www.mertonjuniorschool.co.uk and can be linked directly to the calendar on your phone. Letters can also be found on our school website. If you are not already a member of our Facebook page then please take a look as we also communicate via this method to remind parents of any upcoming events.