

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear parents and carers,



We had a really exciting inter-house hand ball competition last week, with the finals being held on Friday afternoon. Hand ball is a team sport in which two teams of seven players each (six outfield players and a goalkeeper) pass a ball using their hands with the aim of throwing it into the goal of the other team. Its great to encourage team spirit , respect, and pride by holding these competitions for our children. We would like to thank Mr Simpson , our sports coach and Mr McDermott for organising this worthwhile event.



**Times Table Rock Stars!** Please encourage your child to learn their times tables - you can use a computer, ipad, tablet to log on to the site. So many of our pupils are improving their tables recall and earning badges and certificates and earning the status of rockstar, rock legend etc !

On 20<sup>th</sup> November we are holding an exciting project called - **Young enterprise**. Each class will be given a 'start up' budget of £20, with which they are to design and make products to sell at the Christmas fair. We will be teaching the children the basics of business and making a profit. The class that makes the most profit will get a 'whole class' treat of pizza afternoon ! Please support the children by coming along to the Christmas fair and purchasing the products that the children have made.



As we are beginning to prepare for the **Christmas fair** , please can you donate empty, clean jars – please bring them to the school office. We really appreciate your support with this.  
Also could you look through cupboards for any unwanted cuddly teddies - please leave these at the front office.

**PLEASE FOLLOW MERRITTS BROOK ON TWITTER - we tweet many of the exciting things that happen in school - its lovely to share these with you**

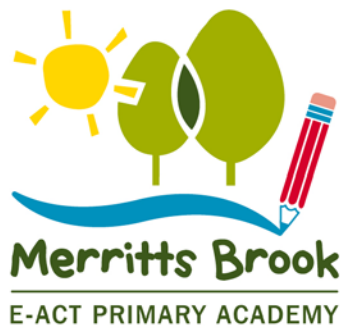


Attendance - the government target for attendance is that all children are in school **AT LEAST** 96% of the time. Please make sure that you write a letter explaining why your child is absent.

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**PARENTS EVENING** is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - please keep this evening free as you will be given an appointment time closer to the date when you can discuss your child's progress with their class teacher.

Hallowe'en Disco on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Key stage 1 children 3.45 – 4.45pm

Key stage 2 Children 5 – 6.15pm

Children are to go home and change into their costumes - please do not send your child into school dressed up during the school day.



We have spaces for family support , if this would be useful to you , then please contact Jackie Ling.

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