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Term 5 – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

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# Mersham Primary School

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Thankfully the weather has been kind to us this afternoon and the children have been able to thoroughly enjoy our Coronation Celebration. They all looked fabulous dressed in red, white and blue and together with some very creative crowns they have made today, they were certainly in a celebratory mood! The activities on the field this afternoon really set off the party atmosphere – please look out for photographs on our Instagram account. All the children have also been given a commemorative badge to remember the occasion. A huge thank you to Miss Munday for organising all the activities that classes have participated in and thank you also to the members of the PTFA who have helped and provided refreshments. A great way for us all to start the Bank Holiday weekend!

**Cheryl Chalkley**  
Headteacher

## Upcoming Events

8 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	New Year R parents meeting
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Tea on the Field
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day and Summer Fair
5 July	Walk in Wednesday
12/13 July	Year 6 Production
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver's Disco Yrs 5 and 6
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leaver's Assembly
19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term 6
20/21 July	Staff Training Days

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## Maths Competition – The Ashford School

On Tuesday, 4 children from year 5 took part in a maths competition at The Ashford School. This event involved quick thinking, running and problem solving. Mersham did incredibly well and achieved 7<sup>th</sup> place against 17 other schools. Our team did brilliantly (after a few slices of cake!) and had some extremely difficult questions to answer.

Well done to Oscar, Joseph, Imogen and Poppy! Thank you to all the children and the parents who attended this event! Mr Ives

## 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 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 information from the PTA with simple fund raising opportunities.

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## 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.

**Affordable Bike Sale – Goldwyn School, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 10:00-13:00**

# AFFOR:)ABLE REFURBISHED BICYCLES

## BUY a BIKE

Pick up an affordable refurbished bike at our next bike sale event at Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT). Bikes are fully serviced, clean and available in a variety of sizes.

## DONATE a BIKE

Bike too small or sitting unloved gathering dust? Donate it to us and we'll find it a good home. If you need a replacement, we'll offer you a 20% discount on a more suitable refurbished bike.

## BIKE SALE EVENTS

Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT).  
Saturday 13th May (10.00-13.00).  
For more info email: [info@CycleCommunity.org](mailto:info@CycleCommunity.org)

## **Class Assemblies – Terms 5 and 6**

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

25 <sup>th</sup> May	Penguin Class
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Toucan Class
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Falcon Class
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Robin Class
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Parrot Class
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Duckling Class
13 <sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Staff Development Day - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

### **Term 2**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

### **Term 3**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Staff Development Day - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

### **Term 4**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

### **Term 5**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May  
Staff Development Day – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

### **Term 6**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Staff Development Days – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

