



# Merry Hill Matters

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## Leavers' Concert

On Tuesday Year 2 performed their Leavers' Concert 'The Pied Piper of Hamlyn'. It was a fantastic showcase of the children's talents, with superb singing and acting. The roof nearly came off the school with the applause for the children, who brought tears to the eyes of many a parent!

Of course it was an afternoon touched with a hint of sadness - it was the last time that these children will perform at Merry Hill. But the Concert was a delightful farewell from our Year 2 children; we wish them all the very best for the future.

We are indebted to Mrs Munns, Miss Stokes, Mrs Rouse and Mrs Williams who gave so much of their time to contribute to the success of the Concert.

## Leavers' Disco

Yesterday saw the year 2 The Leavers' Disco. Many thanks to the Friends of Merry Hill who organised the event for us, and ran the refreshments; to the staff who after a hard term managed to stay behind for an extra 2 hours to dance (!) and help tidy up after everyone, and special thanks to Chris Wells who kindly donated his skills and equipment for the disco music. All their hard work meant that the children had a lot of fun.

## Leavers' Commemorative mugs

After the disco Year 2 received Leavers' Gifts of a yellow 'Merry Hill Leavers 2004' Commemorative mug - funded by the Friends of Merry Hill.

## End of Year Reports - Parents Comments

I have now had an opportunity to read all of the Parents' Comments pages on the End of Year Reports.

The new report format was favourably commented on by many parents ("The report is user friendly and helpful. It is beneficial to have targets"; "I was extremely pleased with the presentation of the report. I found it very simple, yet informative in the tick box giving me what I wanted to know i.e. his expected standard").

Parents often commented on the time and care that the teacher's had taken in producing such accurate and personal statements about the children ("You have got her down to a T"; "I would like to thank you for the obvious time and hard work taken to provide such a comprehensive, individual report").

Another comment that parents frequently made was that their child enjoyed school and enjoyed learning ("Loves school and frequently comes home bubbling over with what she has learned or an activity she has done"; "He loves attending school and every day informs me of what he has achieved that day").

I hope that any parent who expressed queries or concerns about their child's report has now had an opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher.

### **Building works**

If you drive past the school in the holidays you may see builder's vans. Extensive maintenance and repair works are being carried out, including painting the windows in the old school, servicing the boiler, replacing the boys urinal in the old building, installing four disability access ramps and a toilet, electrical rewiring, window cleaning, carpet cleaning, installing a new computer server, fascia replacement and tree surgery.

### **Children at a loose end this summer?**

The Education Team at Three Valleys Water are organising a series of activity days for children between the ages of 5 and 11 during the summer holidays. Activities include model making, pottery, mask making, weaving, tie-dying, orienteering, mini beast hunting etc.

The dates are 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, and 26th August.

Each day runs from 10.00 to 3.30.

Children need to take drinks and a packed lunch.

The cost is £12.50 per day.

If you are interested please contact the Environment and Education Centre by telephone on 020 8420 5864 or by email at [www.3valleys.co.uk](http://www.3valleys.co.uk)