



# Merry Hill Matters

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## **Mrs Anderson**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Anderson is expecting her second baby in September. We would like to take this opportunity to offer our congratulations to Mrs Anderson and her husband, and hope that soon-to-be big brother Josh enjoys having a new sibling! Mrs Anderson will be starting her maternity leave at the end of the Summer Term and anticipates returning to Merry Hill after her maternity leave.

## **Tesco Vouchers**

Please note that today is the last day that Tesco will be offering 'Tesco for Schools' vouchers. Please send any outstanding vouchers in to school before the end of next week so that we can redeem them as soon as possible.

## **Fire safety**

If you are late arriving in the mornings, please note that you **MUST** sign the late book to let us know that your child is at school. In the event of a fire we will not be able to check your child off the class register because they will have been marked as absent. The late book is our only way of making sure that all late arrivals are accounted for.

## **FREE Tickets for Herts County Show**

We have a number of free tickets, for children aged 5 to 15, for Herts County Show (Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th May). Please see Mrs Kamintzis in the school office if you are interested. (Please note that children under 5 are already free).

The main attractions at Herts County Show include the unique 'Flying Fork Truck Musical Hoedown', The Royal British Legion Band, a spectacular Motorcycle Display and Trick Cossack Riding etc. All entertainment at the show is free, including the all-human Festival Circus. Punch and Judy, Climbing Wall and Simulator.

## **Parentline Extended Telephone Support**

Parentline Plus is a leading national charity providing help and support to anyone caring for children. Its highly trained team of parents understand the challenges that raising a family can bring, and can give useful advice to anyone caring for children - parents, grandparents, step-parents and relatives - and to families who are living together as well as to those who live apart.

In addition to the 24-hour helpline that's already up and running, Parentline Plus is now offering a new Extended Telephone Support service. Both types of support are free and confidential. This extra service will give parents and carers the opportunity to have up to six 45-minute sessions over the phone with a trained support worker. Together, they will discuss ways to overcome any parental concerns, such as sleep problems, violent behavior or involvement in alcohol, drugs or gangs.

Parents and carers can find out more about the service by contacting the 24-hour helpline on 0808 800 2222, or a professional can complete the online referral form on their behalf. For more information call 0207 284 5513, go to [www.hertsdirect.org/parents](http://www.hertsdirect.org/parents) or email [ETS@parentlineplus.org.uk](mailto:ETS@parentlineplus.org.uk).

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