



# Merry Hill Matters

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## **National Union of Teachers' Industrial Action**

As parents will be aware, the NUT has called a national one day strike on teachers' pay. The strike will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April. I am writing to advise you that it will be necessary to partially close the school on that day. The criteria for this decision is the health, safety and welfare of the children and the availability to them of teachers on the day.

The strike will mean that Nursery, RP, 2S and 2R will be closed. Parents with children in those classes are asked not to send them to school. Children in RM, 1P and 1S will not be affected, and should come to school as usual. If the strike action is cancelled the school will be open as normal for all children.

## **Football Club on 24th April**

Football Club will take place after school as usual, so parents whose children take part may bring them in to the dining room at 3.15pm.

## **Threadworm**

There have been cases of threadworm in school. The advice given by the Health Protection Agency (HPA) is that children do not need to be kept off school because the risk of spreading threadworm is relatively low, and that it is generally considered to be a mild illness in childhood.

To successfully treat threadworm you can either follow the hygiene methods as outlined on NHS Direct or see your GP who can prescribe medication for you. Threadworms do not always produce symptoms, which is why all members of a household must be treated, even if only one person develops the condition and experiences symptoms.

## **Lip Balm**

Please would parents note that we do not allow lip balm in school as we cannot guarantee that the children won't share it!

## **Boots**

If your child comes to school wearing boots please would you make sure that they have a pair of shoes to change into once they arrive at school.

## **Cleaners Required**

Our cleaning contractors, Evergreen Cleaners, require two cleaners to work at Merry Hill for two hours every evening, Mondays to Fridays, term time only. The hourly rate would be £5.93 per hour. For further information please contact: Brenda Jack on 07721 354603.

## **Nursery and Reception Questionnaire**

Before Easter the parents of current Nursery and Reception children were asked to complete a questionnaire which asked for their views about the new single intake into Nursery and Reception in September 2007 - what was good about all of the children starting in September as opposed to some starting in the January, as well as anything that parents thought we could improve for September 2008.

The responses were extremely favourable, with most parents ticking either 'Strongly Agree' or 'Agree' with most of the positive statements. Where the responses were 'Disagree' they mainly centred on questions 13, 14 and 15.

The single intake for Nursery and Reception will continue in September 2008, but Mrs Perry and I will meet and take the parental responses into account when we plan the induction and admissions process. Relevant information is printed overleaf and graphs are also in the Nursery/Reception noticeboard and on the home page of our website [www.merryhill.org.uk](http://www.merryhill.org.uk)

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