

Headteacher message

We held our Parent review meetings recently—thank you to all those who attended. Your attendance at these meetings is really important to ensure that you know your child's performance, targets and how you can support at home. If you were unable to attend a meeting this week, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a convenient time to meet.

Parent survey

Please copy and paste the link below to complete your parent survey. The survey takes a couple of minutes to complete but helps to inform our next steps as a school.

<https://forms.gle/yqqkXhoG1rV7c2WA8>

Party Bags

Although we all love birthdays, please can I remind you not to send party bags into school. A book donation to the class would be much appreciated by all and is far healthier



Attendance Stars

KS1— Poppy class 93.1%

KS2—Rose class 98.8%

Whole school— 90.6%

Our school target is 96%

These classes can wear own clothes on

Thursday 8th December

Parent Coffee Mornings



A reminder that this half term the coffee mornings will focus on 'managing children with difficult behaviour'.

However if you have any other concerns, worries or challenges, please attend Bea and Alexia will be on hand to offer any support they can.

Please let us know if there any topics you would particularly like to be covered during the coffee morning sessions. We will ensure that the coffee mornings meet your needs for the new year.



Dates for diary

Thursday 8th December

School Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

Friday 9th December

EYFS Christmas sing along

Tuesday 13th December

KS1 Christmas performance

Thursday 15th December

KS2 Christmas concert

Friday 16th December

Last day of term—school closes at 1:30pm



Tuesday 3rd January 2023

School reopens to children

Community



MERTON'S
COMMUNITY
FRIDGE

Warm Wednesdays

Every Wednesday from 8:45am - 6pm



8:45am - 4:30pm - Drop in café
open to all!

FREE BUT DONATIONS WELCOME



4:30-6pm - Community Fridge

FREE SURPLUS FOOD



4:30-6pm - Warm & hearty 'hot
pot' meal

FREE BUT DONATIONS WELCOME



Until 6pm - Kids activities and a
warm space

FREE



A warm, welcoming community space.
Meet, eat, play and shop -
all for free but donations welcome.

@ Morden Baptist Church, Crown Lane, SM45BL

Community



Eventbrite



MERTON UPLIFT NOVEMBER/DECEMBER WORKSHOPS

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!

CONTACT: 020 3513 5888 | EMAIL: MertonWellbeing@swlstg.nhs.uk | Book direct on
Eventbrite: Merton Uplift events

All workshops are FREE of charge and available for aged 18+, a Merton resident or
registered with a Merton GP.

WELLBEING

WELLBEING FOR NEW AND EXPECTING PARENTS

TUES 1ST NOVEMBER & 8TH NOVEMBER | 12.30 - 14.00 | ONLINE

RELAXATION TECHNIQUES

WEDS 2ND NOVEMBER | 12.30 - 13.30 | ONLINE

MINDFUL WALKING & RELAXATION

WEDS 9TH NOVEMBER | 11.00 - 12.00 | MORDEN HALL PARK

COPING WITH STRESS

MON 14TH NOVEMBER | 11.00 - 12.30 | ONLINE

5 WAYS TO WELLBEING

WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER | 13.30 - 15.00 | ONLINE

EXPLORING YOUR IDENTITY

MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER | 11.30 - 13.00 | WIMBLEDON LIBRARY

NEW **LIVING WITH A LONG TERM CONDITION

WEDS 23RD NOVEMBER | 11.30 - 13.00 | ONLINE

LIVING WITH CHRONIC PAIN

MON 28TH NOVEMBER | 12.30 - 14.00 | COLLIERS WOOD LIBRARY

WELLBEING FOR CARERS

TUES 6TH DECEMBER | 11.00-12.30 | ONLINE

MINDFUL WALKING & RELAXATION

WEDS 14TH DECEMBER | 11.00 - 12.00 | MORDEN HALL PARK

MERTON UPLIFT RECOVERY COLLEGE

IMPROVING SELF-CONFIDENCE

PART 1- THURS 3RD NOVEMBER

PART 2 - THURS 10TH NOVEMBER
10.30 - 12.00 | ONLINE

FOOD AND MOOD

FRI 25TH NOVEMBER

10.30 - 12.00 | ONLINE

EXPLORING IDENTITY (WHO AM I?)

WEDS 7TH DECEMBER

13.00 - 14.30 | ONLINE

EMPLOYMENT

GETTING BACK TO WORK

PART 1- THURS 24TH NOVEMBER

PART 2- TUES 29TH NOVEMBER
11.00 - 12.30 | ONLINE

STAYING WELL AT WORK

PART 1- THURS 24TH NOVEMBER

PART 2 - TUES 29TH NOVEMBER
17.30 - 19.00 | ONLINE

AVOIDING BURNOUT AT WORK

THURS 15TH DECEMBER

17.00 - 18.00 | ONLINE



ENROLLING NOW!

Paediatric First Aid Cricket Green School

Tuesday 10 Jan 2023	11:00-15:00
Tuesday 17 Jan 2023	11:00-15:00
Tuesday 24 Jan 2023	11:00-15:00

**Learn how to deal with First Aid
emergencies specific to children.**

This course satisfies the guidelines and criteria as laid down by the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and OFSTED.

This a requirement for all nursery workers .

You will receive a certificate which is valid for 3 years .

In order to obtain this qualification, you must attend both days and complete the two units of accreditation.

To book a place please
email:kristina.burton@cricketgreen.merton.sch.uk

online safety

Does your child access the internet at home? Do you know what they are accessing? Do you know that there are ratings for apps, films, social media platforms and games that they might play?

It is so easy for our children to access inappropriate content on the internet and incredibly hard to keep up with all the new apps and games which appear to be marketed towards our children but in actual fact cause great harm.

Many children talk about using the following:

WhatsApp (PEGI rating 16 years old)

Fortnite (PEGI rating 12 years old)

Roblox (parental guidance recommended because of the amount of user generated content)

Tik Tok (PEGI rating 13 years old)

Snapchat (PEGI rating 13 years old)

Instagram (PEGI rating 13 years old)

Although for some apps it would appear that the content seems appropriate for primary aged children, there is always the risk of inappropriate content or contact with other users hence the PEGI ratings.

A New APP—Picnic

There is a relatively new app which some of your children may be aware of. It is called Picnic. Picnic's official Privacy Policy indicates that users should be over 13 years however it holds different ratings on Apple Store and Google play. The app is a social platform which allows users to talk, share, upload photos and other media. However it is open to children conversing with users that they do not know who are potentially much older than them. In addition children could be exposed to cyberbullying, grooming and inappropriate content. Please look out for this app and others. The key message here is the importance of supervising your children whilst online. This cannot be emphasised enough.



Days off school add up to lost learning!

		175 Non school days each year						These 175 days are available to spend on family time such as visits, holi- days, shopping, household jobs and other appointments	
		190							
	school days each year		183						
			school days each year						
365 days In each year		190 days for your child's education				179 school days each year	175 school days each year	19 days+ absence	
	100%		96%			95%	92%	-90%	
	EXCELLENT		GOOD			AVERAGE	CONCERN	MAJOR ISSUE	
	Best chance of					Requires Iml	Worrying -	Not fair on your child	
	success -		Good start			Improvement	Significant impact on outcomes and achievement	Clnvolvement of other external agencies	
	Gets your child off to a flying start								

Please don't let your child miss out on the education they deserve.
Every school day counts. Parents could face a fine or court action if their child has low attendance.

Attendance

%	Days absent
85	29 days off
86	27 days off
87	25 days off
88	23 days off
89	21 days off
90	19 days off
91	17 days off
92	15 days off
93	13 days off
94	11 days off
95	9 days off
96	7 days off
97	5 days off
98	4 days off
99	2 days off
100	0 days off

Key stage 1

KS1 Christmas performance

On **Tuesday 13th December**, KS1 will be performing their Christmas show '**The Magic of Christmas**'. There will be two performances, 9:30am and 2:15pm. Your child will have brought home a letter with more information. We look forward to seeing you on the day and thank you for your support in helping your child to practice their songs/lines.



New Reading scheme in Reception and KS1

Over the last few weeks, we have been working hard to introduce a **new reading book scheme**. It is closely matched with the scheme that we are using to teach Phonics within school. Your child should be familiar with the sounds/words that feature in each book and should be able to sound out, blend and read the words with growing confidence.

Due to the changing over of reading schemes, it may be the case that your child brings home a book that they have already had before. If this happens, please read it again and ask them questions about what is happening in the book to double check their understanding.

Reading is such an important part of children's learning, and we love to see when you have read at home with your child. A comment or signature in your child's reading record shows your support with your child's reading and can help towards your child receiving extra dojo points!

Here is a link on how you can support your child with their reading at home:

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

(Click on the 'Books coming home' tab)

Lots of time, money and effort has gone into buying and organising these new books so please make sure you look after them and return them with your child's reading record on their selected day.



Thanks for your continued support.

Key stage 2

KS2 Christmas performance

On **Thursday 15th December**, KS2 will be performing their Christmas Extravaganza concert. There will be two performances, 9:30am and 2:15pm. A letter will be sent with more information. We hope that you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing you all there



Year 3 nativity!
Trip to Deen City Farm

Year 3 enjoyed their
Nativity experience
at Deen City farm
this week!

