



Merry Hill

Infant School and Nursery

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Dear Parents & Carers,

As the term draws to a close, I would like to reflect on what has been a positive and productive start to the school year at Merry Hill. Since September, it has been wonderful to see the children settle into new routines, build stronger friendships and grow in confidence. Our pupils have shown resilience, enthusiasm and a genuine eagerness to learn, with their curiosity and creativity bringing energy and purpose to every classroom.

Before we head into the holidays, we would like to share a few highlights from this first term and celebrate some of the wonderful moments and achievements along the way.

Remembrance Day



Nursery Diwali Celebrations

Earlier this year, our Nursery children enjoyed a vibrant celebration of Diwali, inspired by the story of *Rama and Sita*. They explored rangoli patterns, created beautiful diva lamps, practised counting and number ordering, and even tried some Bollywood dancing. It was a joyful week full of creativity, cultural learning and fun.

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Reception Library Trip

Our reception children enjoyed a fantastic visit to the local library, where they explored a wide range of books, listened attentively to stories and learnt how to borrow and return books independently. The trip sparked great excitement, curiosity and early number skills, making it a wonderful learning experience.



Reveley Lodge Trip for Year 1

The Year 1 visit to Reveley Lodge brought history to life as they explored what life was like in Victorian times. The children thoroughly enjoyed dressing up, learning about daily routines and even trying out Victorian laundry artefacts, making it an extremely exciting and memorable experience for all involved.



Fire Brigade Visit for Year 2

Our Year 2 children thoroughly enjoyed a visit from the local firefighters as part of their history learning about The Great Fire of London. The children had the unique opportunity to explore a real fire engine and learn about the various tools that firefighters use to keep us safe. It was wonderful to see the children connecting history with real-life experiences, making their learning both meaningful and memorable.

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😊 A Happy Face

At Merry Hill, we believe that children learn best when they feel happy, safe and respected. That is why our behaviour curriculum, *The Merry Hill Way*, is central to everything we do.

This Autumn, our focus is on instilling the *core rules*: **Ready, Respectful, Safe**. They underpin all of our behaviour expectations and are carefully taught through assemblies, PSHE lessons and daily routines.

This week, we awarded team points to recognise behaviour that has been a focus so far this year and to celebrate the many positive choices our children have made. We are extremely proud of how well the children have embraced our new behaviour curriculum. It is already having a very positive impact on behaviour across the school.

📖 A Learning Place

Singing and Celebrating Progress

This week, we welcomed Year 1 & 2 parents and carers to our Singing and Celebrating Progress event. The children sang beautifully, and it was a wonderful opportunity for them to share all their hard work from this term. Well done to Years 1 & 2, and thank you to all who were able to attend.

🌱 A Growing Space

Thank you

On Tuesday, the Merry Hill team enjoyed a Christmas lunch, giving us the opportunity to come together and celebrate the many positives of the year. I would like to thank our governors, teachers and all staff for their continued commitment to the Merry Hill community and their tireless pursuit of excellence for our children. Every member of the team plays a vital role, and the care, dedication and teamwork shown each day are what make Merry Hill such a special place.

I would also like to thank our parents and carers for their ongoing support and partnership. It has been a real pleasure to see the pride and joy on families' faces as you watched your child/ren perform on stage and celebrate their achievements this term.

Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday, the children arrived at school wearing their festive jumpers, bringing extra cheer to the day. They thoroughly enjoyed their "snow" topped Christmas cakes, and some even said it was the best lunch ever! You would have been so proud of the children, as many took a moment to thank the catering team personally for preparing the meal, such a thoughtful gesture. A huge thank you to our catering team for creating this wonderful feast, and to all staff who helped make the event run smoothly and so enjoyable for everyone.

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Carol Singing for a Cause

We are very proud of Abhay in Herons Class, who, alongside some former Merry Hill pupils, helped spread festive cheer by carol singing for neighbours in Merry Hill. Their efforts raised £125 for the Bushey Food Bank, supporting local families in need.



End of Term

Our nursery children have now finished for the term after a special visitor came to see them! A reminder that tomorrow is a 1.30pm finish for all pupils.

We wish you all a wonderful and relaxing holiday spent with loved ones, and we look forward to welcoming the children back in the new term.

Best wishes

Ms Melissa Adams
Headteacher



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