

5th January 2010

Dear Parents

Happy new year and welcome back. I hope you have had a super Christmas holidays.

The week before Christmas was very special in school and thank you all for your presents, cards and good wishes. The children did us all proud with their performances and the carol service. We managed to collect £346 from donations after the performances to buy our 'camcorder'. I would also like to say thank you to Mrs Maynard who again made our Christmas lunch such a success.

We would like to welcome Mrs Chloe Mundy to yellow class (years 1/2). She will be working with Mrs Bundy until half term, while Mrs Miles works in another school.

The usual reminders for the new school term please:

- 1 children must have PE kit in school EVERY DAY. It is advisable for our KS2 children to have a warm tracksuit for games afternoon on a Friday.
- 2 children must wear shoes to school – trainers are not part of our uniform but may be worn for PE.
- 3 the school drop off zone operates from 8.50 am. The doors open at this time. The school cannot take responsibility for children arriving before this time.
- 4 there is no parking on the school site for parents – please work with us to keep your children safe.
- 5 school lunches must be ordered on the Friday before the next week. Payment must be made at the beginning of the week, on Monday.

Attached to this letter is a list of dates for this term. I would be grateful if you could keep them in a safe place to refer to them as the term progresses.

Clubs start on Monday 18th January and finish on Thursday 18th March 2010. Below is the list of clubs for this term:

- MONDAYS - Hockey, 3.15 – 4 pm, years 5 and 6,
Recorders, **3.15 – 3.45 pm**, years 2 – 6, for those who attended last term,
KS 1 Tennis, 3.15 – 4 pm, years 1 and 2,
Street dance, **3.15 – 4.15 pm**, years 4 – 6, PRIVATE CLUB,
Science, 3.15 – 4 pm, years 4 – 6,
Chess, 3.15 – 4 pm, years 3 – 6,
Food Technology, 3.15 – 4 pm, years 3 – 6,
Beading, 3.15 – 4 pm, years 3 – 6,
- TUESDAYS - Art/Pottery, 3.15 – 4 pm, years 2 – 5,
Sewing, 3.15 – 4 pm, years 3 - 6,
Tennis, 3.15 – 4 pm, years 3 and 4,
Badminton, 3.15 – 4 pm, years 3 - 6,
- WEDNESDAYS - Tennis, 3.15 – 4 pm, years 5 – 6,
Fun, 3.15 – 4 pm, year 1,
- THURSDAYS - Football, 3.15 – 4 pm, years 1-6, and

Year 6 Arts Award – please see separate letter.

Some recorder groups, choir (years 1 – 6) and gardening club will take place at lunchtimes and there will be no charge for these clubs – I would be grateful if you could indicate on the slip whether you would like your child to attend choir.

There is a charge of £4.00 for the term for each club and children must be picked up promptly. Please could you register your child’s interest in a club by filling in the slip at the foot of the letter and returning it to school in an envelope (no money yet!). Please post it in the letter box in the entrance hall. Places will then be allocated (the children on the waiting list from last term will be given priority) and a request sent to you for the money if your child has been allocated a place. The money will need to be returned to school (in the post box) by a specific date (this will be in the second letter). If it is not received by this time a place will be allocated to another child. If you do not receive a request for money please assume that your child has not been allocated a place but they will then be put on the waiting list. Priority will be given to children on the waiting lists from last term (please indicate on the form if you would like your child to take up their place at the club they are on the waiting list for). We do expect children to attend the club if they are allocated a place – if the children do not attend regularly another child might have taken their place. Street dance club follows slightly different arrangements and it is a private club run by Mandy, our dance teacher. Please see the letter enclosed with this one.

As we sometimes have poor weather this term I thought it was a good opportunity to remind you of our closure procedures due to bad weather conditions. Should the school be closed there will be regular bulletins on Spire FM and Midwest Radio and the school office will be ‘manned’ for phone enquiries from 8.30 am. A member of staff will be on each of the school gates from 8.30 am.

Mrs Porter will be running a ‘Parenting course’ again this term. Please see the attached letter. I know that parents who have been on this course have found it extremely helpful when tackling some challenging behaviour at home.

With thanks.

Yours sincerely

Catriona Williamson

MERE SCHOOL

CLUBS

I would like to register my child’s interest in the following clubs:

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| Hockey | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Recorders | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| KS1 tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- Chess
- Food Technology
- Science
- Beading
- Art/Pottery
- Sewing
- Years 3 & 4 tennis
- Badminton
- Years 5 & 6 tennis
- Football
- Fun
- Choir (no money please)

Name, Class

My child has been on the waiting list for club. I would/would not like them to be allocated a place.

MERE SCHOOL	
Spring Term 2010	
Monday 4 th January -	T D day (only staff in school)
Tuesday 5 th January -	School begins for children
	NEWSLETTER
	Friends meeting
Monday 18 th January -	Spelling workshop for parents - details enclosed
	Clubs start
	NEWSLETTER

Thursday 21 st January -	Maths workshop for parents - details enclosed
Tuesday 26 th January -	E.Safety information evening - details to follow
Monday 1 st February -	NEWSLETTER
Tuesday 2 nd February -	Friends meeting
Wednesday 3 rd February -	Swimming re-starts
Monday 8 th February -	Art week begins
Friday 12 th February -	School ends for half term
Monday 22 nd February -	School begins
Wednesday 24 th February -	Book week begins
	Bedtime story - details to follow
Tuesday 2 nd March -	Friends meeting
Friday 5 th March -	SEN support group meeting - details to follow
Monday 8 th March -	NEWSLETTER
Thursday 11 th March -	Head Teacher and Chair of Governor Question Time
Thursday 18 th March -	Clubs end
Monday 22 nd March -	NEWSLETTER
Tuesday 23 rd March -	Purple (year 6) class assembly
Wednesday 24 th March -	Red (year 5) class assembly
Thursday 25 th March -	Green (year 4) class assembly
Friday 26 th March -	Gold (year 3) class assembly
	Reports to come home
Monday 29 th March -	Silver (year 2) class assembly
Tuesday 30 th March -	Yellow (year 1/2) class assembly
Wednesday 31 st March -	Amber (year 1) class assembly
	Parent interviews
Thursday 1 st April -	Blue (Foundation Stage) class assembly
	Break up
Monday 19 th April -	T D day (no children in school)
Tuesday 20 th April -	School begins for children