
Term 4 – 25th March 2019

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Thank you to everyone who attended Easter Egg Bingo on Friday! A huge thank you to all the members of the PTA for organising the event and to the members of staff who supported, particularly to Miss Sexton who stepped in, in my absence, to call the numbers! I look forward to seeing everyone this Friday for the Key Stage 2 round!

**Mrs C Chalkley
Headteacher**

Spelling Bee

Last Monday children from Mersham took part in the CARE Foundation Trust Spelling Bee. Jasper and Jay went to Challock for their grand final and competed very well. We hosted the year five and year six final here at Mersham. Olivia and Adam were our grand finalists. All of our children made it through the first few rounds and only came unstuck on the lucky dip final words. Words such as: hieroglyphics! All of our children represented the school so well - we were very proud. There will be photos to follow up on the school website. Well done to everyone who took part this year and thank you for all of your support at home! Miss Hanson

Sporting News

Year 5 and 6 Hockey Tournament

Wow, what an amazing day of sport! Mersham along with 19 other primary schools from Ashford took part in the year 5 and 6 hockey competition held at Ashford Prep School. We won all our matches in the group stage and were the only team to win every game in our group which really helped to create a buzz of excitement going into the finals.

In the finals, the team battled resiliently and came out with a silver medal just behind Furley Park and with the record of not losing a match all tournament. A huge congratulations to every child that took part. Well done. Mr Oatham

Upcoming Events

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
25 th April	KS1 SATS meeting – Yr 2 parents only
30 th April	PTA Meeting 7pm The Farriers
6 th May	Bank Holiday
Wk Beg	Year 6 SATS
13 th May	
24 th May	End of Term 5
3 rd June	Start of Term 6
13 th June	New Yr R New Entrants Meeting for parents
24 th June	Wellbeing Week
28 th June	Sports Day and Summer Fair
16/17 th Jul	Year 6 Production
19 th July	End of Term 6

Reading Award

Well done to Ahlberg Class (Year 4) who have won the reading award this week with a total of 79% of children in the class reading three times or more during the week. This was closely followed by Churchill class (Year 6) with 77%, and Attenborough class (Year 1) with 64%.

Ashford and District Football Tournament

On Saturday, the football team played in the middle schools football tournament against 7 other teams. Despite not winning a medal, the team received a special mention from Mr Burchett who organised the tournament on behalf of the ADPSSA. In an email to the committee, he said,

"I wanted to bring to your attention one team who I felt really epitomised the competition as a whole and made me remember why we do these sorts of tournaments. Rarely would I take the time to write this however I thought I had to as we were so pleased with this team as a whole.

The Mersham team made the semi finals, deservedly battling through with real team qualities and great sportsmanship. They got knocked out on penalties in the semi final but had great respect for the referees, never moaned throughout and were fantastic ambassadors for the school. They were the only team whose players thanked us for the organisation of the event. Really epitomised the work we are trying to do for these children!"

A huge well done to the whole team – I was really proud to receive this email at the weekend. I would also like to thank Mr Oatham for giving up his Saturday to take the team.

Science competition at Aldington

On Wednesday 20th March, four children from classes across the school took part in a competition at Aldington Primary school. Ted (Year 1), James (Year 4), Zach (Year 6) and Finn (Year 6) had all won their in-class tournaments with their designs and scientific knowledge. The children were attempting to get their cone rockets further than four other schools. The children chose a bottle each and placed their rocket on top, they then crushed the bottle in a variety of ways. Ted placed the top of his group by trying different techniques to get his cone further. James came third overall in the lower KS2 category. Sadly, although Finn and Zach competed well in class, the competition got the better of them. The children represented the school incredibly well, thank you to all the children involved!

KS1 SATS Parents meeting

Mrs Maher will be holding a meeting for parents of Year 2 children on Thursday 25th April to discuss the process and approach to KS1 SATS. Miss Fitzgerald has kindly offered to look after any children and their siblings whilst the meeting is taking place.

Walk in Wednesday

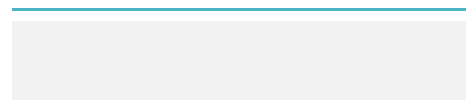
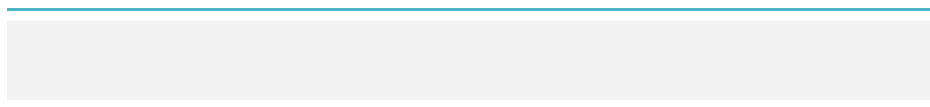
The next Walk in Wednesdays will be on 3rd April. Please can I remind parents to collect their children as normal and then go round to the classroom avoiding going through the Reception outside area.

Uniform

Please can I put a general reminder about school uniform as it has been noticed that a number of children are not wearing correct clothing or appropriate school shoes. Please check the website if you are unsure. If any of the girls would prefer to wear shorts beneath their skirts, please ensure they cannot be seen below the hemline. Thank you for your support.

Spring Fair – The North School

The North School will be holding a Spring Fair on Saturday 27th April. Please see attached flyer for further details.



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

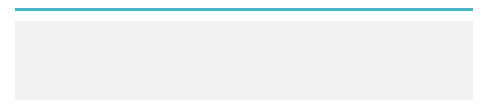
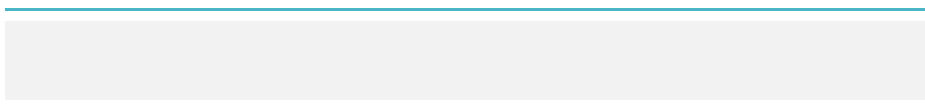
Monday 8th June – Thursday 23rd July
Staff Development Days – Thursday 4th and Friday 5th June

Class Assemblies for Terms 3 and 4

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

28th March: Kinney class (Year 3)

4th April : Churchill class (Year 6)



PTA News & Updates

Thank you to everyone who came and supported KS1 Easter egg bingo on Friday, we raised £110, which will directly go to support the school.

KS2 bingo takes place this Friday

SAVE THE DATE – Summer Fair will be held on Friday 28 June 2019

A colorful poster for an Easter Egg Bingo event. The background is a light blue sky with a sunburst pattern. In the foreground, there is a green grassy field with white daisies and four large, colorful Easter eggs (blue, pink, green, and yellow) decorated with pink bows. Behind the eggs is a white picket fence. The text is centered and reads:

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

