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30TH January 2018

Dear Parent/Carers

Our termly Partnership Day with Merriott First School is taking place on Wednesday 7th February. The arrangements for this are as follows:

Children should come to school as normal for registration. They will then promptly take the coach to Merriott First School at 9.00am and return to Haselbury at 3.00pm in order that they can be collected as normal.

All children will be spending the school day at Merriott in order to experience a session on the 'Life Education Bus' provided by Coram Life Education. We have attached another letter which includes some further details about this.

Catkins Class will be taking part in the following session:

My Wonderful Body

The children learn about the major food groups before looking at TAM (the interactive body model) to learn how food, water and oxygen get into the body to give it energy. Harold the Giraffe wakes up after a good night's sleep and checks his lunch box for school but there is something missing! The children work out what he needs to have a balanced meal in his lunchbox before setting off to the school garden which gives them all plenty of exercise. At the school garden, Harold's friend Kiki the Kangaroo tries to help Harold find some fruit for his lunchbox but upsets their friend Derek the Penguin by mistake. The children help to sort everything out before Harold returns to sing them his special song about different foods. Hazel Class will be taking part in the following session:

Meet the Brain

Harold is practising a song to sing in his school Top Talents Show and asks the children to assist him with his homework. The children help out by considering which body organ is the most important before meeting the classroom brain who explains how he controls all the effects in the mobile classroom. The children learn how their brain sends and receives signals through the nerves and how it controls movements – even actions to an exercise routine! Continuing with Harold's homework the children consider whether choices such as taking a medicine, doing exercise, drinking alcohol and smoking cigarettes can help or harm the body.

At the talent show Harold argues with his friend Derek over who should take the last place in the performance before the children help out by defining key friendship qualities and skills. Harold comes out to thank the children for helping and sings them his hit song about friendship!



There is a chance for parents to find out more about these sessions at 9:05am at Merriott First School on Tuesday 6th February with the Life Education team.

As well as these sessions, the children will be working in their year groups with their counterparts at Merriott to take part in some exciting learning activities based on our topic, The Elements.

Hazel Class will be doing some hands-on work based round fossils and soils as well as having the opportunity to share some of their story-writing with the children from the other school.

Catkins Class will be doing some practical investigations related to weather. This will enable the children to use their Science investigation skills whilst they develop their understanding of weather.

After a very successful Autumn Term Partnership Day, we are looking forward to getting the children together for another enjoyable learning experience.

Children should bring a home-made packed lunch with them unless they have ordered a MBA packed lunch for this day. All children should bring a coat.

Please confirm by completing the tear off slip below.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Lois Bowery
Head of Teaching and Learning

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PARTNERSHIP DAY – WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2018

I give permission for my child
to travel via coach to Merriott First School for the above Partnership Day.

- I will provide a named packed lunch
- I should like to order a MBA packed lunch (please indicate type).....

Signed:

Date:





Life Education

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Helping children make healthy choices

30th January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

We will be receiving our annual visit from the Life Education Mobile Classroom on:

_____ Wednesday 7th February 2018 at Merriott First School _____

Life Education is a charity providing health and drug prevention education support to schools. The specially equipped classroom provides an unforgettable experience for the children whilst contributing to our Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship curriculum. The fun, interactive and **age-appropriate** programmes help children to understand the **wonders of the human body** and how to look after it.

- In **Foundation Stage** and **Key Stage 1 (Nursery to Year 2)** they learn about **keeping their bodies healthy, feelings, being a good friend** and the **safe use of medicines**.
- At **Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 4)** the experienced and specially trained Educators help children to consider the effects and risks associated with the use of drugs, including **medicines, alcohol and tobacco**. In addition, children learn about **choices** that can affect health and well-being, skills of **friendship** and how to cope with **bullying** and **peer pressure**.

We would like to invite you to visit the Life Education Mobile Classroom on (9:05am on Tuesday 6th February) to find out more about what the children will be experiencing. The session will last 30 minutes and will start **promptly**.

Workbooks at £2 each (one for each age group), which can be used at home to support your child's learning, are available during the session. Also available are limited edition **Harold Zip Tags at £1 each**. Children love to use these on coats, school bags and pencil cases, and they are also great for party bags and seasonal gifts. If you are unable to attend the Parent/Carer Session but would like to purchase either workbooks or zip tags please complete the order form below and return to the school office **before** the visit together with the correct payment in cash.

A **voluntary contribution** of £2 per child is requested to help cover the cost of the visit.

Yours sincerely,

Mr P Smith
Headteacher

LIFE EDUCATION VISIT - Reply Slip & Order Form

- I enclose a voluntary contribution of £ _____
- I / We will / will not be attending the Parent/Carer Session
- I would like to purchase the **Workbooks (£2 each)** indicated below and enclose payment of £ _____

Year Group	Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Quantity of books							

- I would like to purchase _____ **Zip Tags (£1 each)** and enclose payment of £ _____

Child's name: _____

Class: _____

Signed (parent/carers): _____

Date: _____

