



Merry Hill Matters

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Dear Parents

School Governors

"Governors are unsung heroes"

"Governors are the bridge between the school and the community"

We are looking for another parent governor. You do not need to be an expert on education, just someone who wants to get involved in the life of the school.

If you think you might be interested please do return the nomination form by the end of next week.

Harvest Festival Appeal 2004

It was wonderful to see so many parents, family and friends at the Harvest Festival last week. We raised a fantastic £214.87, which we have sent to 'Seeds for Africa'. Thank you so much for your generosity. 'Seeds for Africa' will use your donation to set up a school gardening project named after Merry Hill.

"With every new school garden that is established lives are being enriched; not just for this generation, but for generations to come."

Main Reception Entrance

The redecoration to the main reception entrance by Mrs Eells' Office is now complete. Thank you to Mr Whittaker for his hard work in making it look so bright and cheery.

Football Club

Feedback from the children, parents and the coaches about the first football club session was very positive. The coaches were full of praise about the children. They said they were very enthusiastic and listened to what they were being told: *"Normally football sessions with the younger players are described as tough work but we found this session very enjoyable!"*

Payment for Nov/Dec is due on the 1st November. Please see separate letter.

School Dinners

Approximately ten mums attended the meeting on Monday with Ruth Willcox and Sue Veale of Herts Catering to discuss school dinners. Rita Henke, our school cook, also joined us. It was a very positive and productive meeting. It was agreed that after half-term Merry Hill will pilot a new menu. This will involve a 'traffic light' colour system that will help guide the children towards choosing a balanced meal. Further information and menus will follow, and parental feedback encouraged.

Children's Cooking Classes

October half term cooking classes are being run, for children aged 5-11, at Bushey Heath Primary School. For more information contact Karen on 07932 123163.

Parents' Evening for Year 1 and Year 2

Don't forget Parents' Evening next Tuesday and Wednesday. This is your opportunity to discuss how your child is settling in to their new class, to discuss their initial progress and find out how you can support their learning in the year ahead.

Website links for parents

www.dfes.gov.uk/parents/discover

Help with the topics your child may be following in school

www.parentcentre.gov.uk

The Parent Centre aims to help parents and carers understand their child's education and what they can do to help

For websites suitable for 3-7 year olds please

see the Merry Hill website at

www.merryhill.org.uk

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