



Merry Hill Matters

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It's A Boy!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Paton gave birth to a little boy, George Bernard, on 1st November. George weighed a healthy 8lbs 13oz. Our warm congratulations go to Mrs Paton and to her husband.

Laura Riley

Mrs Riley's last day at school before she starts her maternity leave will be on Friday 11th December. Mrs Riley's class will be taught during the Spring and Summer Term by Miss Brown, an experienced teacher who has taught in the Watford area and in London. Over the next few weeks, Miss Brown will be in school to liaise with Mrs Riley and to meet the children.

Simon Kowalski Memorial Bench

The memorial bench by the green gates, which is a tribute to the memory of Simon Kowalski, will be formally 'unveiled' at 3.30pm on Friday 13th November.

Simon was a parent at the school, dad to Jamie and Arianna who are now at Ashfield, until his untimely death in December 2008. Simon always stood on the sunny side of the playground, in the spot where the bench has been sited, when he was waiting for the children to come out at the end of the school day.

Mrs Karin Kowalski, Jamie and Arianna would like to invite all parents and children who knew Simon to join them for a few minutes at 3.30pm on Friday, when Mrs Kowalski will say a few words and Jamie and Arianna will cut the ribbon to formally 'unveil' the bench. As the anniversary of Simon's passing approaches, this will be a fitting tribute to a good man and a time to share your thoughts with others who knew Simon.

Swine Flu Letter

You will have received a letter about Swine Flu in your child's book bag today.

Harvest Festival

We raised a fantastic £470 at the Harvest Festival exit collections, which we have sent to FARM-Africa. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2009

A reminder that Year 2 will be helping to sell poppies to the children from Thursday 5th to Wednesday 11th November inclusive.

Parents' Evenings

Don't forget Parents' Evening next Tuesday (10th) and Wednesday (11th). This is your opportunity to discuss how your child is settling in to their new class, to discuss their progress and find out how you can support their learning in the year ahead.

Appointments for Parents' Evening

If you have not yet had an opportunity to sign up for a slot to see your child's class teacher please see Mrs Kamintzis in the school office.

Book Fair

You may have noticed posters up around the school advertising the arrival of the annual book fair. The Travelling Book Fair will be in the school library on Thursday 12th until Wednesday 18th November and will be open each day from 3.20pm until 4pm. There will be a wide selection of books suitable for Nursery up to Year 2, so please feel free to come along and browse after school on one of the above days. We have vouchers for '£1 off' for the first 25 parents to buy books.

Merry Hill Christmas Fair

Please make a date in your diary - the Christmas Fair is on Saturday 5th December from 12.00-3.00pm. Please bring along as many friends and family as possible.

Christmas Fair - Raffle prizes

A reminder that the FOMH are keen for every parent to donate a raffle prize for the Christmas Fair. Please send your raffle prize into the school office.

Christmas Fair - eBay

We will be running a special Merry Hill eBay at the Christmas Fair.

Could you, or someone you know, donate your time or a special skill for us to auction at the eBay?

Your 'donation' can be anything legal, decent and honest such as:

- A night of free babysitting
- A morning of help with ICT
- Washing a car
- Two hours worth of ironing
- A morning of gardening, decorating or DIY
- Making a homemade cake/cookies/curry etc
- Swimming/tennis/golf/horse riding etc lesson
- Guitar lesson/s
- Fitness' memberships
- Meals out
- Beauty treatments
- Jewellery etc.

The more donations of time, skills and unwanted gifts we have, the more fun the eBay will be, and the more money we will raise, so please do be creative! If you have any fundraising ideas please contact Shelley Hamilton, Chair FOMH, on 07939 900620.

Extra FOMH Meeting on Monday

There will be an extra meeting in the dining room at 8.00pm on Monday (9th) to discuss the Christmas Fair. All welcome.

Rec, Yr 1 and Yr 2 Christmas Dinner Menu

We would like to invite all children to join us in a special Christmas Dinner on Tuesday 15th December.

A separate letter, menu and reply slip has already gone out. Please send a cheque for £1.80 to the office by Friday 20th November to enable orders to be placed with Herts Catering. Parents of children who already have school dinners do not have to pay any extra.

Please note that the Christmas Dinner is only offered to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate another 52 Nursery children.

'Mums of Steel'

'Mums of Steel' is an exercise class for mums where you don't have to worry about booking baby-sitters because you take your baby with you! 'Mums of Steel' run an exercise class in King Georges Park on Tuesday mornings and are looking for new members to join them.

'Mums of Steel' is a fun and effective way to lose weight and get fit. It costs £20 for four weeks. If you are interested please telephone Mary McLellan on 07709 342329 or visit www.mumsofsteel.com.

West Herts College

Open Events

Saturday 7th November

Construction & Engineering Centre, Kings Langley 9.30am to 12.30pm

Monday 9th November

Watford Campus, Hempstead Road, 6.00pm to 8.30pm

Monday 16th November

Watford Campus, Hempstead Road 6.00pm to 8.30pm

Monday 23rd November

Cassio Campus, Langley Road 6.00pm to 8.30pm

For further information go to www.westherts.ac.uk or telephone 01923 812345.

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