
Term 2 – 30th November 2020

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Again, I would like to thank you all for your support this week. As you know we are very short staffed and I really appreciate how much everyone has adapted to the constant changes, particularly those staff in school. I am pleased to report that those staff who have been poorly, are in the main, recovering well and we are very much looking forward to welcoming back Years 1, 3 and 5 next week.

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Christmas Dinner

We will be serving Christmas dinner on Wednesday 16th December. The menu is attached. If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner, please could you ensure payment is made to Caterlink directly, in the usual way.

Virtual Class Stalls

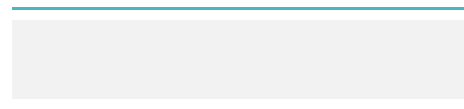
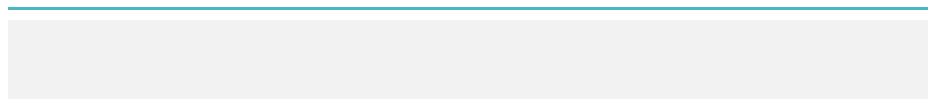
At the Christmas Fair, classes usually make some lovely Christmas crafts that you are then able to buy. The money raised from the class stalls goes into the class budget and enables class teachers to purchase all sorts of 'extras' that the class would otherwise not benefit from. In order to try and raise some money for the classes, the children will all be making something Christmassy as they would have done. We are asking if everyone could please donate £1 to the class before Wednesday 16th December and the children will bring home their Christmas goodies on the last day of term. Please could donations be given to the class teacher. Thank you in advance.

Non Uniform Day for Years 1, 3 and 5 – donations for the chocolate tombola

Because **Years 1 and 5** have not been in school for the non-uniform day, we will now have one especially for those year groups only on **Wednesday 9th December**. Members of the PTA will be on the gate that morning to collect the chocolate donations so that they can be quarantined and then divided up between the classes for each class tombola. As many classes have PE that day, they will not be expected to come in PE kit but please can you ensure that children are wearing suitable footwear for a PE lesson. **Year 3** will now have theirs on **Thursday 10th December**.

Upcoming Events

9 th Dec	Non-uniform day – Class chocolate Tombola –Yrs 1 and 5 only
10 th Dec	Non-uniform day – Class chocolate Tombola –Yr 3 only
11 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
16 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
17 th Dec	End of Term 2
18 th Dec	Staff Training Day
4 th Jan	Staff Training Day
5 th Jan	Start of Term 3



Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day will be on Friday 11th December in return for a donation for a £2 donation for Save the Children. Children can wear a Christmas Jumper/top with their usual school trousers/skirt etc.

Christmas Cards

Many children will want to write Christmas cards for their friends and bring them in – with all the restrictions in place, we have agreed as a staff to adapt this slightly this year. Children can bring in cards from the beginning of December for their class only. They will be posted in a post box in each classroom. The post box will be 'sealed' two days before the end of term to enable all the cards to be quarantined sufficiently before being distributed altogether at the end of term.

Christingle Service at Mersham Church – Sunday 6th December

Please see flyer attached from Rev Denyer about the Christingle Service at Mersham Church.

2020 Affordable Refurbished Bicycle sales

Just to let you know that there is one remaining Affordable Refurbished Bicycle sales in 2020 at Goldwyn School (TN23 3BT) are:

- Saturday 5th December, 10-1

We will continue to keep our hygiene and social distancing procedures in place.

PTA News and Updates



Useful info and updates in the run up to Christmas....

- ❖ Please can payments of £5 per child per event (Panto and Elf visit) be made on parentmail, to cover the cost of the christmas activities taking place between now and the end of term
- ❖ In the event of a year group not being in school, links to the events will be shared via google classrooms, to enable all to enjoy
- ❖ Raffle prizes are being announced on the PTA Facebook page, keep an eye out for all the great prizes!
- ❖ Raffle tickets will be on sale at drop off and pick up. Cash or card taken. Minimum card payment is £5. We can also send payment link to a mobile phone for remote payment
- ❖ Years 1, 3 and 5 will have their own special non-school uniform day on Wednesday 9 December, chocolate can be donated if not done already
- ❖ Thank you to all that donated chocolate last week! Please remember if your child needs a Free From alternative these need to be donated and labeled with your childs name

