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Term 1 – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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# Mersham Primary School

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You may have noticed that we have had some new play equipment installed on the school field. This is all thanks to you and all the hard work undertaken by the PTA. The PTA asked the children what they would like and through the School Council the children voted for some swing bars. I am really grateful to the members of the PTA who have organised this.

Mrs C Chalkley  
Headteacher

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## Drop off in the mornings

Please can I remind all parents that you should say your goodbyes and leave the playground promptly at the **first** bell at 8:50am and not wait until the children have gone into class. This is for safeguarding and health and safety reasons. Thank you.

## Uniform

Please can I remind parents to ensure their children are wearing the correct uniform as per our website

<http://www.mersham.kent.sch.uk/uniform/> If you should have any financial difficulties with regards to purchasing the correct uniform, please do contact the office staff or Mrs Chalkley

## PTA News & Updates

The PTA is looking forward to another year of fundraising and supporting the children at Mersham. We would love to hear from anyone who has any ideas for fundraising events. Please speak to Carrie Page or any member of the PTA if you have a light bulb moment!

The PTA AGM is being held on **Monday 8 October** (change of date) at the Farriers Arms, 7pm. All are welcome!

Please remember our charity bin; it is a great way to raise money for the school, and the Rainbow Trust. It is located at the front of the school and collects pre-loved and unwanted items. Last term the money raised from this paid for new library furniture.

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## Upcoming Events

<b>8<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	PTA AGM – 7pm at The Farriers
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest - 9:45am
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Arts Week
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	End of term 1
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Staff Training Day
30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Start of term 2
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-bullying Week
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Eve 5:00-7:30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Eve 3:30pm-6:00pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Flu Vaccinations Yrs R-5
10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Performances
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	all at 2:00pm
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Service - 9:45am
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pantomime
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Term 2

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## Reading Award

Well done to Kinney class (Year 3) who have won the first reading award of the year with a phenomenal total of 100% of children in the class reading three times or more during the week. This was closely followed by Hawking and Churchill classed (Year 5 and 6) with 89% and Nightingale class (Year 2) with 77%. Let's hope we can keep up these great totals!

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If you shop online, then make sure you sign up to [www.easyfundraising.com](http://www.easyfundraising.com) – the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site. Just choose 'Mersham PTA' as your cause. So far this has raised £925!

### **Current Year 6 Parents only**

**Highworth Grammar School** will be holding an Open Evening and Open Morning for prospective students and parents on Thursday 18 October 2018 – Open Evening and Friday 19 October – Open Morning)

### **Norton Knatchbull Open Morning/Evening**

Wednesday 19th September – see the school 'in action'.

Guided tours from 9.15-11.15 am – final tours at 10.15 am

Please call or email to book a tour 01233 20045/ [events@nks.kent.sch.uk](mailto:events@nks.kent.sch.uk) Open Evening -

Wednesday 26th September, 6.00-8.00 pm – meet staff and students. Talks by the Headteacher at 6.15 and 7.15pm

### **Class Assemblies for Terms 1 and 2**

These assemblies will be performed at 9:05am in the school hall. Dates are as follows:

11<sup>th</sup> October : Attenborough class (Year 1)

18<sup>th</sup> October : Donaldson class (Year R)

1<sup>st</sup> November : Nightingale class (Year 2)

8<sup>th</sup> November : Churchill class (Year 6)

15<sup>th</sup> November : Hawking class (Year 5)

22<sup>nd</sup> November : Kinney class (Year 3)

29<sup>th</sup> November : Alhberg class (Year 4)

### **Parent Volunteers**

If any parents (or grandparents) have some time to spare and would be interested in volunteering at the school, please do let Miss Hanson or the office staff know. Miss Hanson will be able to provide you with further information about what volunteering involves. We are particularly looking for parents who would be able to listen to children read. For your information, our policy is that volunteers would not work in the same class as their children.

### **After School Club Update – Abigail Packham at Mersham Little Stars**

Abigail has said that she has had a lot of interest from parents over the holiday regarding after school provision at the Village Hall which is really positive. However, she has asked me to pass on that unfortunately she has had to delay the opening of the after school club, but plans to run it from the end of October, from the start of Term 2. She will provide a further update as soon as possible including prices and the systems that will be put in place to collect children from Mersham. The club will run until 6pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

