



# Merry Hill Matters

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Dear Parents

## Red Nose Day

We raised an amazing £302 on Red Nose Day - even more than we raised last time. Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

## FOMH Meeting

During the meeting on Wednesday the FOMH discussed the final arrangements for next week's Easter Egg Hunt and started thinking about future events such as the Summer Fair. Thank you to all the parents, and to Mrs Summers, who gave up their evening to help plan exciting activities for you and your children. Minutes of all FOMH Meeting are put into the notice board by the green gates.

## FOMH Fundraising

The Valentine's Disco made £310 profit and the Mother's Day Secrets Room made £100 profit. Proceeds will go towards the Library Fund. We anticipate that the Library refurbishment works will be carried out during the summer holidays.

## Library Helpers

Please would all of the parents who kindly offered to help keep the Library tidy join Miss Scott for five minutes at 2.10pm on the last day of term (30th March) so that a rota of helpers can be put together. (The help is needed on Friday afternoons between 1.15pm and 3.15pm if anyone else would like to join the meeting.)

## Milk Orders

A final reminder that any parent who would like their child to have milk must return their order form as soon as possible as Mrs Kamintzis has to place the order before Easter.

## Parking

A 'near miss' occurred last week due to parents parking on the corner of Rosebery Road. The Highway Code states: DO NOT park your vehicle or trailer on the road where it would endanger, inconvenience or obstruct pedestrians or other road users. Please do not put Merry Hill children in danger just for the sake of a shorter walk to school.

## School Website

The school website now contains a page entitled 'Displays' where we include images of displays from around the school. See [www.merryhill.org.uk](http://www.merryhill.org.uk).

## Easter Shopping - Shoes and Sandals

For the health and safety of all pupils please can shoes and sandals be appropriate for school? Running around the playground and climbing on the apparatus with wedged, strappy or high heels is not a sensible option. No open toes or sling backs please. Children must wear socks with their shoes.

## Easter Shopping - Plimsolls

Little feet grow quickly. Please check your children's plimsolls ready for outside PE lessons after Easter.

## Easter Shopping - Insulated Bags

We try to store packed lunches in the coolest part of the classroom, but in the interest of health and safety, please either use an insulated bag or put an ice pack into the lunchbox to ensure that the food is safe, fresh and palatable.

### **Summer Uniform**

A reminder that after Easter the children will be able to wear the summer uniform. With that in mind, please would you make sure that all sweatshirts and cardigans are named? In the summer, without fail, someone always forgets their top when they come in from playtime - it saves everyone time if they are named.

### **Lost Property**

Next Friday all of the lost property will be put out so that you can locate anything belonging to your child. At the end of Friday all remaining items will be disposed of.

### **Outside agencies**

The school often receives information and posters from outside agencies who are organising activities for children. We do from time to time put this information in Merry Hill Matters or put the posters in the outside noticeboard. This does not mean we are approving or recommending the activity.

### **Watergate Farm Lambing Open Days**

Watergate Farm are running lambing open days on:  
24th/25th March  
31st March/1st April  
6th- 9th April  
14th/15th April  
For more information see [www.watergatefarm.co.uk](http://www.watergatefarm.co.uk)

### **OPEN EVENING AT WATFORD CAMPUS 25th April 4.30pm-7.30pm**

**Teaching Assistants  
Certificate for Teaching  
Assistants Level 2 and 3**  
1 day a week at college - either Dacorum or Watford campus.

**Early Years  
Foundation Degree**  
Gain a nationally recognised University of Hertfordshire degree with two years part time study.

**Higher National Certificate -  
Advanced Practice in Work  
with Children and Families**  
Gain a nationally recognised BTEC qualification with two years part time study.

For further information about any of the above courses call Sue Kronda on 01923 812532.

### **Lifesavers**

Would you know what to do if a baby stopped breathing? A Baby Resuscitation Clinic is being held by the Royal Life Saving Society at the John Owen Sports Centre, Merry Hill Road on Wednesday 28th March from 9.30-11.30am. The course is designed for anyone who cares for a baby - parents, grandparents, friends or babysitters. The session is free of charge, but donations will be requested at the end of the morning. For further details phone 020 8950 3417.

**Swimming Teacher Training**  
Ever thought of becoming a swimming teacher? Aspire are running a Level One teacher course during the Easter holidays, from 12.30 - 8pm on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April. For more details or to book a place contact Tasha Dyson 02084206716 or email [tasha.dyson@aspire.org.uk](mailto:tasha.dyson@aspire.org.uk)

**Easter Holiday Activities**  
Aspire are running holiday camps and swimming crash courses over the Easter holidays, contact KidzZone on 0208 420 6725 or email: [kidzzone@aaspire.org.uk](mailto:kidzzone@aaspire.org.uk)

**Herts County Show**  
Herts County Show takes place on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th May. The show blends the traditional agricultural show with modern-day entertainment for the whole family. For more details visit [www.hertsshow.com](http://www.hertsshow.com).

**Summer Holiday Arts Course**  
A five-day creative and performing arts course is being run at Sacred Heart School from 6th - 10th August. The sessions are from 10am-3.00pm and include music, art and drama. For further details please call 01923 248516.

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