
Term 5 – 19th April 2024

Mersham Primary School

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I hope you all had a lovely break over the Easter holidays. I am really excited that we have started Mini Police Cadets this term with a group of 12 children from Years 4, 5 and 6. We are the first school in Ashford to be able to offer this in school and I am very much looking forward to seeing how they progress over the next 9 weeks.



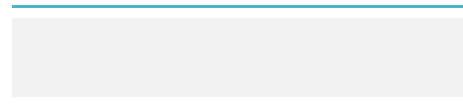
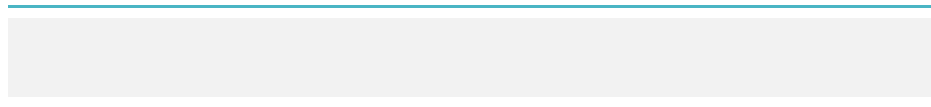
Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

15 th April	Start of Term 5
1 st May	Walk in Wednesday
6 th May	Bank Holiday
Wk Beg	Year 6 SATS
13 th May	
23 rd May	End of Term 5
24 th May	Staff Training Day
3 rd June	Start of Term 6
5 th June	Walk In Wednesday
14 th June	Tea on the Field and Summer Fair
28 th June	Sports Day (KS1 am KS2 pm)
3 rd July	Walk in Wednesday
12 th July	Leavers Disco – Yrs 5/6 5:00-6:30
15/16 July	Yr 6 Production 6pm
19 th July	End of Term 6
22/23 July	Staff Training Days

Sporting News

At the end of last term, our football team had a number of successes. The team took part in the Ashford and District Primary School Sports Association annual tournament at The Ashford School and were successful in winning the middle schools tournament – an amazing achievement and one that Mersham has not achieved for many years! They also played their first match in the league and won that too. Mr Fraser has informed me that the players have all shown fantastic sportsmanship and our a credit to the school – well done team!



School Hours

Further to the information sent to parents on 3rd January about adjusting school hours to 32.5 hours per week in line with DFE expectations, I received written feedback from one member of staff and no written feedback from any parents. Following further discussion with staff, it has now been confirmed that from the start of term 6, i.e. 3rd June the following will apply:

- The start of the school day for **all** pupils will be 8:45am, with the school gate opening from 8:35am. Children will be marked as late if they are not in school at that time.
- The end of the school day for pupils in Key Stage 1 and 2 will be 3:15pm.
- The end of the school day for pupils in Year R will be 3:05pm, as it is currently.

Term Dates 2024/25

Please find below the term dates for the next academic year:

Term 1

Tuesday 3rd September – Thursday 24th October

Staff Development Days - Monday 2nd September and Friday 25th October

Term 2

Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December

Term 3

Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February

Term 4

Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

Term 5

Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May

Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May

Term 6

Tuesday 3rd June – Friday 18th July

Staff Development Days – Monday 2nd June, Monday 21st July and Tuesday 22nd July

PTFA updates:

Krispy Kreme doughnut sale - 3rd May

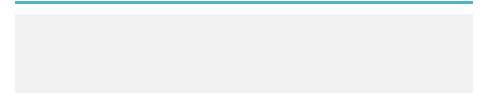
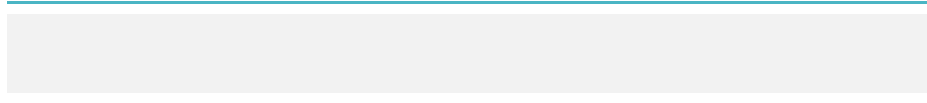
The PTFA have organised a delicious doughnut sale after school on Friday 3rd May. There will be a limited number of doughnuts available to buy on the day, but to avoid payment queues and guarantee your goodies please pre-order your single or dozen doughnuts via the PTFA SumUp shop **by 28th April**: <https://mersham-school-pta-1.sumupstore.com/>

Lost property display - Thursday 25th April (after school)

The school lost property trunks are overflowing with unlabelled items. The PTFA will display the contents on the playground after school on Thursday 25th April. Hopefully we can reunite lots of people with lost coats, bags, shoes, hats, jackets and much more. There are many unlabelled uniform items which will be donated to the pre-loved uniform at the end of term if they're not claimed.

