



# Merry Hill Matters

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## **It's a Boy!**

We're delighted to announce that Mrs Riley has had a little boy, Zachary Albert Riley, born at 12.20am on Sunday 15th January. Zachary weighed 7lbs 12oz. Both mother and baby are doing well. Our warmest congratulations go to Mrs Riley and her husband Simon.

## **Website**

The website has taken a lot of 'hits' since we came back to school last week, including the following 'snow days':

387 visits on Wednesday 6th January  
618 visits on Thursday 7th January  
122 visits on Friday 8th January  
501 visits on Wednesday 13th January

I hope parents found the 'Newsflash' updates on the website helpful. It was updated by 7.00am daily with school open/closed information. If you have not yet had a chance to visit the website, please go to [www.merryhill.org.uk](http://www.merryhill.org.uk). The 'Site Summary' can be found by clicking on the 'Visitors' total number on the bottom left hand side of the page - it makes interesting reading.

## **A Reminder...**

Further to the item in last week's Merry Hill Matters, please make a note of the Parent Voice Meeting on Friday 29th January at 2.15pm. Babies and toddlers welcome.

## **Year 1 and 2 School Trip**

Please note that Year 1 and 2 will be going to see George's Marvellous Medicine at the Watford Palace Theatre on Thursday 20th May. Further details to follow nearer the date.

## **Childcare in Bushey**

The Government website 'Directgov' offers a range of information about finding suitable childcare. Just go to the website [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk), click on 'Find childcare in your area', then click on 'Find schools, childcare and nurseries'. Go to 'Find childcare and nurseries in England' and enter your postcode. You will then find information relating to childminders and out of school care in the Bushey area.

## **Bushey Children's Centre Activities**

Attached to this Newsletter you will find a list of the latest Bushey Children's Centre Activities.

## **Protect your household income**

Research evidence shows that around one in five children who should be eating a free school meal do not actually take them. Ensuring that any children you have who are entitled to free school meals actually take them could make a big difference to your household income.

If you are eligible for free school meals and have only just become aware of this, we may be able to give you back the money from the start of the current term for school meals.

You can find out more and apply online at [www.hertsdirect.org/scholearn/canhelp/](http://www.hertsdirect.org/scholearn/canhelp/) or we can complete the online application with you.

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