

Term 5 – 13th May 2019

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As many of you will be aware, this week all Year 6 pupils will be taking their SATS (Statutory Assessment Tests) and this will be followed by statutory tests in Year 2. The school is very aware of the stress testing may have on some pupils and we do everything possible to minimise any stress they may be feeling. However, if you do have any concerns about your child during this period, please do let the class teacher know.

Mrs C Chalkley
Headteacher

Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) Presentations to Parents

Thank you to all those of you who returned slips requesting more information about SRE teaching across the school. We will be running two information sessions for parents who would like to know more:

Thursday 23rd May at 3:30pm and Friday 24th May at 9:05am. Both presentations will be in the hall.

PESE Presentation (Current Year 5 parents only)

There will be a presentation for Year 5 parents only on Tuesday 11th June at 3:30pm in the classroom to explain the Process of Entry to Secondary Education (PESE). This will include information about the Kent Test.

Bird Box

The bird box camera is up and running and we have a nest in the box. Fingers crossed that this year some chicks will survive.

<http://www.seenature.org.uk/schools/mersham-primary-school/>

Maths Competition

On Tuesday 7th May, I accompanied four of our budding, Year 5 mathematicians to Ashford School for a maths competition. Each team had 20 minutes to answer a maximum of 20 questions. The children were not allowed to progress onto the next question until they had run (yes, actually run!) the answer to the marking table. If correct, they were passed the next question, if wrong, they had to have another go. The questions were extremely challenging! The children represented the school amazingly well and showed resilience, team-work and some excellent fluency in arithmetic. Congratulations to Catherine, George, Gethan and Theo for their excellent effort...they've even offered to help coach a Year 4 team ready for next year! Miss Sexton

Upcoming Events

Wk Beg	Year 6 SATS
13 th May	
23/24 May	SRE Presentations
24 th May	End of Term 5
3 rd June	Start of Term 6
7 th June	Non-uniform Day items for Summer Fair
11 th June	PESE Presentation 3:30pm (Yr 5 only)
13 th June	Cream Teas
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 Churchill and Ahlberg Class (Year 4) who have won the reading award this week with a total of 92% of children in the class reading three times or more during the week. This was closely followed by Churchill class

Sporting News – Tennis Competition

Outstanding tennis was played by Ezra, Millie, Bailey and Krish during the Ashford Schools tennis event on Thursday 9th May. The team played 10 matches in total against pairs from Victoria Road, Hamstreet and Godinton Primary Schools and won all but one game. I was lucky enough to witness a great amount of skill, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship from all four players and was extremely proud of them. Well done Mersham Tennis Team! Mrs Maher

Class Assemblies for Terms 5 and 6

These assemblies will be performed at 9:05am in the school hall. **Please note that Churchill and Ahlberg class have now swapped dates due to an event that Year 6 are attending on the 20th June.** Dates are as follows:

23rd May : Hawking class (Year 5)

13th June : Churchill class (Year 6)

27th June : Kinney class (Year 3)

18th July : Donaldson class (Year R)

6th June : Attenborough class (Year 1)

20th June : Ahlberg class (Year 4)

11th July : Nightingale class (Year 2)

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

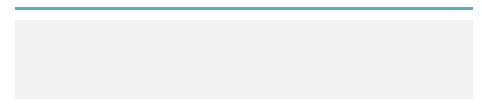
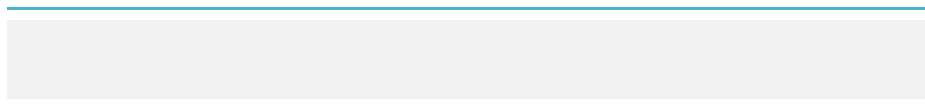
Thursday 16th April – Friday 22nd May

Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

Term 6

Monday 8th June – Thursday 23rd July

Staff Development Days – Thursday 4th and Friday 5th June



Parents of Year 5 Pupils – Norton Knatchbull Open Evening



PTA News & Updates

Facebook page – if anyone knows any new parents, please invite them to join the PTA page

100 club

March: 1st prize – Kate Agrell, 2nd prize – Clare Mason

April: 1st prize – Mariesa Parker, 2nd prize – Carla Trip

Summer Fair – Friday 28 June

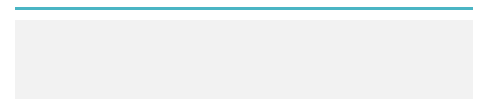
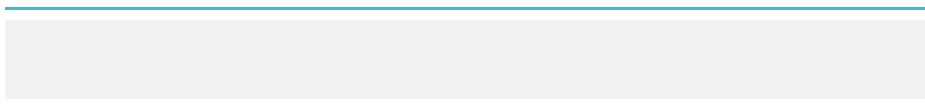
If anybody is able to help set up, run a stall or clear up after the Fair, we are really keen to hear from you and would appreciate any help people can offer! It is a really great afternoon, and our biggest fundraising event of the year. The raffle prizes have begun to be announced on the PTA Facebook page, many more to come!

Jarbola donations – Friday 24 May

We will be collecting filled jars at both drop off and pick up. For each filled jar received you will be given a raffle ticket to redeem an ice pole at that afternoon's ice cream Friday!

NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE!



Children are invited to come in their own clothes to school.

In return the PTA are asking for donations for the:



Sports Tombola - bring an item of sports equipment to win on the sports tombola stall.

Barrow of Booze – bring any item of booze to go in the raffle & win the contents of the wheelbarrow.



We will be collecting at the school gates on the Friday morning.

Thanks so much!