Summer Fair - 14th June



If you have any ideas about how to make our Summer Fair fantastic or are able to volunteer to help organise or on the day we'd really love to hear from you at hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk.



We're coordinating our annual raffle now too so if you're able to coordinate any prize donations we'd be so grateful.

PTFA lottery Scheme

It would be great if more people were able to sign up for **Your School Lottery**, which gives you a chance of winning some big cash prizes, along with the occasional Super Draw prizes (such as the attached). The PTFA receives a % of every ticket sold so you can feel doubly good about signing up. Visit <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/> to sign up and search for "Mersham Primary School" to play.



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Easy Fundraising

Did you know that you can support the PTFA whilst buying a lot of the things you'd normally purchase. We're registered for Easy Fundraising so all you have to do is visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk, register and add "Mersham school PTA" as your chosen charity and then your favourite brands donate to us whenever you shop with them. It really is so simple and raises much-needed funds for our school. Further information is attached.

Virtual PTFA meeting - Monday 29th April @ 7pm

All are welcome - come along and help us plan our fundraising and spending. The more the merrier. Email hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk and we will send across the Zoom link. We hope to see lots of you there.

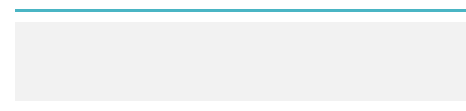
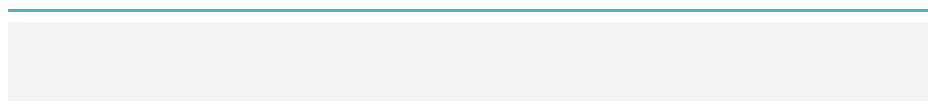
Emotional Wellbeing Teams

The Emotional Wellbeing Teams are running a Resilience workshop on Thursday 2nd May from 9:00-10:30 in the school hall (please see attached flyer). All parents are welcome – please let the office know if you would like to attend to we are aware of numbers.

Please also find attached information regarding other workshops and an online platform where parents can get support.

Message for Parents with children who have Autism

Kent County Council (KCC) are committed to improving support for autistic pupils in the county so that they can better access mainstream schools and get the support that they require. We are working with educational establishments in a number of ways within this aim, and one of our key



offers is the Autistic Educational Trust training and support offer which your child's educational established has accessed. We would like to ask you **as a parent/carer of an autistic child pupil (including young people on the Autism Diagnosis waiting list and those that identify as autistic but are not pursuing diagnosis)**, whether you would assist us by completing the attached online questionnaire, developed by the national Autism Education Trust. The aim of the questionnaire is to assess what level of impact the AET training and support is having on autistic children's educational experience in Kent. Please see the link below, to the online questionnaire

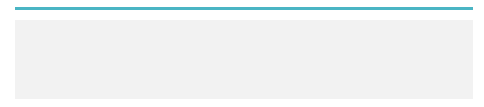
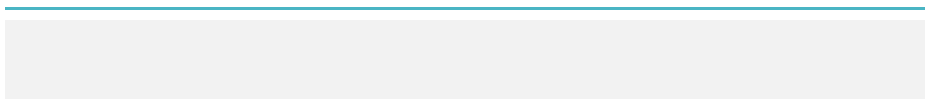
Live: <https://surveys.clearoutcome.co.uk/s/AETParentKent/>

OR QR code:



Affordable Refurbished Bicycle sale - Saturday 16th March

Just a quick message to let you know that the next Affordable Refurbished Bicycle sale is on Saturday 16th March, 10-1 Goldwyn School (TN23 3BT). Plenty of clean, fully serviced bikes in most sizes



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BUY a BIKE

Pick up an affordable refurbished bike at our next bike sale event at Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT). Bikes are fully serviced, clean and available in a variety of sizes.

DONATE a BIKE

Bike too small or sitting unloved gathering dust? Donate it to us and we'll find it a good home. If you need a replacement, we'll offer you a 20% discount on a more suitable refurbished bike.

BIKE SALE EVENTS

Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT). Saturday
16th March (10.00-13.00).

For more info email: info@CycleCommunity.org



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