

Mersey Vale Primary School

Spring 2 2020 Newsletter

Dear parents/ carers,

Upcoming Events

Monday 24 th February	School opens
Wk beginning 24 th February	'This Is Me Week'
Tuesday 25 th February	Y2 visit to Savoy Cinema am
Tuesday 25 th February	Parent partnership meeting, 2.30pm
Thursday 27 th February	Parents' evening
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 6 th March	Y6 visit to Crucial Crew safety awareness training
Friday 27 th March	Spring Fair
Thursday 2 nd April	Spring celebration assembly, 9.15am
Thursday 2 nd April	Y3 Tri Golf @ Stockport Academy (10 children)
Friday 3 rd April	School closes



Summer Term 2020

Monday 20th April School opens



School Year 2020/ 2021

For your information below are the proposed school term dates for next year when all children are expected to be in school. We do not authorise holidays during term time so please do not arrange any holidays during these dates.

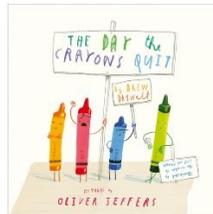
Autumn 1	Tuesday 1 st September – Friday 23 rd October 2020
Autumn 2	Monday 2 nd November – Tuesday 22 nd December 2020
Spring 1	Thursday 7 th January – Friday 12 th February 2021
Spring 2	Monday 22 nd February – Friday 26 th March 2021
Summer 1	Monday 12 th April – Friday 28 th May 2021
Summer 2	Monday 14 th June – Wednesday 28 th July 2021

The following dates are likely to be in-service training (INSET) days when school is closed to pupils to allow staff training.

1. Tuesday 1st September 2020
- 2, 3 & 4 to be confirmed soon and will be communicated to parents via website and text link
5. Wednesday 28th July 2021

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March 2020 Mersey Vale will be joining in with World Book Day, which celebrates the joy and value of books and reading, especially for children. Throughout school everyone will be involved in activities related to books and to words as one of our targets this year is to develop children's vocabulary, understanding and use of words in their speaking, reading and writing.



This year rather than dressing up as a book character we would like all children to come to school dressed as a single colour as we will all be reading the book, *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt. Before the holiday Ms. Mather put

Parent Partnership Meeting

We will be holding our termly parent partnership meeting on Tuesday 25th February at 2.30pm. The group meets with Mrs. Mullane and Ms. Varetto to discuss issues and share ideas to help make Mersey Vale even better.

Everyone welcome!



Leading Parent Partnership Award

2018–2021

This Is Me Week

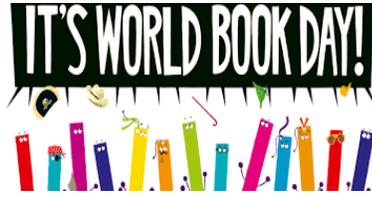
This half term's theme week is 'This Is Me Week' and we hope to celebrate the individuality, identity, interests and skills of all our children.

We hope that over the half term holiday you have enjoyed spending time with your children filling their 'This is me!' *Identity Backpack* with items that represent what is important to them and which celebrate their individuality and talents and could be linked to their family history, their religion, beliefs, pets, hobbies...

The backpack should now be in their classroom. The children will be using the contents of their backpacks to talk about themselves and their families and to learn about each other.



together details on the following link [World Book Day 2020 -The Day the Crayons Quit](#) and this idea was explained to children further in an assembly and in class. We will award the children with the best costumes a prize of a book of their choice. We are also asking for a donation of £1.00 for 'Book Aid International'- a charity that increases access to books and supports literacy, education and development in Africa. Thank you for your support.



Friends of Mersey Vale

Our Friends of Mersey Vale group is now planning ahead for the Spring Fair which will take place on **Friday 27th March** at 9am. We really do need as many helpers as possible to ensure that events are successful. Only 6 parents attended our last meeting to help plan the Christmas Fair. Please show your support and come along to our next planning meeting to be held on **Wednesday 26th February 2020** at 2.30pm and support us at events as money raised is used to benefit ALL children in school.

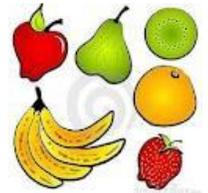
Dinner Money

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 24th February – 3rd April = 30 days = £67.50. 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. On offer each day is 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 24th February – 3rd April = 30 days = £15.00



School Policies

Parents may be interested to know that many important school policies are available on our school website in the About Us – Key Information section. The Governing Body regularly review and agree all policies in line with local and national guidance. <http://www.merseyvale.stockport.sch.uk/policies/>

Spring Celebration

On Thursday 2nd April we will be holding our annual special 'Spring Celebration' assembly at 9.10 am where we will be singing a selection of songs and reading poetry about Springtime and Easter. Everyone is welcome to join us. We would like all children in Reception, Y1 & Y2 to make and wear a decorated Easter bonnet or hat with a Springtime theme; daffodils, chicks, eggs, bunnies... We'd like the children in Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 to take part in a different competition by decorating a hard-boiled egg or eggs ... Be as imaginative as you like! There will be prizes for the best creations! Below are some pictures to give you some ideas!



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Parents will no doubt be aware of the current news regarding this influenza strain. We have no current confirmed cases in school and hopefully this will continue to be the case. For further information on this issue, please see the recently issued [guidance](#). Please support us by following handwashing regimes as described [here](#).

Yours faithfully,



Jayne Mullane
Headteacher



Claire Varetto
Deputy Headteacher
