

25th October 2024

Mere Green Primary School

'Making a difference'



Acting Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers

As we wrap up the first half of the autumn term, we're excited to share some of the fantastic successes and achievements happening across the school. It's been a busy, productive, and inspiring few weeks, and we couldn't be prouder of our children.

The start of a new school year can sometimes feel a little daunting, but we've been amazed at how quickly and smoothly the children have settled into their new classes and routines. It's been wonderful to see everyone adapting with such positivity and enthusiasm. From Reception to Year 6, each classroom is filled with excitement for learning, and the children have embraced their new roles and responsibilities with pride.

This term, we've been placing a real emphasis on the pursuit of excellence in everything we do - linking to our school value of 'thriving'. Whether it's striving for academic success, building strong relationships, or developing personal skills, our children have demonstrated remarkable dedication. Teachers have been particularly impressed by the quality of work and the determination to push personal boundaries. We are creating an environment where every child is encouraged to do their best—and they are rising to the challenge!

Another area of pride this term has been how well the children are moving around the building. We've been focusing on instilling respect, calmness, and consideration for others, and the children have truly taken this to heart. Whether walking between lessons, lining up for lunch, or transitioning from playtime, we've noticed a real sense of responsibility and care for the school environment.

Wishing you all a restful, happy and safe half term. Thank you for your ongoing support, it really does make a difference.

Celebrating Black History Month

This October, we've been celebrating Black History Month, and what a celebration it has been! Classrooms have been buzzing with insightful discussions from through provoking books they have read, and a deep appreciation of the history, culture, and contributions of Black communities.

To cap off this meaningful month, we were thrilled to welcome the renowned children's author **Joyce Joyce** to our school this week. Joyce captivated the children with his engaging stories, vibrant personality, and inspiring words. His visit provided a fantastic opportunity for our children to ask questions, learn more about the power of storytelling, and understand the importance of representation in literature. Jayce's message to the children was "to be a better writer, you need to read!"

It was truly a highlight, and we're so grateful to Joyce for making our Black History Month celebrations extra special.

Exciting News: Bike Shelter Installation

We are delighted to announce that over the half-term break, we will be installing the base for our brand-new bike shelter which was generously purchased by the PTA. The base will need time to set before the bike shelter is subsequently installed. This should be done over the first two weeks of Autumn 2.

This will be a fantastic addition to our school and will encourage more children to cycle to school safely. We hope this will make a positive impact on reducing traffic around the school gates and promoting healthier, eco-friendly travel options. We will update you when the shelter will be ready for use and we look forward to seeing more bikes and scooters parked up each day!

Reminder: Please remember to walk your bikes/scooters on and off of school site to ensure everyone's safety.

Kind Regards

Mrs Wilder (formerly Miss Thornton)
Acting Headteacher

Reminder: Jewellery

We'd like to remind all students and families about our school's jewellery policy. Recently, there has been an increase in items such as mini hoops and necklaces, which do not align with our uniform guidelines. These items can be unsafe, particularly during PE and other active parts of the school day.

To ensure student safety and maintain our standards, please make sure that only the approved jewellery is worn during school hours. Thank you for helping us keep a safe and focused environment for everyone.

Wraparound Care/Badgers

We have made some important updates to our Badgers Wraparound Care booking process and policies. These changes include guidelines on booking procedures and late pick-ups. We strongly recommend that all families review the updated policy to stay informed and ensure smooth coordination. Please find the policy [here](#) and on the school website.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation in helping us provide the best care experience for our students.

Attendance Update



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Class	Attendance 04/09/24-11/10/24	This Week's Attendance
RBM	98%	93%
RL	98%	★ 99% ★
1G	98%	98%
1J	97%	★ 99% ★
2CS	★ 99% ★	★ 99% ★
2S	97%	98%
3B	88%	89%
3P	96%	94%
4D	97%	96%
4H	95%	94%
5AW	91%	92%
5S	98%	94%
6H	97%	★ 99% ★
6HQ	92%	88%



Whole School Attendance (YTD)	95.3%
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Important Dates



Monday 4th November: Autumn 2 Term Begins

Monday 4th November: Diwali Celebrations

Tuesday 5th /Wednesday 6th November: Child Progress Meetings

Monday 11th-Friday 15th November: Anti-Bullying Week & World Nursery Rhyme Week

Friday 15th November: Children in Need

Monday 18th- Friday 22nd November: Autumn Book Fair

Friday 29th November: School Closed for Training Day