
Term 1 – 7th September 2020

Mersham Primary School

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Our Reception children have had a great start to school and are in school full-time from today. I have been so impressed with how well they have coped saying goodbye to mums and dads at the gate and coming into school in such a 'grown-up' way! Well done Ducklings (and their parents!).

We have already started to think about next year's Reception intake. If you are aware of anyone that is looking at schools, we will be doing visits to schools for prospective parents outside of school hours and in line with our visitor's protocol.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

Updating the school promotional video

On Thursday, Derek Boyes will be returning to the school to undertake filming to update the school promotional video that is on the website. With all the restrictions in place, the video is such an important tool for sharing what the school has to offer to prospective parents. Much of the existing footage will be kept but he will be interviewing class teachers and possibly some children - parents will be contacted directly if their child has been selected to talk on camera. All filming will take place in line with all the Covid-19 health and safety requirements.

Drop off and pick up times – late arrivers.

Can I once again thank you all for supporting the school with the staggered drop off and pick up times as I realise that this is a challenge for many families, particularly where there are multiple siblings. There are however a handful of children that are being consistently dropped off and picked up late for their class – this then defeats the object of trying, wherever possible, to minimise contact between different classes. Could I please ask that everyone does stick to the times as closely as possible for the health and safety of the whole school community. Should you have any particular difficulties with this, please contact Mrs Chalkley.

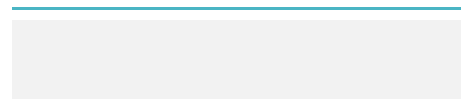
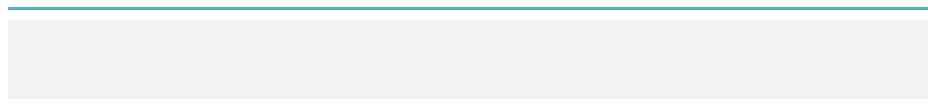


Upcoming Events

14 th Sept	Year R in full-time
17 th Sept	PTA Meeting 7:30pm
15 th Oct	Kent Test
23 rd Oct	End of Term 1
2 nd Nov	Start of Term 2
4 th Dec	Flu Vaccinations (all Year groups)
17 th Dec	End of Term 2
18 th Dec	Staff Training Day

Privacy Notice

Please note the school privacy notice has been updated in line with guidance related to the Covid-19 pandemic. This can be found on the school website.



Parents Evenings

Just to let you know that Parent's evenings, that usually take place at the start of term 2 will all take place virtually this year. Further details will be available nearer the time.

Online Safety – Course for Parents

National Online Safety run a course for Parents. If you would be interested in undertaking the course, please could you email me on headteacher@mersham.kent.sch.uk so that I can organise access for you. This will also help the school to claim accreditation from National Online Safety for the work that it does to promote online safety with in the school community.

Class emails

Just a reminder that if you have any non-urgent questions for the class teacher, please use the class email addresses. These are being checked regularly by the class teachers.

ducklingclass@mersham.kent.sch.uk

penguinclass@mersham.kent.sch.uk

parrotclass@mersham.kent.sch.uk

robinclass@mersham.kent.sch.uk

kingfisherclass@mersham.kent.sch.uk

toucanclass@mersham.kent.sch.uk

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PTA News & Updates



Welcome back! We are looking forward to another great year of fundraising and having fun. It may just be in a different way!

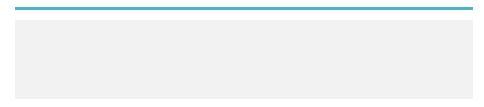
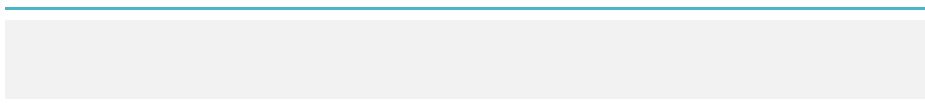
A big welcome to all new parents joining the school, we hope all the Ducklings have settled in well.

PTA meetings

These will still happen this year, but are likely to be virtual. We would love to meet any new parents who have recently joined the school, it is a great way to meet new people, have fun and raise much needed funds for the school.

Charity bin

This is located outside the front of the school, and helps raise money for both the school and our chosen charity. Please can people put items into the bin in smaller bags, as the large black bin bags tend to block the chute!



PTA Facebook page

We have a Facebook page that is a great source of information about PTA events and is regularly updated with information for parents. Please invite new parents to join this group.

Class representatives

We will be reviewing these to ensure still current and will of course be looking for a representative from the new class R!

Second hand uniform

Thank you to all those who have donated, it is a great way to pass uniform on, and raise money for the school. We welcome donations of any good condition uniform.

A BIG thank you to Sarah Groves who has collated, washed, and arranged sales of items

Who is who on the PTA?

Joint chair – Louise Morgan & Felicity White



Treasurer – Claire Gregory



Secretary – Sally Stock



Second hand uniform officer – Sarah Groves

