



Miserden CE Primary School Newsletter

We have had a great first term back at Miserden. The wonderful weather has allowed us to continue to use the new school field as well as have sports clubs outside.

♥ Thank you everyone for my beautiful flowers. Your support and kind gesture means a huge amount to me. ♥

Attendance:

I am pleased to say that most of our pupils have an excellent attendance record. However, I would like to remind you that school attendance is very important. I am attaching an attendance leaflet to this letter. I would like to add monthly attendance certificates to our Golden Book workshop. This will go to any child who has had 100% attendance during the month.

8.50am—8.55am —Morning Registration

Children are marked with a 'L' if they arrive during registration, which denotes they are present. Registration will close 20 minutes after the registration and unless there is an acceptable reason for the lateness pupils will be marked with a 'U', which denotes an unauthorised absence. If a pupil is registered with 10 'U's in a ten-week period a Fixed Penalty Notice can be issued. All late arrivals need to be signed in at Reception.

Please see website address for the full 'Attendance Policy', under Information& Data, School Policies: <https://www.miserden.gloucs.sch.uk>

Reading and the Book Fair:

Over this year we are keen to promote reading for all pupils. To do this we have taken both classes to the Cheltenham Literature festival and will be having a book fair in school from 27th November to 4th December. Please feel free to come into school and browse the books on offer. Your child will bring home a wish list but do not feel compelled to buy any books off their list.

Please can you make sure your child brings home their reading book every night and is reading at home. Younger children need listening to by an adult or older child and this needs recording in their reading diary. Older children (Y4 upwards) can read to themselves but we would appreciate it if you make sure they have some time each day to read.

Vision:

Our present school vision is "Striving, Excelling, Exceeding. Guided by Faith". As part of my work I have revisited this with our children, staff and governors. The children in particular feel that they would like a change and something that reflects our school as it is now. We have come up with:

"Enjoy, Nurture, Discover, Achieving Together"

Before we adopt this we need to gauge the opinion of you, our parents. Please let me know your thoughts either in the playground or preferably by e-mail to head@miserden.gloucs.sch.uk.

Snacks and Sweets:

We are very happy for children to bring in a snack for break time but please can you make sure that the snack is savoury such as fruit, a small sandwich, breadsticks, vegetable sticks, etc. We do not allow sweets or chocolate as we encourage healthy eating.

Please make sure water bottles are filled with water only, no juice or squash please.

Lost Property:

We seem to have accumulated a lot of lost property in the bin in the porch. Please have a look through and see if anything belongs to your child. Once we send off the next bags for schools I will put all old lost property in for collection as it will raise funds for the school.

Race for Life:

Congratulations to all our pupils, toddlers, mums and dads for doing so well in the Race for Life. Overall the three schools have raised a whopping £3,701.40 plus gift aid

MSFA News:

I would like to say a big thank you to the MSFA for organising the Bonfire and Fireworks this year. It takes a lot of organisation by a very dedicated group of our parents. We raised just over a £1,000 profit. Final figure can't be given yet as we are waiting for a few final invoices but what an achievement! ♥

Due to a number of reasons we regret that we are unable to hold the Christmas Market this year. Hopefully it will be back next year bigger and better!

Don't forget that all parents and friends of Miserden School are automatically members of MSFA so please come along to the meetings and have your say. If you can't come to meetings can you give an hour or so of your time at a fundraising event? All monies raised go to benefit the pupils of Miserden school. Often MSFA donate money for coaches (Cadbury world, Pantomime etc.) to make the cost of going on a trip cheaper to you as parents. Meetings are fun and the present parents who come are a very friendly bunch.

Best wishes, **Mrs Lucie Mitchell**



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Please pop dates on your fridge or pin board ...

Dates for your diary:

6th & 8th November—Parents Evening

9th November—Bag 2 School

14th November—Class 1—Reading Meeting

16th November—Children In Need—Spotacular! AFTER SCHOOL cake sale!

30th November— Cadbury World— Class 1

27th November—4th December—Travelling Book Fair—More info to follow

11th December—Height & Weight (Y6), Height, Weight and Vision (Reception)

17th December — Whole school trip to the Pantomime, Dick Whittington, (N.B, not Pre-school, normal day at school)

21st December — Christingle Service in church 1.30pm

21st December — Early closure at 2.30pm for the Christmas holidays

Golden Book Dates:

19/10/2018

09/11/2018

14/12/2018

Outdoor Learning:

02/11/2018—Class 1

16/11/2018—Class 2

23/11/2018—Class 2

30/11/2018—Class 2

07/12/2018—Class 1

14/12/2018—Whole School, fire and carols

Attendance Facts;

- Attendance of **95%** for the year equals **10** days that your child has been absent, that is **2 full school weeks** of your child's learning missed for that year.
- Attendance of **90%** for the year equals **19** days that your child has been absent, that is almost **4 school weeks** missed.
- Attendance of **85%** for the year equals **29** days that your child has been absent per, that is almost **6 school weeks** missed.
- Attendance of **80%** for the year equals **38** days absent per year that is over **7 school weeks** missed.

The school day has two attendance sessions

- If your child seems unwell in the morning but seems better by lunchtime, please bring them into school for the afternoon session, this will help to keep your child's attendance as high as possible.
- If your child ever has to have an emergency medical appointment, please ensure that you try to make it at the beginning or end of a school day, this way your child would only miss a maximum of half a day for the appointment.

Leave of Absence in Term Time (including holidays, weddings, visits to family)

- If you wish to take your child out of school for **ANY** reason during term time, you must formally request this in writing, addressed to the Headteacher. This applies whether it is for **1 day** or a longer period.
- Periods of absence during term time can only be authorised by the Head and then **ONLY** in exceptional circumstances.
- Please remember in order for your request to be considered by the Head, you must make the request prior to the absence otherwise it is always unauthorised.
- If you have a period of unauthorised absence during term time, you may be subject to sanctions including a penalty notice which at present is **£120 per child per adult**. This is reduced to **£60 per child per parent** if paid within **28 days**. Therefore if a family of 2 children take unauthorised leave during term time, the fine will be **£240 for the Mother and £240 for the Father**, reduced to **£120 each** if paid within **28 days**.

The school year has 190 days for pupils to attend a year

There are **175** days per year when your child **does not** have to attend school. These days could be used to;

- Spend time together
- Go on family visits
- Visit friends and family
- Go on holiday
- Go shopping
- Go on days out
- Attend routine appointments

Punctuality Matters

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning,

- Arriving **5 minutes** late every day adds up to over **3 days** lost each year
- Arriving **15 minutes** late every day adds up to **2 weeks** absence a year
- Arriving **30 minutes** late every adds up to **19 days** absence a year