

Term 5 – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019

# Mersham Primary School

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I hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. With the seasons slowly changing, please can I remind parents to ensure that when the sunshine finally arrives, their child is prepared. Ideally, please ensure that your child has a named hat in school and that they have appropriate sunscreen, preferably the type that can be applied before they come to school and will last them through the day.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 3:30pm and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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/>

## Drop off in the mornings

We are becoming increasingly aware that some parents are leaving their children on the playground prior to a member of staff arriving to supervise at 8:50am. Please note that this puts children at a health and safety risk as the school are not responsible until the time that a member of staff is on duty. Please can I ask that children are not left prior to 8:50am. Thank you for your support.

## School Uniform

We are noticing that an increasing number of children are wearing bottle green jumpers and cardigans. Whilst we appreciate these are more readily available from supermarkets, they are **not** the correct school uniform colour and as such lessen the impact of our distinctive green cardigans and jumpers – this is particularly relevant when the children are representing the school offsite. The only exception to this are the bottle green fleeces that are embroidered with the school logo that are available from our suppliers. I would very much appreciate it if parents would ensure the correct uniform is worn.

## Upcoming Events

Wk Beg	Year 6 SATS
13 <sup>th</sup> May	
24 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term 5
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Start of Term 6
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Cream Teas
13 <sup>th</sup> June	New Yr R New Entrants Meeting for parents
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Wellbeing Week
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day and Summer Fair
16/17 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Year 6 Production
19 <sup>th</sup> 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 84% of children in the class reading three times or more during the week. This was closely followed by Churchill class (Year 6) with 79% and Kinney class (Year 3) with 58%.

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> June.**

Dates are as follows:

23<sup>rd</sup> May : Hawking class (Year 5)

**13<sup>th</sup> June : Churchill class (Year 6)**

27<sup>th</sup> June : Kinney class (Year 3)

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

6<sup>th</sup> June : Attenborough class (Year 1)

**20<sup>th</sup> June : Ahlberg class (Year 4)**

11<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

Staff Development Day - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

### **Term 2**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### **Term 3**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Staff Development Day - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

### **Term 4**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Staff Development Day - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

### **Term 5**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Bank Holiday – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

### **Term 6**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Staff Development Days – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

## **PTA News & Updates**

Summer fair meeting – Tuesday 7 May, 8pm at the Farriers, all welcome.

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!

Second hand uniform – please continue to leave donations in the office. Items for sale can be seen in albums on the PTA Facebook page, new items will continue to be added.

Ice cream Fridays will commence as soon as it warms up – fingers crossed for lots of sunny Fridays!

