



Merry Hill Matters

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School Creed

In our assemblies we often say the following poem, which demonstrates our vision and I hope is acceptable to all faiths. It is based on a verse first used in a one-room school in Canada, but this version has been devised to use more modern words, e.g. 'live' for 'dwell', and 'happiness' for 'contentment'. The children learn the poem by heart and even the youngest ones appear to have no problems remembering the words. It is very worthwhile as an act of togetherness in which all can participate.

This is our school,
Let peace live here.
Let the rooms be full of happiness.
Let love be all around,
Love of one another,
Love of all people,
And love of life and living.
Let us remember
That as many hands build a house
So many hearts make a school.

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Kelly Hardwidge and friends raised a superb £271.56 at the MacMillan Coffee Morning. Thank you to everyone who made cakes, helped on the day, and came along to enjoy a coffee and a cake!

'New' children

Thank you to Nursery, Reception and 'new' Year 1 and 2 parents for encouraging your children to say 'goodbye' to you and to come into school by themselves. To help ease congestion around the Nursery and Reception entrances please could I now ask you to stand back a little and allow the children to walk in by themselves?

Nursery and Reception Parents

Please could I ask you not to allow your children to play on the outdoor climbing apparatus? Much as I would love to be able to say that it is OK to let them to do so, there are associated problems, mainly that our insurance policy would not cover such practice.

Wet Mornings

On very wet mornings the children are allowed into class five minutes early, at 8.45am.

Coats

It is very chilly up on the playground and children should now have a coat with a hood at school EVERY DAY.

Tummy Upsets

A reminder that, if your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting please keep them off school for **at least 24 hours after the diarrhoea and vomiting has ceased.**

Watches

In order to support your child in learning to tell the time, children in Year 1 and Year 2 may wear watches. Watches must be small, plain and inexpensive - not the huge, all-singing, all-dancing kind! Please do not buy a watch that beeps! Analogue watches are best, rather than digital.

In accordance with County policy, the children must remove their watch for PE. It is their responsibility to take their watch off and to put it somewhere safe. The school cannot accept any responsibility for lost or damaged watches.

Willows Farm - Free Child Voucher

A parent has kindly donated some free child vouchers for Willows Farm Village. The vouchers are valid until 5th November 2006. If you would like one/some, please call into the school office.

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