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MORDIFORD C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL Treasure each individual





A positive start back

How great to welcome everyone back into school, there is a lovely energy in all the classes and children seem happy and really engaged in their learning. Our newcomers to the school have settled calmly and Year 6 buddies in Pentaloe are enjoying their new responsibilities, looking out for Reception children in Lugg class at breaktime.

The sand pit has been a big success with some inventive, collaborative construction going on, although we did have to ask the children to refrain from burying each other up to their chests! Our youngest children are getting much quicker at putting their shoes and socks back on in time for class. The new dismissal procedure is working well for teachers and (I hope) will be better for parents too (particularly when clubs start next week). You will be able to give your feedback on the parent survey below.



Parent survey

We really value your feedback and will use the Parent survey as a measure for how parents feel about the service we provide. We would love to hear from you, I understand that it is difficult for our new parents to comment in depth, but we value your comments about induction to Mordiford.

Please click <u>here</u> to complete the survey.



New this year – Enrichment Afternoons & Specialist Music teaching

This academic year we have started a KS1 & KS2 Enrichment afternoons. During this time, the children will rotate between the following activities throughout the year (in half term blocks).

KS1 on Tuesdays: PE, Music, ICT, Forest School. **KS2 on Thursdays**: Art, French, Forest School (including orienteering). These sessions will be led by our experienced TLA team and Mrs Warmington whilst teachers take their Planning and Assessment time (PPA).

Following the successful Y4 cornet teaching by the specialist music teachers from encore enterprises, we are investing in some specialist class drumming lessons giving Y3, Y5 and Y6 one term each of specialist teaching.

Car Parking & end of day pick-up

Thank you for helping us at pick up by going up to Sufton Rise to turn and not queueing on the church side of the road. Please can we also ask that you do not park on either side of the road between the 2 gates at these busy pick up times, thank you.

Reception Admissions

We will be holding two open events on Wednesday 4th October at 9.30am and Tuesday 24th October at 1.30pm.

The online portal for parents to apply for a reception class place for the academic year 2024/2025 is now open. Click here to access the portal.



IMPORTANT NOTICE Reception admissions for 2024-2025

Do you have a child born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020

If so you will need to apply for a school place by 15 January 2024 (to commence September 2024)

Applications can be completed from 11 September 2023 online (scan QR code) or visit:



vw.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-ed

Please note: a place at a nursery does not guarantee a place at the associated primary school, therefore you must still apply

For further information please contact the school admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk

Achievements

A big well done to Flo who passed her audition (with a distinction) at Cymru Ballet to be a Junior Associate. She will train with their professional trainers once a month.





Meanwhile, in the holidays both Oli and Flo performed in the Starlight production for 100 years of Disney - Oli was Aladdin in the street dance!

Well done to Phoebe for passing her Ballet exam with a merit, she is now starting Grade 2!





Free School Meals

If you think you are eligible for free school meals, you can apply online at https://

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/free -school-meals

Prayer Corner

Dear God,

Please help us to be kind to ourselves as well as others.

Please help us to celebrate the good times and give support during the bad times.

Please help us to be lights in other people's lives. Please help us to be grateful for all that we have. **Amen.**



n Herefordshire, we believe in supporting children's emotional health development, and that's why we've invested in online courses in understanding your child for parents.

By understanding how your child's brain develops and responds emotionally, you can better support their needs as they navigate the big milestones in school.



Excited, nervous, anxious? Not sure how they are feeling to go back to school?

Parents can help their children with their emotions and make a big difference in their child's life. Go to www.inourplace.co.uk and use the code AP-PLEHERE for free access to programmes for parents that can help them navigate their child's emotional health and big milestones in school.

Swimming Timetable

We are pleased to announce that we will be resuming our swimming lessons next term.

Children will swim every day for a week and then repeat this programme the following week.
Please see the swimming timetable below:

Week Beginning	Class
18th September	Year 6 and 5
25th September	Year 6 and 5
2nd October	Year 4 and 3
9th October	Year 4 and 3

Please remember to bring your swimming kits and make any payments on ParentPay.



The Year at a Glance

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