

20th April 2018
Value of the month - Hope

Dear Parent / Carer,

The children have made an excellent start to the summer term after their Easter break and have returned ready and enthusiastic to learn.



Before the Easter break we had a really successful week raising money for Sport Relief. The children took part in a range of activities including a dance workshop, smoothie bike activity, sports challenges and they had the chance to wear one of our pedometers to track their steps. If there is any more sponsorship money still outstanding, please can this be given to the school office as soon as possible. The class who raises the largest amount will receive a sporting afternoon of their choice as a reward.

If your child attends an after school club can you please make sure that they are collected on time. All after school clubs run until 4.15pm except for homework club on a Friday which finishes at 4pm.

We are becoming a Unicef UK Rights Respecting School!



Merritts Brook Academy aims to be a school where children's rights are at the heart of our ethos and culture, to improve well-being and to develop every child's talents and abilities to their full potential. As part of this plan we are working towards recognition as a 'Rights Respecting School', an award given to schools on behalf of **Unicef** UK.

Unicef is the world's leading organisation working for children and young people and their rights. In 1989, governments across the world agreed that all children have the same rights by adopting the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). These rights are based on what a child needs to survive, grow, participate and fulfil their potential.

Merritts Brook Academy pupils will learn about their rights by putting them into practice every day. A Rights Respecting School models rights and respect in all its relationships.

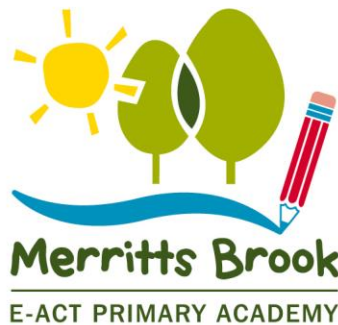
We really hope that you will be able to support our school on our journey towards becoming a **Unicef** UK Rights Respecting School. To find a bit more about the Convention on the Rights of the Child visit unicef.org.uk/crc.

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For further information about Rights Respecting Schools please visit: www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa

If any parents would like to get involved in our **UNICEF** steering group, then please inform Mr. McDermott (Year 5 Teacher). We will work together with staff and pupils to embed children's rights throughout school and the wider community.

Welcome - Year 1

Year 1 parents are invited to a phonics workshop on Wednesday 25th April from 2.15pm to 3pm.

Nursery parents are invited to a workshop on Friday 27th April at 9.00am. You will be provided with some important information about 2simple and how you can be further involved in the assessment of your child.



School will be closed on Thursday 3rd May for voting to all children except for Year 6 pupils who will be in school having fun practicing for their SATs.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 3rd May – School closed for all pupils except Yr.6 for voting.

Monday 7th May – School closed for May Day Bank Holiday.

Friday 25th May – 3.15pm school closes for Half Term

Monday 4th June – School closed for INSET

Tuesday 5th June – School re-opens to pupils

20th June to 22nd June – Year 6 Residential

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