

Upcoming Events

This is the first newsletter of 2020 and we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy new year and all the very best for the coming year.

January

Monday 6 th January	Teacher Training Day 3
Tuesday 7 th January	School opens
Thursday 9 th January	Swimming lessons start for Year 4
Monday 13 th January	Pride in our presentation week
Tuesday 21 st January	Pride in our presentation exhibition
Friday 24 th January	Y2 & Y4 road safety sessions

February

Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14 th February	School closes for half term
Monday 24 th February	School opens/This is me week
Tuesday 25 th February	Parent partnership meeting, 2.30pm
Thursday 27 th February	Parents' evening

Website

As well as the half-termly newsletters, you will find lots of other information about our school on the website and it can help to keep up to date with what's happening. <http://www.merseyvale.stockport.sch.uk/>

Our website also includes a copy of our school prospectus which is updated regularly [Prospectus 2019-20](#)

Admission to Reception Class September 2020

The closing date to apply for a Reception place is 15th January. If you have a child born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 it is very important that you apply for a place. If you have a child of Reception age in September 2020, please apply online on Stockport Council's website before this deadline. You can find more information [here](#).

Parents' Evening and Afternoon

We will be holding our Spring term parents' meetings during the week beginning 24th February with a different teacher being available each afternoon and all teachers available on the evening of Thursday 27th February. You will receive details of how to make an appointment to meet with your child's class teacher using our online booking system. The purpose of the meeting is to share information in relation to how children have progressed so far this year and we will also share updated learning targets with you. We hope that all parents/carers will be able to attend.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thank you!

Our Christmas Fair and raffle raised a profit of £950 which will be used to provide extra resources and treats for our children. We would like to say a massive "thank you" to our Friends of Mersey Vale group who worked really hard to make sure the fair was a huge success. We really do appreciate all the support that parents and carers give to school for events through donating gifts and prizes, helping to set up and run events and by coming along on the day. If you would like to be part of the Friends of Mersey Vale group please come along to the next meeting (date to be confirmed) when we will be starting to discuss future events such as the Golden Ticket draw and the Spring Fair.

We raised £112 from the ticket sales from our end of term production and £60 commission from school photo sales. This money will be used to buy resources and subsidise the cost of creative, cross-curricular theme weeks such as 'Pride in our presentation week' and 'This is me week' which are coming up soon.

Finally a fantastic £275 was raised for Children In Need through our non-uniform day and our tower of coins. Thanks and well done everyone!



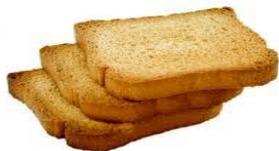
Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the 49 children who achieved 100% attendance last term and who also met the criteria for not having late attendance. These children were awarded special certificates at the Christmas Carol Service. We will continue to recognise and reward those children who have excellent attendance.



Dinner Money

For Year 3 – Year 6 children only. Dinner money is £2.25 per day/ £11.25 per week which must be paid in advance to ensure that your child receives their school meal. Please make payments using Parentpay. Meals can be paid for in advance for the half term 7th January – 14th February = 29 days = £65.25. Please see Mrs. Ahmed in the school office for any information about school dinners. She is available Monday – Friday 8.45am – 12.45pm.



Healthy Snacks

At Mersey Vale we have a system of healthy snacks for children to have at morning break. We offer wholemeal toast, pitta bread, crumpets, pieces of fresh fruit, raisins, fruit juice drinks, water etc. Most children have two items each day (snack and drink) and this costs £2.50 per week and should be paid using Parentpay. Children who prefer to bring their own snack may bring healthy items but chocolate biscuits, crisps, sweets and fizzy drinks must not be brought as snacks. Our school policy is that children should only have healthy snacks at morning playtime. Please help your child to make healthy choices. Snacks can be paid for in advance for the half term 7th January – 14th February = 29 days = £14.50.



Stockport Council Consultation – Outcomes for children and young people

We have been asked to encourage parents/ carers to complete an online survey to give their views on how to deliver the best possible outcomes for children and young people in Stockport. You can find more information and respond to the consultation on the following link [C&YP Outcomes Consultation](#)

Emergency Contact Numbers

If you had a new mobile phone for Christmas or have changed your contact numbers please ensure the school office has your new details. It is important to remember to inform us of any changes so that you can be contacted in case of an emergency and also so that you can receive information texts. We will send text messages and put information on the school website if it is ever necessary for school to close for example due to snow.



Finally we would like to thank all the parents who sent in biscuits, chocolates and other gifts for the staff at the end of last term. We really appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Yours faithfully,

Jayne Mullane
Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher

