



# Merry Hill

## Infant School and Nursery

Headteacher: Ms. Melissa Adams MA, NPQH

4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Harvest Assembly

This week our children came together to learn about the tradition of the Harvest Festival, learning the importance of gratitude for all that we have and the value of sharing with those less fortunate. We were honoured to be joined by Sharon Fowler from the Red Trust in Bushey, who shared with the children how their generous donations will help families in need within our local community.

The children were fascinated to learn that their contributions will make a real difference, providing essential food items to those who need it most, especially during this time of year. Sharon explained how every donation helps ensure that no one in our community goes without.

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated so far! We will continue collecting donations until the morning of Monday, 14th October. Your kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated!



### Parent/Carer Consultations

Next week, we will begin our parent/carer consultations with Year 1, followed by Year 2 the week after. As Nursery and Reception have just settled in and many parents have already met with teachers during the initial "Getting to Know Your Child" meetings, Early Years parent consultations will take place after half term.

We believe in working in close partnership with you to provide the best possible education and support for your children. If you would like to speak with your child's teacher outside of these scheduled consultations, please arrange an appointment either by speaking to a member of staff at the door or by contacting the school office. We pride ourselves on our open-door policy and are always here to support you.

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

### **Talking Families – Supporting Links**

If you're looking for support in building your child's self-esteem, encouraging positive behaviour, or managing challenging behaviours with consistency, we encourage you to explore the flyer attached to this newsletter. CAN Parent is offering a free 6-week online course for parents and carers of children aged 0-12. The course covers practical strategies for developing healthy communication and nurturing relationships with your child.

This is a fantastic opportunity to gain valuable insights and connect with other parents in a supportive environment. As the course has already begun, please respond quickly if you are interested in attending to secure your place.

## **'Curious Learners' – what we learn**

### **Year Group Blogs**

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's Focus: The Golden Rule – 'Do Work Hard'**

This week, we have been focusing on one of our golden rules: Work Hard. Whether it's practising writing, tackling new maths challenges, or working together as a team, we are celebrating the dedication and effort our little learners put into their activities. You can reinforce this at home by encouraging your child to always strive for their best and by praising their effort rather than just the outcome. It's all about helping them achieve their personal best.

**Next week**, we will turn our attention to the golden rule, Do Be Gentle. We encourage you to support this at home by discussing what it means to be gentle in their actions, words, and how they treat others.

## **'Collaborative Learners' – our place in the world**

### **History and Geography**

This year, history and geography are key areas of focus in our School Development Plan. We are committed to ensuring that these subjects are not only engaging but also relevant to your child's learning journey. To achieve this, our subject leaders have been working closely with advisors to update and enhance our curriculums, making them more meaningful and reflective of the world we live in today.

By focusing on real-world connections and local and global perspectives, we aim to help children develop a deeper understanding of the past and their place in the world. These enriching learning experiences will support your child's growth, curiosity, and awareness of how history shapes the present and future.

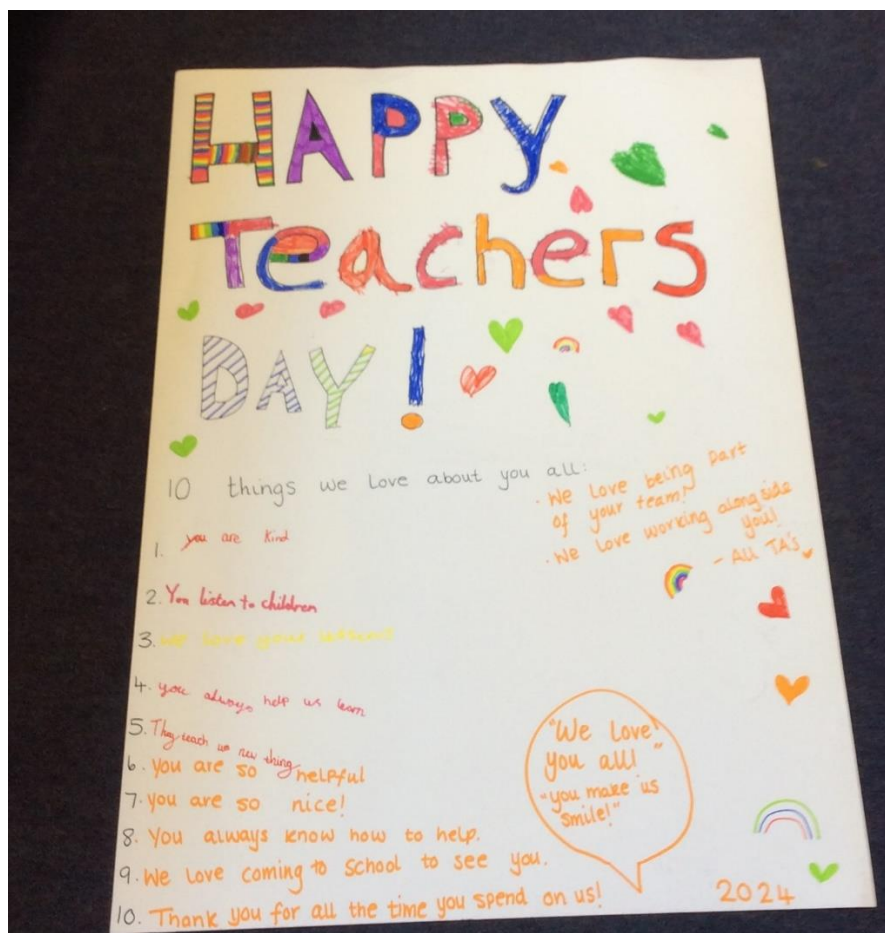
### **World Teachers' Day – Saturday, 5th October**

As we celebrate World Teachers' Day this Saturday, I want to take a moment to express my sincere thanks to all of the fantastic teachers here at Merry Hill and beyond. Their dedication, hard work, and passion for providing

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the very best education to your children is truly remarkable. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a committed and caring team.

Although World Teachers' Day falls on a weekend this year, I hope our teachers take a well-deserved break and enjoy some time to recharge. Thank you for continuing to support and appreciate all that they do for the children of Merry Hill.



Have a wonderful and restful weekend.

Sincerely,

Ms Melissa Adams  
Headteacher

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## Friends of Merry Hill

Join us to celebrate our successes and  
vote in our new PTA committee at our  
AGM.

Wednesday 9th October  
8pm Onwards  
in the School Hall

Please Confirm attendance.  
[fomh@merryhill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:fomh@merryhill.herts.sch.uk)



# AGM

Annual General Meeting

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