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Term 1 – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

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# Mersham Primary School

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**Welcome back to the new school year! I hope you were all able to have a lovely summer break. A particular welcome to our new Reception children (and their families) who have joined us – they have all settled so quickly and will be in full time as of Monday. A huge well done to all those in Year 6 who also sat the Kent Test this week – it is a gruelling day of tests and whatever the outcome, you all worked incredibly hard to do your best. Well done!**

**Cheryl Chalkley  
Headteacher**

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## Welcome to New Staff

I would also like to welcome our new staff who have started this term. This includes Mrs Katy Jackson (SENCO), Mrs Kirstin Read (Pastoral Lead) and Miss Jazmyn East (Year 1 class teacher) We also welcome Mr Matthew Horton who will be completing his teacher training with us this year. It is great to have you all on board!

## Parentmail and Arbor

Last year we moved our Management Information System to Arbor which was a huge improvement on our previous system! Arbor also has the ability to do all that Parentmail currently achieves for us and we will therefore be moving all our parent communication, payments etc. onto the Arbor system this term – this will be much more efficient administratively and financially for the school. More information will be coming out to parents shortly with details on how to login to your account, download the app etc. Whilst it may be very slightly different to Parentmail, we are confident that the switch will have minimal impact on parents.

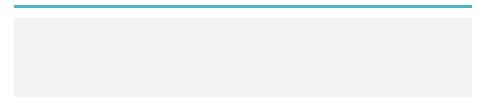
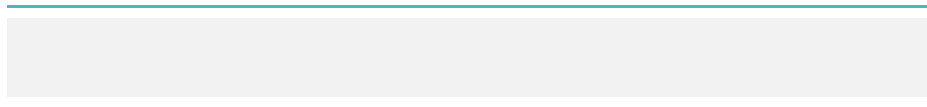
## New School Promotional Video

We are extremely pleased with our new promotional video that was filmed at the end of last term. It will be released this week on our Mersham Primary School Instagram account and will be on the website very soon after. A huge thank you to all those who took part – I feel immensely honoured to be the Headteacher of such a wonderful school! Please do watch to the very, very end – many of you will appreciate the clip at the end, with a flashback to our previous video!

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## Upcoming Events

11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Year R in full-time
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	School Photos
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	School Photos
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



## Class Assemblies – Terms 1 and 2

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

21 <sup>st</sup> September	Parrot Class
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

Please see attached flyers from The North School and Brockhill Park

## Consultation on new Family Hub Services in Kent – information from Kent County Council.

You may have taken part in our previous Community Services Consultation about what Children's Centres and Youth Hub buildings we keep. Now we need to hear your views on what services you need as we develop Family Hub Services.

We are seeking residents' views in an 8-week consultation closing on 13 September 2023.

## Kent Family Hub services consultation



We want your help to shape Family Hub Services in Kent

Take part in the public consultation at:  
[kent.gov.uk/familyhubservices](https://kent.gov.uk/familyhubservices)

Closes 13 September 2023



Kent was identified as a Transformation Authority and selected by the government as a Trailblazer for the national Family Hubs and Start for Life Programme in October 2022. The programme will support the council to transform Children's Centre services, Youth Services, Health Visiting, and work alongside Community-based midwifery care, bringing them together and making them easier to access.

Family Hub Services will offer support to children and families from conception through to age 19, or up to 25 for children with special education needs or disabilities.

This consultation also includes a proposal to stop funding the youth clubs and activities currently commissioned by KCC but run by non-KCC organisations. This is due to the financial pressures the council is facing. This means that some activities and clubs would stop unless the organisations are able to find alternative funding. We are keen to hear from service users how the proposed changes might affect them.

For full information and to tell us what you think about our proposals visit [www.kent.gov.uk/familyhubservices](https://www.kent.gov.uk/familyhubservices)

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### **Blessings of the Back Pack – Mersham Church**

Please find attached a flyer about the service on Sunday afternoon

### **Survey for parents of children with asthma**

Parent and child experiences  
needed - Management of asthma  
and allergies in children



To help understand how different professionals work with each other to support those who have a child (or are a child) with asthma or allergies, the KSCMP have developed a short survey for parents/carers and young people to complete.

The survey can be accessed by visiting <https://forms.office.com/e/eHDnYDpm2E> or using the QR code

The cut off date for the survey is the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

### **Indoor Cricket for Girls**

Please see attached flyer for information about an indoor cricket club for girls at Three Hills Sports Centre in Folkestone.

### **Ashford Police Newsletter September Edition - Rural North**

Please see attached newsletter from the Ashford Community Safety Unit.

