
Term 4 – 24th March 2023

Mersham Primary School

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I am really looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible for the Celebration Event on 30th March – the staff team have all been working really hard to make this a real celebration of all the fabulous learning that takes place at the school. The event starts at 4:30 and will end at 6:30pm. All classrooms will be open to showcase some of the exciting learning that is taking place in each year group – children from each class will be explaining their learning to all our visitors. You will be able to see the new classrooms and the remodelled central corridor, intervention room, library and IT Suite. In the new hall, we will have a range of 'stalls' to share the many organisations the school has links with. This will include Kent Structures, Page Computing and Securitem Installations who were instrumental in the construction of the new buildings. We will also have The Farriers together with the PTA providing a range of refreshments, Nourish Catering providing food samples and Simply Ice Cream selling ice cream. Mersham Monkeys, the After School Club, the PTA, Forest School, Sport Education Team (Mr Oatham and Mr Fraser) and Wide Eyes Falconry (with guest birds!) will also all be in the hall. The Choir and Mrs Sly's dance club will also all be performing. We really hope you will all be able to come along.

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

28 th March	Year 3/4 trip to Canterbury
30 th March	Celebration Event
31 st March	Easter Service at the Church 9:15am
31 st March	End of term 4
17 th Apr	Start of term 5
1 st May	Bank Holiday
5 th May	Coronation Celebration
8 th May	Bank Holiday
9-12 May	Year 6 SATS
Wk Beg 22 May	Year 6 Residential
25 May	End of term 5
26 May	Staff Training Day

Staffing Updates

We have welcomed Mr Tom Laurie to the staff team this week who will be working in Breakfast Club and Year 2 covering Mrs Laurence's maternity leave. Mr Laurie has a wealth of experience working in schools and we are very pleased to have him on board. In addition, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Jones at the end of the term. Whilst Miss Jones has largely been working to support the particular needs of individual pupils, she is also a familiar face to all children in the current Year 5 and out on the playground. She has also been helping to support the running of Forest School club. Miss Jones has made the decision to move away from education and to work in the care profession – I would like to thank Miss Jones very much for all she has done at Mersham and we wish her all the very best in her new role.

Easter Service

We look forward to seeing parents and other family members at the Church on Friday at 9:15am for the annual Easter Service.

Free School Meal Vouchers – Easter Holidays

Supermarket vouchers to the value of £20 will be emailed this week to all parents with children eligible for free school meals, for the Easter holiday. KCC have asked us to let parents know that they should please download the vouchers promptly upon receipt of emails, as in future they will be allowing a 3-month period for this before unassigning unclaimed vouchers.

After School Club

Information was sent out this week regarding After School Club which is now open for booking. Following queries from some parents, please note that this will run every day like Breakfast club – it is **not** something that would get cancelled as some extra-curricular activities occasionally do, if staff are unwell or required to attend another meeting.

Parking at Drop off and Pick up times

Once again, I have had complaints from members of the community about irresponsible parking by some parents. This has included parking across the access to offices near The Farriers so that members of the community could not get into work. There were also concerns about children not being supervised in the area of The Farriers car park and that there was a significant risk of an accident. Despite several requests, some parents also continue to drop their children, particularly in the mornings, outside the front of the school even though there are barriers to try and prevent this happening. This is so dangerous and is an accident waiting to happen. Please can I ask all parents to arrive at school with sufficient time to park considerately for the safety of all.

School lockers

Please can I ask that children only bring bags into school that fit comfortably into their lockers. Some children are bringing huge back packs into school that are not necessary and which they then struggle to get into the locker space. This means that lockers do not shut properly and belongings are difficult to retrieve! This is then causing health and safety difficulties. Thank you in advance for your support.

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:

30th March

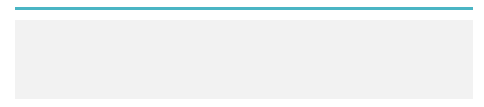
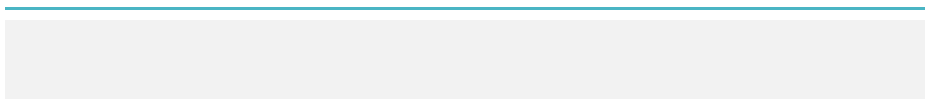
Robin Class

Folkestone Chess Club

Chess is enjoying a boom right now hence Folkestone Junior Chess Club is expanding. We now also meet on Saturday afternoons. Please see the website for more details.

<https://folkestonejrchess.wixsite.com/juniors>

Easter Holiday Club at Mersham Church – please see attached flyer



Tennis Coaching Holiday Camp – please see attached flyer

Easter Holiday Club at Kingsnorth Primary School – please see attached flyer

Easter school holiday fun for 4 – 12-year-olds!

Premier Football School are delighted to announce they are running a kid's football school in Ashford this Easter at The North School from **Monday 3rd – Wednesday 5th April** for boys and girls aged 4 - 12 of all abilities. Parents simply drop-off at 10.00am and pick up at 3.30pm. The fee is just £13 per day and all children who attend receive a trophy! Activities include a kids World Cup tournament and a penalty shootout competition with prizes! We are a non-elitist grass roots organisation and children play in groups according to their age and abilities in a fun safe environment. Should you wish to book, please visit www.premierfootballschool.co.uk or call 07821 573837.

Easter Holiday Club – Grosvenor Hall, Kingswood

Please see attached flyer

Holiday Club information at Willesborough Junior School (Mr Oatham and Mr Fraser run this)

Please see information below.



The flyer is a vertical rectangular graphic with a dark blue background and light blue accents. At the top center is the SET logo, which includes the text 'RESPECT • TEAMWORK' above 'SET' and 'RESILIENCE • CONFIDENCE' below it, with 'Sport Education Trust' in smaller text. Below the logo, the title 'MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY CLUB' is written in large, bold, white capital letters, followed by 'APRIL 2023' in blue. The flyer is divided into sections by horizontal lines. The 'DATES' section lists 'Week 1: 3rd - 6th' and 'Week 2: 12th-14th'. The 'TIMINGS' section lists '9:00am - 4:00pm' and 'Early drop off and late pick up available (8.30am-4:30pm)'. The 'LOCATION' section lists 'Willesborough Junior School, TN24 0JQ'. The 'PRICING' section lists '1 DAY = £15' and '(Sibling Discount Available)'. The 'BUNDLES' section lists '5 DAYS = £67.50', '6 DAYS = £79.50', and '7 DAYS = £88.50'. On the left side, there are three circular icons: a baseball, a football, and a tennis racket. On the right side, there are three circular icons: a soccer ball, a basketball, and bowling pins. The flyer is framed by a light blue border.

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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

