
Term 4 – 24th February 2023

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I hope you all had a good half term break - I know we were all grateful to see the first signs of Spring. There are lots of exciting things happening this term including various events, individual class trips as well as other school improvements. Please see information below about Book Week, the Celebration Event, the new After School Childcare the school will be offering after Easter and our new school Instagram account which will hopefully provide you with further information about all the fantastic learning that is going on in the school. Mrs Benjamin has also been improving the website and there is an exciting competition to design some pictures to go onto our website.

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

28 th Feb	Parents Eve
1 st Mar	Parents Eve
8 th Mar	Walk In Wednesday
24 th Feb	Book Fair in School
2 nd March	World Book Day
30 th March	Celebration Event
31 st March	Easter Service at the Church 9:15am

After School Club

I am pleased to be able to announce that we will be setting up an After School Club at the start of Term 5. The Club will operate from 3:15pm-6:00pm every day in the hall. We have been able to recruit two members of staff to run the club, Mrs Lynn Seal will be the overall lead and she will be assisted by Ms Hannah Wolstenholme. More details will follow very soon including the costs and how to book. This is something that I have been keen to get up and running for a long while and I very much hope that it will make a difference to those families, particularly those who are working, who need additional childcare.



WE ARE ON INSTAGRAM!

This week we have launched our Instagram account. Please give us a follow **@mershamprimaryschool** to keep up to date with the exciting things that are happening at school. This platform will be used to share exciting learning and events and will not replace Google Classroom or ParentMail as ways we currently communicate with you.

Book Week – Wk beginning 27th February

Please find attached information from Mrs Sly about all the exciting things happening for Book Week this year. Children will be able to dress up as their favourite book character on Thursday 2nd March and we will be holding the parade on the playground at 9:00am as in previous years.

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

We are planning to hold an event on Thursday 30th 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 see attached flyer.

Dance Club

Dance club will still be running on Tuesday 28th February but only until 4pm due to parents' evening. There will be no Dance club on March 7th March.



Drawing Competition

We are in the process of refreshing the website. Rather than using the above clipart images, we'd like to have our very own set of birds designed by the children. These will be used on the website class pages, class newsletters, Headteacher awards etc. Please find details of the competition below.

What? Drawings should be of one of the class birds (children may wish to make multiple entries). Children can draw any of the class birds (they do not have to do the class they are currently in). The artwork should be portrait on A5 paper (A4 folded in half). Artwork can be in colouring pencil, felt tip, paint, collage – anything really, but should be bold and vivid and fill the piece of paper. Name and class in pencil on the back of the artwork.

When? Competition closes on Friday 10th March

Where? Entries should be handed to Mrs Benjamin via the school office.

Good luck – I can't wait to see all the amazing artwork!

Mrs Lawrence

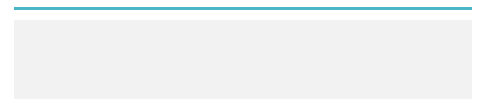
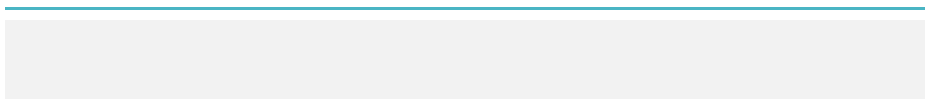
We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Lawrence has had a baby girl, Hattie Maeve Lawrence, weighing 6lb 13oz. Both Mum and baby are doing well and I am sure you will join us in sending Mrs Lawrence, her husband and their family our warmest congratulations.

Walk In Wednesday

Because Parent's evening is on the 1st March when we would normally have a Walk In Wednesday, we will be instead having Walk In Wednesday the following week, on the 8th March. Please do pop into your child's classroom between 3:15 and 3:45pm to have a look at all the wonderful work that they have in their books.

PTA Update

Please see attached newsletter from the PTA.



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:

3rd March
9th March
16th March
23rd March
30th March

Duckling Class
Kingfisher Class
Falcon Class
Toucan Class
Robin Class

Change of date due to World Book Day



The poster for My Community Voice features a blue background with a white silhouette of a city skyline and a group of people. The text reads: "My Community Voice Protecting the neighbourhoods of Kent and Medway". Below this, it states "MCV is a two-way engagement tool brought to you by Kent Police". The poster is divided into four colored sections: a pink section with a megaphone icon and the text "Find out what's happening in your area"; an orange section with a bell icon and the text "Receive alerts from your local officers"; a green section with a group of people icon and the text "Tell us what matters most to you"; and a blue section with a hand pointing to a "Sign up" button and the text "Sign up today and make your voice count". A QR code is located in the bottom right corner, and the website "www.MyCommunityVoiceKent.co.uk" is listed at the bottom.

My Community Voice – Message from Kent Police

My Community Voice is a messaging service that helps Kent and Medway residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with their local policing teams. The service sends updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves.

My Community Voice is more than just a messaging service; it allows you to reply to the alerts we send you, share information and tell us about the issues affecting you.

We are committed to engaging with communities to increase trust and confidence and to help protect people from harm. Police, partners and the public working together can build resilient and safe communities, and both reduce and prevent crime.

You will be able to play an active part in police appeals as well as keeping updated in what is happening in your local area.

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 30th October – Friday 15th December

Term 3

Wednesday 3rd January – Friday 9th February

Staff Development Day - Tuesday 2nd 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 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July

