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Term 1 – 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

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# Mersham Primary School

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**With the weather definitely feeling more like Autumn this week, please can I ask parents to ensure that their children have a coat in school as the weather can change quite quickly. Please can I also ask you to ensure that all items of clothing as well as water bottles, lunch boxes etc have your child's name on – so many coats, jumpers, lunch boxes and water bottles get left outside or elsewhere in the school buildings and without a name on them it is really difficult to return them to their rightful owners!**

**Cheryl Chalkley  
Headteacher**

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## Walk-in Wednesday

Our first Walk-In Wednesday of the year will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October between 3:15-3:45. For those of you who are new to the school, this is an opportunity to pop into your child's class and have a look at the work your child has been doing in the first few weeks of term and for them to share with you all that they would like to show you. The class teacher will not be available to discuss your child's progress specifically – if you would like to discuss anything in more detail, please arrange a separate time to meet with them. Walk-in Wednesday finishes promptly at 3:45pm as the staff are required in the weekly staff meeting. We look forward to seeing you then.

## Mersham Monkeys

I am pleased to announce that Mersham Monkeys is back! For all those of you who have children of pre-school age, Mersham Monkeys is now running on a Friday morning, in the school hall from 9:00-10:30am with Miss Wheeler. £1.50 per session to include a drink and a snack as well as an opportunity to chat with other mums and play with your little ones. All welcome including families who may not have children currently at the school.

## PTFA Updates

Please see attached flyers with updates from the PTFA

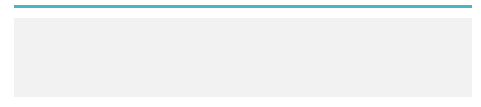
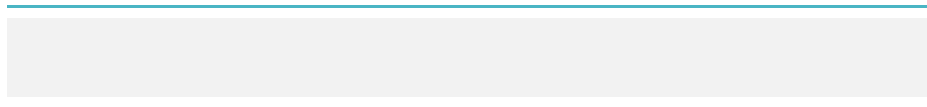
## Message from Miss Dengate – Forest School

Miss Dengate has been discussing with the children how they can improve forest school and there is a long list of items that the children have requested. This includes: tyres, pallets, tarpaulins, mud

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## Upcoming Events

4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Walk in Wednesday
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Mental Health Awareness Day
13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Service (9:15 at The Church)
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Interim reports to parents
20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	End of term 1
30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Start of term 2
1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Walk in Wednesday
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Open evening for prospective parents
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Evenings
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Flu Vaccines Yr R-6
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Walk in Wednesday
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Pantomime
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Church Service (9:15 at the Church)
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of term 2
2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Staff Training Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Start of term 3



kitchen equipment, utensils and fishing nets. If anyone can help by donating any of these items, we would be very grateful.

### **Message from Folkestone Junior Chess Club**

Folkestone Junior chess club is the only dedicated junior chess club in this region. The merits of chess speak for themselves and is hugely popular right now with children. For more information please see our website <https://folkestonejrchess.wixsite.com/juniors> . Please also see attached flyer about an upcoming tournament.

### **New School Promotional Video**

If you have not seen this yet, it is now on the school website and our Instagram page. Please do share with anyone who may be looking for school places in the area.

### **Late pick-up**

Whilst there can be a range of perfectly legitimate reasons why a parent is late to pick up their child on an odd occasion, there are some children who are regularly collected late and as a school we do not have staff available to supervise them, nor is it our responsibility to do so beyond the end of the school day. Therefore, please can I remind all parents that if a child has still not been collected by 3:30pm we reserve the right to put them into After School Club and parents will be charged the standard £10 fee.

### **Class Assemblies – Terms 1 and 2**

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

5 <sup>th</sup> October	Kingfisher Class
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Penguin Class
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Falcon Class
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Duckling Class
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Robin Class
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Toucan Class

### **Secondary School Open Evenings for Year 6 pupils**

#### **Homewood:**

Open Evening - Wednesday 20th September between 4pm and 7pm

There is no need to book but please register your interest on our website then I can send details of the Assessment Day nearer the time

Open Mornings - Monday 25th & Tuesday 26th September, punctual start at 9.30am until 11am

Please book a place for these on the google form on our website

