



13th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Curriculum Drivers

At Merry Hill, we have developed a broad curriculum driven by the learning elements our children require to be successful life-long learners.

Our curriculum's distinctiveness lies in the foundation of our four key drivers: **Healthy Learners, Curious Learners, Ambitious Learners and Collaborative Learners.**

The newsletter is structured around these four drivers, serving as a means to emphasise these fundamental components of our curriculum. Our drivers are what make our Merry Hill curriculum

'Healthy Learners' – how we ensure we are ready to learn

Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops:

We are pleased to share information about the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops running from October to December 2024. These workshops are open to all parents or carers who are either enrolled in a Hertfordshire school or registered with a local GP. No referral is needed to participate.

All workshops will be delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For further details on each workshop and to secure your place, please visit the Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Eventbrite page: [HCT Children's Wellbeing Practitioners Events - 16 Upcoming Activities and Tickets | Eventbrite](#)

For specific workshop dates and times, as well as additional information, please see the attached document.

'Curious Learners' – what we learn

Each week the class teachers post blogs, which enable you to find out more about our education offer and reinforce learning at home. Please click on the link below to see the wonderful learning that has taken place over the week.

<https://merryhill.org.uk/our-learning-community/year-group-blogs/>

'Ambitious Learners' – how we act when we learn

This week, our team point focus has been on reinforcing the golden rule: *Be kind and helpful.* Our team have been kept very busy rewarding children who demonstrate kindness and helpfulness. We are incredibly proud of our children for embracing these values and setting a positive example for their peers.

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'Collaborative Learners' – our place in the world

At Merry Hill, we are dedicated to nurturing our pupils to develop a holistic set of values, helping them to understand their place within the world, and empowering them to make positive contributions to society.

We are incredibly fortunate to have parents and carers who actively support and engage in our school's life and their children's educational journey. Our ultimate goal is to ensure that every member of our community feels safe and happy and that we create a sense of belonging here at Merry Hill. To achieve this, we place great importance on our partnership with parents. Throughout the year, we will host various events such as parent sessions, workshops, coffee mornings, celebrating success sessions and more. We value your participation in these events as we work together to create a happy, thriving and inclusive environment.

FoMH

I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your continued support and dedication to our school community. Your involvement is truly invaluable, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such wonderful parents as part of our FoMH (Friends of Merry Hill) team.

This past Monday morning, we held a productive meeting where we discussed exciting upcoming fundraising events and important diary dates. Your enthusiasm and commitment were evident, and we're thrilled about the initiatives we have planned.

Our first fundraising goal is to enhance our students' learning experience by providing them with new iPads. Following this, we aim to create a sensory area in the playground. This new space will offer a quiet, dedicated spot where children can retreat during playtime, fostering a calming environment that supports their well-being.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support which makes such a positive difference in our school community.

Please see the message below from Amber Heathcote, the FoMH Chair, and keep an eye out for upcoming events and meetings in the list of dates sent out alongside the newsletter.

Dear Parents,

We hereby formally give notice of the AGM of the PTA known as 'Friends of Merry Hill' (FoMH), to be held on 9th October 2024. The event will start at 8pm in the school hall.

The PTA plays a vital part in the Merry Hill school community and all are invited to attend the AGM. This is your chance to hear and see how the funds you have helped to raise have been, and will be, used for the benefit of the children at our school.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTA Committee who will represent the FoMH throughout the forthcoming year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to join the Committee as Chair, Treasurer or Secretary. Existing Committee members wishing to stand for re-election do not have to be nominated again but should inform the PTA of their intention to stay in their role.

If you would like any further information about becoming a Committee member, please speak to the school office who will connect you with the current Chair of the FoMH.

Everyone is welcome! We look forward to seeing you on the 9th October.

Kind Regards,

Amber Heathcote, Chair of FoMH

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Exciting Career Opportunity: Join our Wonderful Team!

Are you looking for a change of career and a chance to make a real difference in the lives of children? We have a fantastic opportunity for you to join our dedicated team as a Learning Support Assistant, and Breakfast Club Assistant covering maternity leave and providing vital support in our Early Years department.

We're seeking someone with a genuine love of learning and a passion for making a positive impact on young lives. If you have a commitment to fostering a supportive and nurturing environment for children, we'd love to hear from you. This role is perfect for someone eager to contribute to our vibrant school community and help shape the future of our young pupils.

If you're enthusiastic, dedicated, and ready to be part of a caring team, apply now and take the next step in this rewarding career! If you would like additional information, please pop into the school office and discuss the role further with a member of our SLT team.

Alternatively, please click on the link below to apply:

<https://www.teachinherts.com/find-a-job.htm?schoolid=341>

Have a wonderful and restful weekend.

Sincerely,

Ms Melissa Adams
Headteacher

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