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# Mersham Primary School

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**A very warm welcome back to school – I hope you have all had a relaxing summer break. We particularly welcome all those who have joined us from other schools as well as our new reception children who will be officially starting next Monday.**

**As we start afresh, please can I remind all parents to ensure that children's uniform and belongings are all named as they can get so easily lost around the school, especially as children have moved to different classrooms that are not so familiar at the moment!**

**Mrs C Chalkley  
Headteacher**

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## Staffing

I am pleased to inform you that at the end of term 6, we appointed an additional teaching assistant to support in Year 2, to replace Miss Napolitano. Miss Allison Jones comes with a wealth of experience of supporting children in schools. As per previous newsletters, we also officially now welcome Mrs Sly (Reception class teacher) and Mrs Quantrell-Evans (Year 5 Teaching Assistant).

I would also like to congratulate Miss Fitzgerald (and her new husband!) who got married during the summer holidays. She will now be using her married name, Mrs Shepherd.

## Drop off and Pick up

Just a reminder to all parents to try and ensure that children arrive on time in the mornings and are collected promptly at the end of the day. This will be an area the school will be focussing on this year.

## Sports Kit

PE t-shirts will now be kept in Robin Class (Year 3). When attending an event, kit should be signed in and out from Robin Class.

If anyone has a sports top at home, please return it as soon as possible as there is still some kit that has not been returned from last year. Many thanks, Mrs Maher

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## Upcoming Events

9 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year R in part-time
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Kent Test
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year R in full-time
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	PTA Meeting 7pm
19/20 Sept	School photos
11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival 9:30 at the church
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Life Skills Week
18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	End of Term 1
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Start of Term 2
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Eve 5-7:30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Eve 3:30-6pm
29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Non- Uniform day (for Chocolate Tombola ror Christmas fair)
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Flu Vaccinations (all Year groups)
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair
9/10/12 Dec	KS1 Christmas Production at 2pm)
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Service 9:30 At the Church
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pantomime
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Arts week
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of Term 2

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## **Sporting News**

### **Platinum School Games Award**

I am very pleased to announce that the school has retained the Platinum School Games Mark for a further two years. The School Games Mark is a government led awards scheme that rewards schools for their commitment to physical activity and the development of competition across their school and into the community. The Platinum award is the highest of these awards and we are currently the only school in Ashford to have this level of award. A huge thank you must go to Mrs Maher and the school team, including Mr Oatham for all the hard work that has gone into PE and school sport this year.

### **Caterlink School Meals**

For those parents who pay for school meals for children in Key Stage 2, please note that the cost of a meal is going up from September to £2.20. Please can you ensure that meals are paid for in advance otherwise Caterlink charges the school and this takes funds away from resources needed to support children's learning.

### **New Class Names**

The School Council decided some while ago that they would like to change the class names and through discussions with the whole school, agreed a general theme of 'Birds'. As part of their transition day, each class has now decided on a new class name. The classes are now known as:

Year R	Duckling Class
Year 1	Penguin Class
Year 2	Parrot Class
Year 3	Robin Class
Year 4	Kingfisher Class
Year 5	Toucan Class
Year 6	Falcon Class

