



# Merry Hill Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers

## Hertfordshire Scores Top Marks from Ofsted

Hertfordshire has scored a three star seal of approval from Ofsted for the second year running. Of the 149 LEAs, only 55 have a three star rating.

## Art Club

We have three places available in Art Club, starting straight away after half term. The first parents to contact Mrs Eells will secure the places. The cost will be £4.50 per wk, paid in advance (£22.50 for 5 wks).

## Parent Consultations 2nd, 3rd March

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**, 6.00-8.00pm

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, 3.30-5.30pm

(Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2)

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, 9.00-11.30 and 12.45-2.55

(Nursery children who started in January)

On the first day back after half term a sign-up sheet for appointment times will be displayed in the dining room before and after school. **Parents who have more than one child in the school are given first choice so that they can arrange follow-on times - therefore would they please sign up on Monday.** All other parents can sign up from Tuesday onwards. If you are unable to come in to school to sign up, please ask the person who brings your child to school to do so for you.

Parent consultations are limited to ten minutes, but if you feel that you would like longer, or if a suitable time is not available, please see your child's teacher to make an alternative arrangement. If you would also like to see me on the same evening, please arrange a convenient time through Mrs Eells.

## Head Lice

The School Nurse will be coming to our next Coffee Session at 2.30pm on Friday 25th February, to talk about head lice, their prevention and treatment.

## 'New Faces'

Sixteen people went along to Mrs Haslinger's house on Tuesday for the FOMH Committee Meeting. As well as the FOMH 'stalwarts' it was great to see some 'new faces.' Some great events have been pencilled in for the year ahead, including a half-term disco (on the 13th February), a Mother's Day 'Secrets Room', an Easter Egg Hunt, a Fashion Show, a car boot/table top sale, the Summer Fair, a Father's Day 'Secrets Room', an Arts Week, an 80s disco and Year 2 Leavers' Disco. If you weren't able to make it to the meeting on Tuesday, the next meeting is in the school hall at 8.00pm on Tuesday 8th March.

## Mrs Eells

Mrs Eells will be leaving us at Easter to take up fresh challenges. Mrs Eells has worked at Merry Hill for fifteen years. Her hard work and dedication will be very much missed, and we wish her all the best in her new venture.

## Vacancy

The post of School Secretary is currently advertised on [www.teachinherts.com](http://www.teachinherts.com) 'Teaching and Support Staff'.

## Enjoy the Half Term

Half term already - Christmas seems such a long time ago! I hope the weather is dry and mild and that you all have a relaxing week. The first day back after half term is Monday 21st February. The Reception and Nursery classes will revert back to their normal opening times after half term - of course if the weather gets very cold we will consider opening early again on those days.

Pauline Hannibal  
Headteacher