
Term 4 – 4th March 2019

Mersham Primary School

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I am pleased to announce that the school received a Kent School Games Excellence Award for 2019 in recognition of showing an outstanding commitment to the Kent School Games programme across a number of years. Only 15 schools in total across the whole of Kent (including Secondary Schools) were given the award at a special ceremony that took place in Canterbury last night. Thank you to Miss Hanson for attending the ceremony and to all the staff who give up so much of their time to organise attendance to these events.

**Mrs C Chalkley
Headteacher**

Sporting News – Speed Stacking

Finn, Alfie, Annie and Olivia represented Mersham brilliantly at the Speed Stacking competition at John Wesley School last week. They worked well both individually and as a team, and as a result came 5th overall. Well done Mersham Speed Stacking Team!
Mrs Maher

Bridge Club

Mersham Primary School is the only school in Ashford that runs a Bridge Club. Five of our Year 6 pupils; Finn, Louise, Robin, Ava and Zac have been the first pupils to achieve their Minibridge Level 1 award which is a great achievement. Their certificates were presented today in assembly by David Ellerby, the chairman of Folkestone Bridge Club. Congratulations to all the pupils.

Walk in Wednesdays

The next Walk in Wednesdays will be on 3rd 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

Upcoming Events

4 th Mar	Parents Evening 3:30-6:00
5 th Mar	Parents Evening 5:00-7:30
7 th Mar	World Book Day
11 th Mar	Science Week
15 th Mar	Non-Uniform Day for Easter Egg Bingo
22 nd Mar	Easter Egg Bingo KS1
29 th Mar	Easter Egg Bingo KS2
3 rd April	Walk in Wednesday
5 th April	Easter Service 9:30am
5 th April	End of Term 4
23 rd April	Start of Term 5

Reading Award

Well done to Churchill Class (Year 6) who have won the reading award this week with a total of 88% of children in the class reading three times or more during the week. This was closely followed by Hawking class (Year 5) with 81%, and Kinney class (Year 3) with 76%.

Jewellery

Please can you ensure children are not wearing jewellery to school and that if their ears are pierced, they are wearing small studs only. A number of children are wearing larger earrings or hoop-style earrings that are a health and safety risk in a busy school. Thank you for your support

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 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 31st March
Staff Development Day - Wednesday 1st 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 4th and Friday 5th June

Class Assemblies for Terms 3 and 4

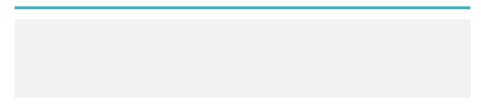
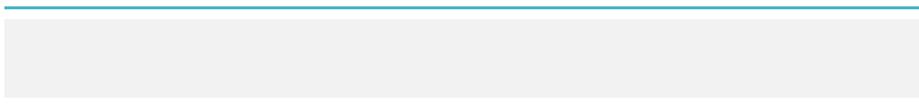
These assemblies will be performed at 9:05am in the school hall. Dates are as follows:

14th March : Ahlberg class (Year 4)

21st March : Hawking class (Year 5)

28th March: Kinney class (Year 3)

4th April : Churchill class (Year 6)



PTA News & Updates



New school sports kit!

Thank you so much to Judges Hay & Straw (<https://hayforsale.co.uk>) for sponsoring our new kit! The teachers also have a sponsored hoodie so they too look uniformed at sporting events. I am sure you will agree it looks great, making our school easily recognisable at events, and creating team spirit. GO MERSHAM!

Second hand uniform and cake sale – Wednesday 13 March

Second Hand Uniform & Cake Sale!

Wednesday 13th March after school

50% of proceeds will go to Red Nose Day!!

Please leave any clean uniform donations in the Office

Easter Egg bingo – Friday 22 and 29 March

Non uniform day (in exchange for eggs) – Friday 15 March

100 club - February winners

1st prize – Jemma Hanger
2ns prize – Bianca King

The most fabulous & Amazing EASTER EGG BINGO!!

KS1: Friday 22nd March 3.30pm in the Hall
KS2: Friday 29th March 3.30pm in the Hall

Bingo Tickets are £1 per book - each child will have the chance to win at least 1 egg!

We will be selling tea, coffee & squash

Please bring donations of Easter Eggs in on Friday March 15th, in return for wearing Non-School Uniform.

March 15th is Red Nose Day - children may wear a Red Nose to School if they have one.

Come & Join the Fun!!

PTA x



**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 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.

