



NOTICES FOR ALL PARENTS

Week Ending 25th April 2025

A message from Miss Vickery

Wear Blue for MPS Society – Thursday 15th May

On Thursday 15th May, children are invited to wear blue to help raise awareness of Morquio (MPS IV) and support the MPS Society through donations.

This charity is especially important to me. Both my brother and I were diagnosed with Morquio at the ages of 7 and 3, and the MPS Society has provided my family with invaluable support ever since. They offered guidance to my parents, connected us with other families, helped complete school statementing forms, and supported our travel to Great Ormond Street Hospital for treatment trials. They also stood with us during a campaign outside Parliament when access to our medication was under threat.

As part of the day, I'll be speaking with the children at an age appropriate level to help them understand how Morquio affects me — including why I use crutches and why I'm shorter than other adults.

Cash donations can be made on the day. Thank you in advance for your support.

April Newsletter

Due to there only being a couple of weeks of school time this month, there won't be an April newsletter. Instead, we'll be including April's news in May's Newsletter.

School Council

Next week, children will be electing members of their class to form a new school council for the summer term. This term, children in Reception are invited to join the school council. If you think your child would enjoy being a member of the council, please encourage them to put themselves forward for the role. Class teachers will talk to the children and explain how a school council works and what it involves. Children will be given the opportunity to vote for two of their peers to represent their class, during the next school week. Elected members will take part in school council meetings, discussions and are a voice for the children in their class. Thank you for your support with this.

Online Safety Weekly Updates – Making Friends Online

While online connections can offer children a sense of belonging, they also carry significant risks. This guide offers expert advice for parents and educators on helping children navigate online friendships safely.

Crayon & Small Toy Car Donations

We would be very grateful for any donations of crayons and small matchbox-sized toy cars for our lunchtime play. If you're able to contribute, please drop items off at the school office. Thank you for your support.

Follow us on Facebook/Instagram

Stay updated on all the latest news, events, activities, and celebrations in our school. Follow us on Facebook [here](#) or on Instagram [here](#). Please invite family and friends to follow us as well!

Greensand Job Opportunities

Please [click here](#) for current opportunities within Greensand MAT.

NOTICES FOR NURSERY PARENTS

Collection of Seeds

We have started our topic on growing. As part of this, we will be looking at the different seeds we find in flowers, fruit and vegetables.

We would be very grateful for any packets of fruit/flower or vegetable seeds or compost/potting soil that you are willing to donate.

Empty Yoghurt Pots

We are collecting clean, empty yoghurt pots, or pots of a similar size, to grow seeds.

NOTICES FOR RECEPTION PARENTS

Maths Games

A polite reminder for Ducks and Rabbits classes, all maths games are due back on the 30th April.

Woodland

Rabbits class will visit the woodland on Wednesday, 30th April.

Foxes and Ducks will visit the woodland on Thursday 1st May.

On the day, please send your child to school with their named wellington boots, or alternative footwear, and waterproof coat.

NOTICES FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS

Volunteers needed!

On Tuesday 20th May, we would like to carry out some geography fieldwork in the local area. The children will be reading maps and finding landmarks during a walk to Reigate Castle grounds. Once at the castle grounds, we will be embedding our learning on castles from last term by learning about the history of Reigate Castle. If you have a current DBS check and would like to accompany us for the entire morning (9am-12.15pm), please email the school office. It would involve a fair amount of walking back and forth between the castle grounds and school as we will be going in groups, rather than as a whole year group. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Poetry Competition

Next week we will be writing poems which we will be entering into a competition organised by

Young Writers. It will give the children an exciting purpose for their writing and a chance to be published in a poetry collection book, if their entry is chosen. There are also prizes to win and every entrant will receive a bookmark (sent out next term). If you would prefer your child's poem not to be entered into the competition, please let your child's class teacher know. Thank you.

Yoga Club – Mondays after school

The Yoga club currently has spaces available. For more information and to sign your child up, please [click here](#).

Ariel Tumbling Club – Thursdays after school

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For any previous notices please refer to the [Holmesdale School website](#).