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Term 3 – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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# Mersham Primary School

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**Swimming for Years 4 and 5 started this week with children now going to the Ashford School, whereas previously we had used the Stour Centre. I am really pleased to report that staff members were very impressed with the quality of the teaching the children received. The transport is also far more efficient, meaning children are no longer having to sit around, potentially being cold and bored! We are very much looking forward to seeing the progress children will be making.**

**Cheryl Chalkley  
Headteacher**

## Upcoming Events

7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Walk in Wednesday
9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of term 3
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Start of term 4
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Emotional Wellbeing Teams Parent Coffee Morning
27/28 Feb	Parents Evenings
6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Walk in Wednesday
28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	End of Term 4

### Cold Weather this week

The weather is set to turn cold this week so please can you ensure that your children are coming in with coats, hats and gloves as needed – we often see children come into school without these items! Please can you also ensure that all items of clothing are named so that we can return misplaced hats, gloves etc to their rightful owners!

### Parking and Drop off/pick up

Please can I ask, once again, that parents do not pull up and drop off their children outside school, on the yellow lines in front of the school buildings. It is incredibly dangerous as other cars cannot see you due to the brow of the hill over the railway bridge. It really is an accident waiting to happen. We are also seeing a number of parents driving down the track alongside the school to drop off/pick up for breakfast club/after school club. This is Network Rail land so should not technically be used by any vehicles other than those accessing the school grounds, the railway or the farmer's fields behind – not members of the public. There are lots of pedestrians along this path including children coming to and from school as well as dog walkers. I have now had two complaints from members of the community about drivers on that track who are driving fast and without due care and attention.

### Emotional Wellbeing Teams Coffee Morning – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 9:00am

The Emotional Wellbeing Team, Bridget Valle and Emma Horne will be running a coffee morning to introduce themselves and the work that they are doing in school. Any parents who are interested in meeting the team and finding out more will be very welcome to come along. It will be held on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 9:00am in the hall.

**ADHD Workshop** - The first Emotional Wellbeing/Support Team online parent workshop for this term will be on Understanding ADHD on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 12.30-2.30pm. Please see attached flyer for more information.

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### **Kent Adult Education – Family Learning**

There are two more courses, run by Adult Education, available to parents before Easter. The first is focussing on Outdoor Learning including some leaf printing which will be held at Aldington Primary School on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 9:30am. The course will be for 2 hours. The second course is called Number Sacks and will support parents in understanding how children learn maths. Please see attached for more information. The course will be held at Mersham Primary School, over 6 weeks starting at 3:30pm on 21<sup>st</sup> February. If you are interested in taking part in either of these courses, please email Mrs Chalkley on [headteacher@mersham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@mersham.kent.sch.uk) as soon as possible to reserve a place. The places are limited, so this will be on a first come, first served basis.

### **Kent Fostering**

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