
Term 1 – 29th September 2023

Mersham Primary School

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With the number of COVID cases nationally starting to rise and a number of local schools struggling already with staff illness, I thought it would be helpful to remind parents of the current guidance in relation to absence from school, due to Covid. The current NHS and Department for Education guidance states that children should avoid contact with others for 3 days after the day they have tested positive and adults should avoid contact with others for 5 days after the day they test positive. No child or adult should be in school if they are not well enough to attend and we will continue to ask parents to collect their child should they have a raised temperature in school. I thank you all for your ongoing support with this as I am already anticipating that there may well be some challenging times with staffing over the Winter months.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

PTFA Facebook Page

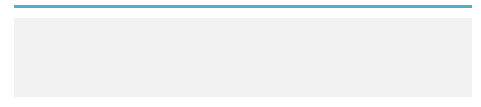
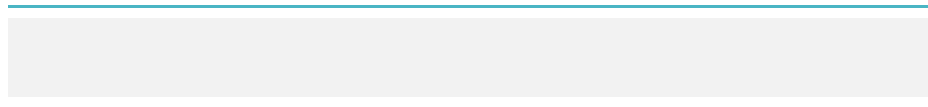
Following discussion with the PTFA, it has been agreed that the PTFA Facebook page will be purely for the promotion of PTFA activity, events and fundraising and not for any other school related issues. The Facebook page has increasingly been used for information about school related activity e.g. PE days, clubs, school dinners etc which was not what it was initially set up to do, particularly as the page is run by the PTFA and not school staff. For all school matters, please refer to the school channels of communication i.e. website, Instagram page, Google Classroom, information in newsletters and other Parentmail notifications etc. If all else fails, please contact the school office directly. Thank you.

Walk-in Wednesday

Our first Walk-In Wednesday of the year will be on Wednesday 4th 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.

Upcoming Events

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



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.

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

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 th October	Kingfisher Class
12 th October	Penguin Class
19 th October	Falcon Class
9 th November	Duckling Class
23 rd November	Robin Class
7 th December	Toucan Class

Secondary School Open Evenings for Year 5 and 6 pupils

Maidstone Girls Grammar School

Please see attached flyer

