Merry Hill
Infant School and Nursery

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Dear Parents & Carers,

It was lovely to welcome so many families to our Parent Consultation meetings this week. During these meetings, we shared attendance information and discussed the vital role that regular attendance plays in children's learning and wellbeing. Every day in school counts, and by working together we can ensure that all children have the best possible opportunity to flourish, make progress and enjoy their learning experiences.

As part of our ongoing transition work with Ashfield, we have continued to strengthen the close links between our schools. This week, Miss Malin visited Year 3 pupils at Ashfield, while Miss Finch enjoyed speaking with the children during a telephone call. These valuable opportunities help our pupils become familiar with their future school and build confidence as they prepare for the next stage of their educational journey. We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Giannone, the new Headteacher of Ashfield. Following a recent meeting between the Senior Leadership Teams from both schools, we are excited about continuing our collaboration and look forward to the many shared opportunities and events ahead.

This week, I attended the Hertfordshire Headteachers' Conference, which provided a valuable opportunity to engage with colleagues, share best practice and explore developments within education that will continue to benefit our school community. I found the keynote speakers particularly inspiring and thought-provoking, and I look forward to sharing some of the ideas and insights gained with staff over the coming weeks as we continue to enhance the opportunities and experiences we provide for our children.

One of the highlights of this week was coming together with parents, staff and governors as part of our Inclusion Award working party. As we begin the process of renewing the award, it has been a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the inclusive culture we are so proud of at Merry Hill and to consider how we can continue to strengthen it. Thank you to everyone who has given their time and energy to this important work. Together, we are helping to ensure that every child feels a true sense of belonging within our school community.

A Happy Face

The Merry Hill Way

The Merry Hill Way remains at the heart of our school community and it has been lovely to see children consistently demonstrating our expectations in all areas of school life. We continue to teach our behaviour curriculum to ensure every child understands our expectations and is ready to learn.

This week's Team Points focus:

EYFS: *We indicate when we have something to say*
KS1: *We wait our turn to speak.*

Thank you to all of our children for continuing to demonstrate these expectations so positively.

A Happy Face, A Learning Place, A Growing Space

A Learning Place

Year Group Blogs

Each week our class teachers post blogs, which give you an opportunity to find out more about what your child has been learning in school. They also provide ideas and information to help you reinforce and celebrate learning at home.

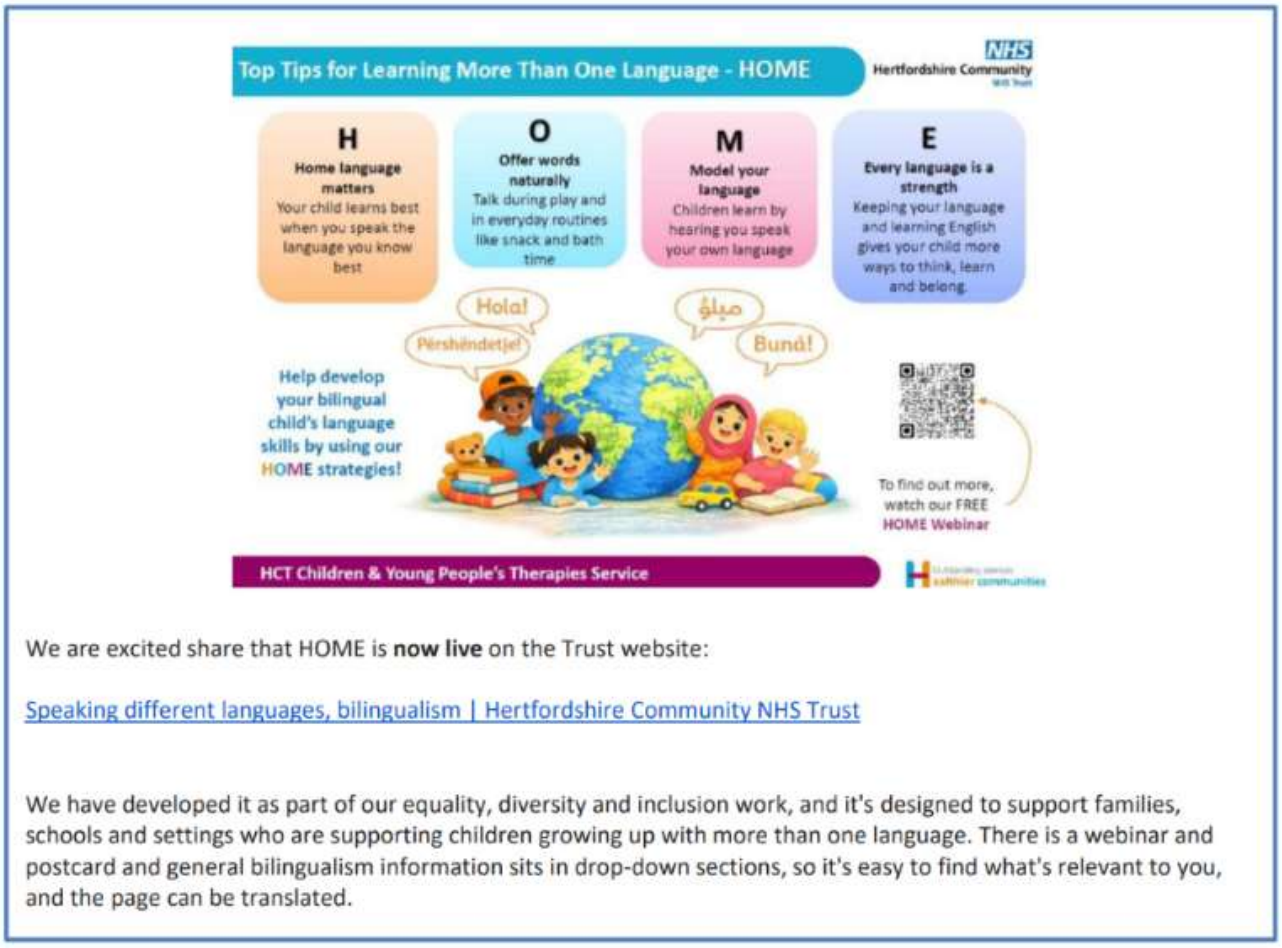
Please click on the link below to find out more:
https://merryhill.org.uk/our-learning-community/year-group-blogs/

A Growing Space

We are delighted to share **HOME**, a new online resource designed to support children growing up with more than one language. The website offers practical advice and simple strategies for families, helping to celebrate and develop children's home languages alongside English. We encourage families to explore this valuable resource and support their child's bilingual journey. Please see the poster attached to this newsletter.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Ms Melissa Adams
Headteacher



We are excited share that HOME is **now live** on the Trust website:

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We have developed it as part of our equality, diversity and inclusion work, and it's designed to support families, schools and settings who are supporting children growing up with more than one language. There is a webinar and postcard and general bilingualism information sits in drop-down sections, so it's easy to find what's relevant to you, and the page can be translated.