

Term 3 – 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

# Mersham Primary School

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There are a number of events being planned by the PTFA before the Easter break. This includes a Smarties Challenge, a school disco and an Easter Hat non-uniform day. More information is attached regarding the Smarties Challenge. All events are thoroughly enjoyed by the children and often the wider family as well as raise essential funds for the school. However, the PTFA are in desperate need of more committee members (please see information below) and I sincerely hope that there are parents out there who would be willing to volunteer some of their time to provide that support.

**Cheryl Chalkley**  
Headteacher

## Sporting News - Indoor Athletics Tournaments Years 3/5 and 5/6

This week we had two indoor athletics tournaments that took place at the Stour Centre. 40 children in all took part (20 boys and 20 girls) with Years 3 and 4 competing on Tuesday afternoon against 18 other schools and Years 5 and 6 competing against 21 other schools on Wednesday morning. I am extremely pleased to announce that Mersham came 2<sup>nd</sup> place in both competitions – an incredible achievement! A huge thank you to Mr Fraser who has been supporting with training as well as being with the team at the Stour Centre. Thank you also to Mr Adams and Mrs Jones for their assistance at the events. The children were fantastic and represented the school brilliantly – well done Mersham!

## 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
23 Feb	Smarties Challenge
27/28 Feb	Parents Evenings
6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Walk in Wednesday
8 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Spring Disco R/KS1 3:15-4:15 KS2 4:30 5:45
22 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Easter Hat (non- Uniform day)
28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	End of Term 4



### **Mersham Primary School PTFA - no longer enough committee members to continue**

Unfortunately, the PTFA no longer has enough committee members to continue.

With only one remaining committee member, the PTFA does not meet the criteria to remain registered with the Charity Commission, and will no longer be able to operate in line with its constitution.

Please find information attached to explain the roles required. If anyone would like to discuss this further please contact Dawn, Hannah or Jemma directly or drop an email to

hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk

The PTFA raises vital funds for our school and coordinates many lovely events for our school. It would be such a shame to see this end so I really hope volunteers come forward to formally support the committee

### **Mersham Sports Kits**

If your child has had a Mersham sports kit for an event, please can you ensure that it is washed and returned to Mrs Benjamin as soon as possible after the event. Thank you.

### **Forest School – message from Miss Dengate**

Please can parents ensure that children are appropriately dressed for the season as it can make a huge difference to children's enjoyment of the session. Currently, children need layers of clothes to stay warm as well as a coat, hat, scarf, gloves, thick socks and wellies.

Miss Dengate is also on the lookout for any of the following for forest school should you have them to donate; logs, old Christmas trees, tree stumps and bamboo.

### **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.

### **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 Play Clubs**

Please find attached information from Kent Play Clubs regarding childcare for the holidays.

