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Term 4 – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019

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# Mersham Primary School

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I hope you have all had a good break. With signs of Spring on the way and the weather warming up, you may be thinking about getting outside a bit more. With that in mind, you may be interested in the Affordable Bicycle Sale on Saturday 2nd March, 10-1 at Goldwyn School, where second hand bicycles will be available for sale. You can also bring along any unwanted bicycles to receive a 20% discount card. Further details can be found on

<http://cyclecommunity.org/saleevents/>

**Mrs C Chalkley**  
**Headteacher**

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## Walk in Wednesdays

The next Walk in Wednesdays will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. There will be no Walk in Wednesday in March as Parent's Evening will be taking place at that same time so there will be an opportunity to see work then instead. Please can I remind parents to collect their children as normal and then go round to the classroom avoiding going through the Reception outside area.

## Supervision of children at the end of the day

Please can I remind parents to supervise young children carefully at the end of the day on the playground. Children should not be allowed to play in the early years outdoor area or on the lower playground where they may disrupt learning that is still continuing in the classrooms. I appreciate your support in advance.

## World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

This year we are celebrating World Book Day on the 7th March. As a school, we will be holding special events during this day celebrating the world of books. The theme for this year is: 'Share a Story'. We invite children to dress up for the day as a character from one of their favourite books and, if possible, bring their book in to share with their class.

At 9am there will be a costume parade on the playground – parents are welcome to stay for this. We ask that you stand to the side to allow the children to move around the playground. There will

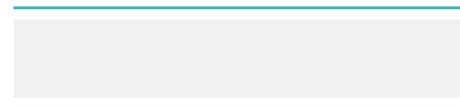
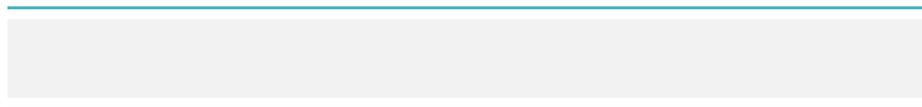
## Upcoming Events

25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Start of Term 4
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	PTA Meeting 7pm at The Farriers
4 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents Evening 3:30- 6:00
5 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents Evening 5:00- 7:30
7 <sup>th</sup> Mar	World Book Day
11 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Science Week
15 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Non-Uniform Day for Easter Egg Bingo
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Easter Egg Bingo KS1
29 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Easter Egg Bingo KS2
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Walk in Wednesday
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service 9:30am
5 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 4
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Start of Term 5

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## Reading Award

Well done to Churchill Class (Year 6) who have won the reading award this week with a total of 70% of children in the class reading three times or more during the week. This was closely followed by Kinney class (Year 3) with 60%, and Hawking class (Year 5) with 56%.



be a judging panel and winning costumes will be selected. I am looking forward to seeing all of your amazing costumes! Miss Hanson

### **Term Dates 2019-20**

We have (along with some other schools in the CARE Foundation Trust) made the decision to adjust our term dates next year to allow for a longer holiday in May. Please note that this is for ONE YEAR ONLY and will not necessarily occur in future years. I am aware that this will probably suit some families but perhaps not all, however it has been agreed we will trial it on this occasion.

#### **Term 1**

Tuesday 3rd September – Friday 18th October  
Staff Development Day - Monday 2nd September

#### **Term 2**

Monday 28th October – Friday 20th December

#### **Term 3**

Monday 6th January – Thursday 13th February  
Staff Development Day - Friday 14th February

#### **Term 4**

Monday 24th February – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Staff Development Day - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

#### **Term 5**

Thursday 16th April – Friday 22nd May  
Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

#### **Term 6**

Monday 8th June – Thursday 23rd July  
Staff Development Days – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

### **Class Assemblies for Terms 3 and 4**

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

28 <sup>th</sup> February : Attenborough class (Year 1)	14 <sup>th</sup> March : Ahlberg class (Year 4)
21 <sup>st</sup> March : Hawking class (Year 5)	28 <sup>th</sup> March: Kinney class (Year 3)
4 <sup>th</sup> April : Churchill class (Year 6)	

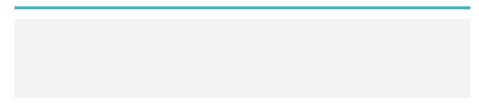
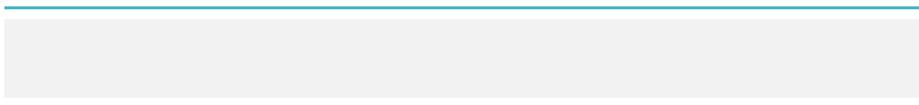
### **PTA News & Updates**

#### **Second hand uniform sale**

We plan to hold a sale after the February half term break, date to be confirmed. If anyone has any items to donate, please leave in the office.

#### **PTA meeting – Tuesday 26 February**

7pm in the Farriers, all are welcome





**Kent  
Police**



I am writing to inform you that the school will be taking part in a jointly run operation between Kent Police and our school, which is known as Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass has been set-up to help schools to provide support to children who have been present, or exposed to, or involved in any domestic abuse incident. We know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally harmed when they witness or are involved, directly or indirectly, with any domestic abuse incident.

The school will receive a confidential email from Kent Police before 12 noon the morning after a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

At Mersham Primary School we have designated Cheryl Chalkley. They have been trained to allow them to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for the right support to be available for any child and their family.

We are always keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you have any concerns or questions then please contact Mrs Chalkley who will be happy to discuss this further.

