



**SEPTEMBER 2018**

## Note from the Principal

As always we have had a busy summer with improvements across all areas of school. As you will no doubt have noticed the bottom playground was not finished on time but is now open for business. The markings are still to be added once the tarmac has dried. Early years has once again undergone a 'make over' and the new area looks amazing as do the children in their brand new blue jumpers. A big thank you to everyone for sending the children back looking smart and refreshed. We have had a great start to the term with attendance well above the national average. Mr Davis is already ordering extra T-Shirts! As always, you will find myself and other members of staff on the terrace at the start and end of the school day. I am always happy to chat and if I cannot be found, just pop into the office and Mrs Rhodes will arrange a mutually convenient time to meet. I am really looking forward to the year ahead, seeing the children grow and watching their achievements across all areas of the curriculum.

## Staffing News

Welcome to Mrs. Mctigue in Year 3/4 and Miss Hicks into Nursery. We are pleased to have you on board here at Merlin Top. Over the summer Mrs Lewis left. Congratulations to Mrs Scott who had a baby boy and to Miss Greenwood who is now Mrs Chambers.

## PE Kit and Book Bags

As promised we will be giving all children a new P.E kit and book bag for this academic year. Children will be given a temporary plastic book bag this week whilst we wait for fancy ones to arrive!

We will be giving all families a voucher for P.E. Kit this week, which can be redeemed at Andrew Firths. We have decided this is the easiest way to do this as Firths hold all sizes. The voucher can be exchanged for a pair of black shorts and a white T-shirt. We have made the kit really simple and the items can be bought from most supermarkets should parents prefer to buy their own kit. Attendance T-shirts can also be worn. As before, earrings should not be worn and children may be asked to remove them if they are unsuitable.

## Home-school Communications

We now have 140 users of the school APP. If you have not already discovered the APP **PLEASE**, come and see Mr Davis who can show you how to install and provide log on details. The APP is great for finding out what we are doing it can also be used to send messages, which are free when connected to Wi-Fi. We also regularly post onto our Twitter account, where you will find lots of fun things about learning at Merlin Top.

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 17th September

After school clubs start- Please see Mr Collins's letter and flyer regarding clubs.

### Wednesday 17th October

Parents Evening

### Friday 19th October

3:15pm School closes for half term and re-opens on Monday 29th October.

### Monday 29th October

8:45am School re-opens.

### Wednesday 7th November to Friday 9th November

Year 4 residential to Whitby.

## Breakfast Club

Please note Breakfast club is now open for children in Reception to Year 6, Nursery children are no longer allowed in Breakfast club.

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