

Term 4 – 3rd March 2023

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What a fantastic Book Week we have had this year! Thank you to all the parents for helping with children's costumes for World Book Day yesterday– there were some wonderful creations! Look out for photographs and announcements regarding the winners on our Instagram (see below). Thank you to the PTA for running the book fair – purchases from the book fair have earned the school £352.94 which will be spent on new chapter books for the more experienced readers in the school. Thank you also to the staff team for all their hard work this week focussing on enjoyment of reading – a special thanks must go to Mrs Sly who has been responsible for all the organisation this year. It really was a great week!

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

8 th Mar	Walk In Wednesday
10 th Mar	Non-Uniform Day
28 th March	Year 3/4 trip to Canterbury
30 th March	Celebration Event
31 st March	Easter Service at the Church 9:15am

Mersham School PTFA

SMARTIES CHALLENGE

The winner of the non-uniform
day is

Year 2

Who have raised an astonishing
£108

The total from all classes is
£370.43

Well done every one!



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.

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.



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.

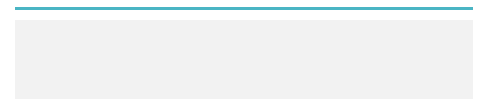
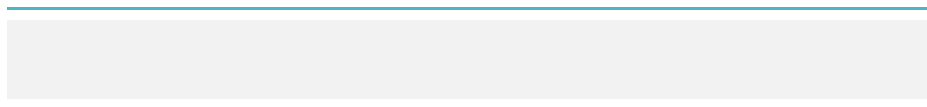
Please find details of the competition below.

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!



Walk In Wednesday

Because Parent’s evening was on the 1st March when we would normally have a Walk In Wednesday, we will be instead having Walk In Wednesday next 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.

National Careers Week Friday 10 March 2023
Chose Your Own Clothes Day!

In honour of our fabulous Year 6,
wear your own clothes and give a
donation* to gift them
memory book signed by
our whole
school



*PTFA will be collecting change from children at the school gate in exchange for non-uniform- thank you to our school community ❤️

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:

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| 9 th March | Kingfisher Class |
| 16 th March | Falcon Class |
| 23 rd March | Toucan Class |
| 30 th March | Robin Class |

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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.

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.

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

