

Term 5 – 28th April 2023

Mersham Primary School

Church Road, Mersham, Ashford, Kent TN25 6NU

www.mersham.kent.sch.uk 01233 720449



It has been a great week to celebrate sport this week with both the netball team and the football team in action. Please see below for more information but a huge thank you to all the parents that supported in enabling the children to take part.

Wishing you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend – it looks as though we might have some sunshine too! We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday.

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

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

Sporting News

Ashford and District Primary Schools Football Tournament



Congratulations to the football team on coming second in the ADPSSA small schools tournament on Saturday at The Ashford School. They narrowly missed winning the whole tournament 1-0 in the final game. A big thank you to Mr Fraser, Mrs Benjamin and Miss East for attending with the team on the day. All the staff reported how well the entire team did in terms of representing the school, demonstrating a real positive attitude not only to their own team but also the other teams competing. A special well done must also go to Codee who was named player of the tournament by the organisers – a wonderful achievement that he should be incredibly proud of.

Netball Match – Mersham v. Smeeth



On Tuesday, the netball team had their first match of the year against Smeeth Primary School at home. After a very tense, closely fought match, the final score was a draw 6-6. A huge thank you to Lauren and Alana Conlon for preparing the team and for organising the match. They would like me to mention how proud they are of all the children that show up each week, they showed great teamwork and supported each other throughout their first game. A special well done must also go to Riley who was chosen by the Smarden team as the Star Player of the match.

School Dinners – Menu for Thursday 4th May to celebrate the Coronation

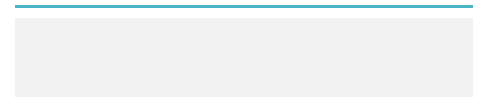
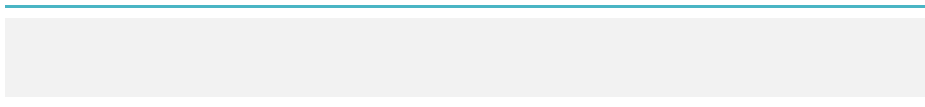
Jade has asked me to let you know that the menu on the 4th May will be a special menu and will include Sausage roll or Vegan roll, spaghetti hoops, diced potatoes. Jacket potatoes will also be available. For desert, there will be Iced cake with sprinkles, yoghurt or fruit.

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 pleased that After School Club is up and running 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.

Coronation Portrait Competition

Makala Thomas at Ashford Borough Council has asked us to pass on the following to all those that entered:

Firstly, I have to say that we have been absolutely blown away by the children's entries and we have taken great joy in looking at each and every one of them. Please congratulate them all on our behalf. What a talented bunch of young people we have in the Ashford borough!

The portraits will be displayed in the windows of businesses across the town centre from this weekend until Sunday 14th May. The businesses displaying all of the wonderful artwork are:

- Bare Bazaar
- HSBC
- Andrew and Co.
- Willow and Green
- The Beehive
- The Little Teapot
- Liv 2 Dance
- Church View Tea Rooms
- Businesses in Elwick Place
- Bump 2 Baby
- Businesses in County Square
- Salata
- Empty units in Park Mall, Elwick Place and Country Square

We would encourage families to take a trip in to town to see if they can spot their child's incredible artwork in one of our many businesses across the town. They would love to see them!

The Mayor will be judging the competition, with the winner announced at the Victoria Park event on Saturday 6th May 2023. I will be in touch to notify the winners with details of the prizes.

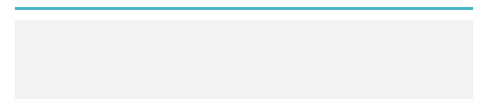
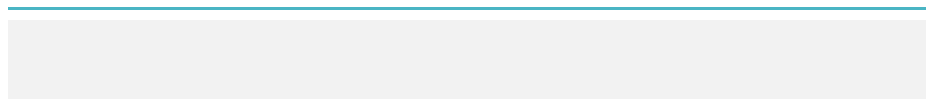
Holiday Club for May Half Term

Please see flyer from Kingsnorth Kent Play Clubs.

Class Assemblies – Terms 5 and 6

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

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



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

