
Term 5 – 21st April 2023

Mersham Primary School

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I hope you were all able to have an enjoyable Easter break. Thank you to everyone for being so understanding regarding the staffing challenges we have currently – I have really appreciated the offers of support we have received. Unfortunately, I do not think the issues will be resolved quickly – we had interviews planned this week and neither of the two candidates we had invited for interview turned up on the morning! Something that sadly we are seeing happen more and more! We have bought in some additional teaching assistant support via a supply agency for the next couple of weeks and we will continue to work on recruiting. I will of course keep you updated as we move through the term.

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

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| 25 th May | Year 6 only Meeting about SATS and residential |
| 1 st May | Bank Holiday |
| 3 May | Walk in Wednesday |
| 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 |
| 5 June | Start of term 6 |
| 7 June | Walk in Wednesday |
| 15 th June | New Year R parents meeting |
| 16 th June | Tea on the Field |
| 30 th June | Sports Day and Summer Fair |
| 5 July | Walk in Wednesday |
| 12/13 July | Year 6 Production |
| 14 th July | Leaver's Disco Yrs 5 and 6 |
| 19 th July | Year 6 Leaver's Assembly |
| 19 th July | End of term 6 |
| 20/21 July | Staff Training Days |

Coronation Celebration - Friday 5th May 2023

To celebrate the King's Coronation, we will be having a red, white and blue themed non uniform day on Friday 5th May. The children will also take part in a range of fun-filled activities throughout the afternoon. Further details to follow.

Mersham Monkeys

Unfortunately, due to staffing, we will not be able to run Mersham Monkeys at the moment. Once Miss Wheeler is well enough to return to school I will let you know when we can restart. Apologies for any convenience caused.

After School Club

I am really please that After School Club is up and running this week and we have had children booked in every day. If you would like to book a place, this can be organised through Parentmail and booking is available up until the night before.

PTFA Update

Please see attached newsletter from the PTA.

NEU Strike Action – 27th April and 2nd May

NEU members will be striking again on 27th April and 2nd May. As on previous occasions, I hope that we will be able to keep the school open as normal but with the staffing challenges we currently have, this could potentially have implications in school. I will aim to let parents know as soon as possible should there be any impact on particular classes.

Smeeth Fun Club – Saturday 22nd April



Smeeth Fun-Club Plants Morning – seed planting,
painting and craft
Saturday April 22nd

9.30am – 1.30pm Smeeth Church Oak Room
For children 5-11yrs, accompanied by an adult
Free entry – donations for refreshments

To book a place email: sianchall@btinternet.com
with choice of time: 9.30-10.30, 10.30-11.30,
11.30-12.30 or 12.30-1.30 – maximum of 15
children per hour

Class Assemblies – Terms 5 and 6

Class assemblies will be performed at 9:05am in the school hall. Dates are as follows:

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| 25 th May | Penguin Class |
| 8 th June | Toucan Class |
| 15 th June | Falcon Class |
| 22 nd June | Robin Class |
| 29 th June | Parrot Class |
| 6 th July | Duckling Class |
| 13 th July | Kingfisher Class |

Mum2Mum Market – Saturday 22nd April

Singleton Village Hall, Hoxton Close, Ashford TN23 5LB

BUY top quality second hand baby and children's clothes (mostly 0-6 years), toys, books and equipment at our award winning pop up market. There will be a huge variety of just about everything! Come along and grab a bargain.

*OVER 20 STALLS brimming with bargains!

*Entry only £2 per adult (kids go free)

*Goody bag for the first 100 buyers through the door

*Refreshments available

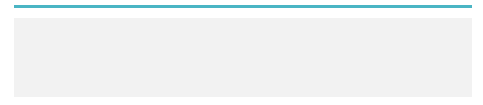
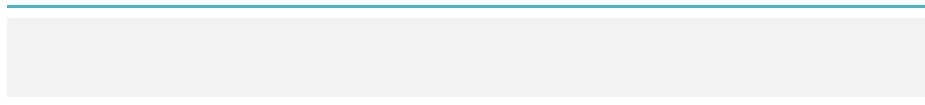
*FREE entry after 3.30pm

*FREE car parking at the venue and on surrounding roads

*Baby changing facilities

Stalls are SOLD OUT so it's going to be a bumper sale!

Please see attached poster for more information



Coronation Activities in Ashford

Please see attached poster for more information

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

