



Merry Hill Matters

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Welcome back to school after what I hope has been a happy Easter Holiday for all our families. We are now two thirds of the way through this academic year and look forward to many exciting activities and events for children, parents and friends of the school during what will be a very long, and busy, Summer Term.

Penguins to the Rescue

Year 1 had a wonderful end to the Spring Term with their magnificent show 'Penguins to the Rescue'. A topical play about the effects of global warming it began with a family of penguins that noticed the effects of global warming. Songs such as 'The Recycling Song' *'If you're feeling cool dress hot'* (a song about not wasting electricity) and 'One World' (about looking after our planet) helped the children to understand about 'The Three Rs' - reducing, reusing and recycling.

The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about environmental issues and have proudly been telling us about their recycling efforts at home - and parents have told us that they are already being taken to task for wasting water and leaving the lights on!

Everyone was extremely proud of Year 1 and the hard work they had put into making 'Penguins to the Rescue' such a success. Many thanks go to Mrs Riley and Mrs Paton who put the show together, ably assisted by Mrs Tunwell and Mrs Oldfield. 'Penguins to the Rescue' truly was an outstanding end to an outstanding term!

Exit Collection

The exit collection from 'Penguins to the Rescue' raised £133 which we have donated to Heartwood Forest in Sandridge, St Albans. For things to see at Heartwood Forest visit www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/heartwood

Spring Family Discos

The two Spring Family Discos were very successful events - and they also raised £330 towards the refurbishment of the school hall. Thank you to everyone on the FOMH who worked so hard on the day.

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to the Friends of Merry Hill for organising a very successful Easter Egg Hunt on the last afternoon of term. A good time was had by all.

Year 2 Transfer to Ashfield Junior

Decisions about whether or not to mix the two Year 2 classes when they transfer to Ashfield in September are made by Mrs Dalziel. Some years Ashfield mixes the classes and some years they do not. Mrs Dalziel will advise you in July.

Curriculum Information to Parents

The teachers will be writing to you shortly to let you know just what your child will be learning this term. Don't forget that this information will also be available on our school website www.merryhill.org.uk

Diary Dates

Finally, you will find a list of Diary Dates for the Summer Term 2009 in your child's book bag. Please keep it somewhere safe, but if you do mislay it, you can also find it on the school website: www.merryhill.org.uk

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