



Merry Hill Matters

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Harvest Festival

'Well Done' to the children for presenting such an enjoyable variety of poems and songs. I know that they really loved performing them. It was wonderful to see so many parents join us and I've had some lovely feedback about how much you loved listening to it all. We raised a fantastic £420 at the exit collections, which we have sent to FoodAid. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Reading and Writing at Merry Hill

Being able to read and write two of the most important skills your child will learn during their time at Merry Hill. Becoming a confident reader and writer is not something that happens by chance, but requires dedication from both teachers and parents working in partnership together.

Phonics plays a key role in developing your child's literacy skills; in the initial stages, to help them secure letter and sound recognition, and as they move through the school into Years 1 and 2, helping them to investigate more complex spelling patterns.

If you want to find out about how phonics can improve your child's reading and writing, then please make a date in your diary to come to our Phonics Workshop on the first Thursday back after half term (6th November).

Parents' Evenings

A reminder that the sign-up sheets for appointment times for the two Parents' Evenings will be in the dining room before and after school on Wed 5th and Thurs 6th Nov. Parents who have more than one child in the school are given first choice so that they can arrange follow-on times - therefore they sign up on Wed 5th. All other parents sign up on Thursday 6th.

Bushey Grove Leisure Centre FREE Open Day

Bushey Grove are holding a FREE Open Day on Saturday 1st November, from 10.00-4.00.

The Mayor of Hertsmere, Councillor Sandra Parnell will officially open the gym with a balloon release at 12.00 noon.

For children, there are free inflatable fun swims, a bouncy castle, trampolining and parent and baby swims etc. Parents can book a place on Pedal X, Swiss Ball, Water Walkerz, table tennis, beginner aqua aerobics, squash, badminton and fitness starter classes etc. Find out more by calling 01923 470140.

Met Police Bushey Sports Club Bonfire Night

There will be a Community Bonfire and Fireworks display at the Metropolitan Police Bushey Sports Club on Sunday 2nd November. Gates open at 4.00pm. Entertainment and refreshments available. £5 per adults. Children under 12 £3. Under 5s FREE. Discounts available if you pay by 31st October. For more information telephone 01923 240857/243947.

Enjoy the Half Term

Whatever you are doing this half term, please enjoy a restful break. I look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd November.

Pauline Hannibal
Headteacher

