# Term 3 – 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

# Mersham Primary School

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Today, we are having a Creative Arts Day and the children will be moving around classes to work with other class teachers to take part in a range of wonderful arts activities, including art, drama, music and poetry. It's a lovely way to end this term and a huge thank you to Mrs Harris and the rest of the staff team for getting the day planned and organised. Please do ask your children to tell you all about what they have learnt today!

I would also like to wish you all a restful half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February

> Cheryl Chalkley Headteacher



# **Upcoming Events**

10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Creative Arts Day
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of term 3
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Start of term 4
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents Eve
1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Parents Eve
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Book Fair in School
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Celebration Event
31st March	Easter Service at the
	Church 9:15am

#### School Disco

A huge thank you to the PTA and all the parents/grandparents who volunteered to assist at the disco last night. The PTA did an amazing job organising the disco and making it a really special first disco in the new hall. I know the children all thoroughly enjoyed it. We have also received some lovely feedback from the adults who were helping out, saying how polite and well behaved the children were and what a credit they all were both to the school and their families.

#### Celebration Event – Thursday 30th March 4:30-6:30pm

We are planning to hold an event on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 4:30-6:30pm to celebrate the completion of our new school buildings. We will be inviting all existing parents, the local community (I know there are lots of ex-parents in the village that would like to see the new buildings!) as well as other guests from schools within the CARE Foundation Trust, Kent County Council and beyond. Please save the date and more information will follow.

#### Book Week – Wk beginning 27<sup>th</sup> February

Please find attached information from Mrs Sly about all the exciting things happening for Book Week this year.

#### Wide Eyes Falconry

Please see attached flyer with events happening at Wide Eyes Falconry including during half term.

#### Year 6 Evacuation Day



Last Friday, Year 6 had a whole day imagining what it might have been like for children who were evacuated during World War II. They not only dressed up, but had their names changed for the day (to names typical at the time), the classroom layout was changed and Mrs Fellows did an amazing job helping the children appreciate what happened, and how children may have felt. I know Year 6 had a very enjoyable experience!

#### Class Assemblies – Terms 3 and 4

With the new hall now fully in use, we will be able to invite parents in once again to see class assemblies. These assemblies will be performed at 9:05am in the school hall and will, this season, have a focus on Online Safety. Dates are as follows:

23<sup>rd</sup> February 3<sup>rd</sup> March 9<sup>th</sup> March 16<sup>th</sup> March 23<sup>rd</sup> March 30<sup>th</sup> March Penguin Class Duckling Class Kingfisher Class Falcon Class Toucan Class Robin Class

Change of date due to World Book Day

#### Term Dates 2023-24

Please find below the term dates for the next academic year:

## Term 1

Monday 4th September – Friday 20th October Staff Development Day - Friday 1st September

#### Term 2

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 15th December

### Term 3

Wednesday 3rd January – Friday 9th February Staff Development Day - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

#### Term 4

Monday 19th February – Thursday 28th March

## Term 5

Monday 15th April – Thursday 23rd May

Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May

Staff Development Day – Friday 24th May

#### Term 6

Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July Staff Development Days – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July