
Term 2 – 10th November 2023

Mersham Primary School

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Upcoming Events

13 th Nov	Flu Vaccines Yr R-6
24 th Nov	Non-Uniform day for Chocolate Tombola
1 st Dec	Christmas Fair
6 th Dec	Walk in Wednesday
11/12 th Dec	Yr R & KS1 Production
13 th Dec	Christmas Dinner
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

It was great that so many of you were able to attend Parent's evening consultations this week – the class teachers all reported that they enjoyed being able to share all the positives of children's learning with you and how helpful those conversations were. If you were not able to attend for any reason, please contact the class teacher via the class email, to arrange to catch up at another mutually convenient time.

It has been a difficult week for many with the sickness and diarrhoea bug that has flown round the school! Once again, please can I remind parents that children should not attend for 48 hours after symptoms have stopped to try and prevent further spread. Thank you for your support with this.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

Anti-Bullying Week 13-17 November

Next week is the national annual Anti-Bullying Week. The theme this year is 'Make a noise about Bullying'. On Monday 13th, we will be launching the week with 'Odd Socks Day'. All children and staff will be invited to wear odd socks for the day to show how we are all unique and should respect each other. The children will be engaging in a range of other age appropriate activities through the week to support their knowledge and understanding of anti-bullying.

Prodigy Maths Competition

Years 5 and 6 have been taking part in a national maths competition. Competing against other schools has certainly been a challenge and has been tense! Last week, Falcon Class managed to jump 85 places and finish in second place with 1689 questions answered correctly. Toucan Class managed to finish in first place with 558 questions answered correctly.

Both classes have been entered into a new competition for the next two weeks and are keen to finish in first place!

Sporting News

Football league – the football team played their third match in the league against Kennington Academy on Wednesday. They all played extremely well, in horrendous weather (well done to all the parents that supported that evening too, your dedication was noted!), to secure their third win in a

row, winning 6 goals to 4. Once again, the team did the school proud with their sportsmanship as well as their skills. Congratulations to them all.

Purple Mash Christmas Card Competition

Children can send their entries by logging into their Purple Mash Account.



It's never too early to start spreading the festive cheer, and that's why we're thrilled to announce that our annual Purple Mash Festive Card Competition is **now open!**

Winning children will receive:

- 50 printed copies of their card
- A £20 Amazon voucher
- A 2Simple goody bag

Please note, entries will need to be approved by 2Simple before appearing on the Display Boards.
The competition will close at **5pm (GMT), Friday 24th November.**

[Enter the 2023 Festive Card Competition](#)

Holiday Activity vouchers for those eligible for Free School Meals

Holiday Activity vouchers will automatically be sent to all eligible families on 22nd November. This will enable the children to access holiday activities over the Christmas holidays. Further information can be found on this link <https://www.holidayactivities.com/wp-content/uploads/HolidayActivities--Parents-guide.pdf>

Energy Vouchers for those eligible for Free School Meals

Emails will be sent on 13th November to all those families eligible for free school meals about claiming energy vouchers to support families over the winter months with fuel costs.

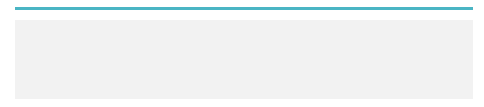
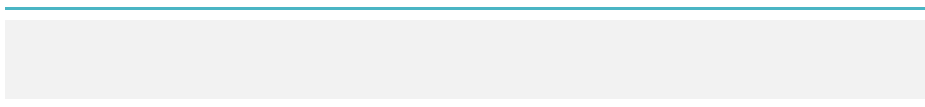
Class Assemblies – Terms 1 and 2

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

23 rd November	Robin Class
7 th December	Toucan Class

Message from Rev. Denyer

Please find information attached regarding the children's service on Sunday afternoon.



Christmas Events in the local area

Please find attached information about Christmas events in the local area linked to Age UK.

Rush Youth Football Club

Please find information attached regarding a football development centre who are looking for new players. It is open to boys and girls and there is a week's free trial available.

