



Merry Hill Matters

Issue 18 - 24th September 2004

Dear Parents

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival this year will be at 9.20am on Friday 8th October. The collection will be for *Seeds for Africa*. Further details about donations of fresh produce will follow.

After School Football Club

Following the meeting with Rob Clarke and Nick Perchard from Watford Football Club, I have arranged for the first football session to start on Thursday 7th October. The sessions will run from 3.30-4.30. If you would like your child to join the club, and haven't already let me know, please contact me as soon as possible as places are now limited.

Reminder - School Dinners Meeting

A reminder that there will be a meeting at 2.00pm on Monday 11th October to discuss school dinners.

Road Safety - Public Meeting, 5th October

Further to my note in the last 'Merry Hill Matters' I have included below a letter from Jeff Green, Parent Governor, concerning an open meeting about Road Safety. Please use the attached reply slip to let me know if you are able to attend.

I am writing to you as a Parent Governor at Merry Hill Infant School and Nursery to advise you of current initiatives currently being taken to improve the safety of parents and children who walk to and from school.

As you will be aware, there is strong government support, at both national and local level, for "walk-to-school" schemes and Merry Hill is keen to play its part in this important campaign. However, safety of children and their parents is jeopardised by the absence of effective traffic calming measures in Merry Hill Road and by the parking arrangements in front in School Lane.

In order to tackle these two issues, a group of parents are very likely to draw up a "School Travel Plan", with the aid of Hertfordshire County Council, which will go a long way towards improving the general safety of children and their parents. Concurrent with this, it is felt that a campaign for the introduction of traffic calming measures in Merry Hill Road in particular could also yield significant benefits.

In order to give all interested parties further information on the likely contents of a School Travel Plan and to gauge local support for a campaign along the lines identified above, a meeting is being convened in the School Hall at 7.45pm on 5th October.

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING

- Opening remarks and introductions
- Background (including summary of points raised during meeting with Herts County Council on 16th September).
- Aim of the meeting
- School Travel Plan
- Potential traffic calming scheme:
 - Proposed location (s)
 - Proposed traffic calming measures
 - Proposed Way-Ahead
- Any other business
- Date of next meeting (if required)

Please do come along to the meeting if you possibly can. We have invited PC Chittenden, representatives from Hertsmere Council, local residents and other interested parties, so this will be your opportunity to make your views known.

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