

Term 5 – 10th May 2024

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At last, the weather seems to have improved! With that though comes all the reminders about staying safe in the sun. Please can I ask all parents to ensure that their child has a water bottle and a hat in school. Please can you also ensure that they have sun screen – ideally this is the 8 hour version that can be applied before they come to school and lasts all day. If you do not have this type of sun screen, please can you ensure that children know how to apply the sun screen as this is not something that adults are able to do. As always, please can you also ensure that everything is named particularly as we are now using the school field and items regularly get left out there! Thank you for your support.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

Upcoming Events

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
7 th June	Non-uniform day
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 – Ashford and District Primary Schools Association Netball Tournament



On Saturday our netballers competed in the annual netball tournament held at Willesborough school. We competed against other local 'small' schools. We got off to a flying start with a 4-0 win against Aldington. Our second game was against a tough opponent, Challock, and unfortunately despite a great performance, we lost 3-1. In our final division match, we were victorious 2-0 against Smeeh.

Goals throughout the morning from Millie, Dexter and Joseph secured us a place in the play-off for 1st/2nd place. We started full of confidence, but unfortunately lost to Challock 5-2. We were very proud of our second place medals!

I was so impressed with that standard of play from our team and their sporting attitude shone through. Thank you to Mrs Conlon and Mrs Conlon for coaching the team all year and to all the parents and siblings who came to support us in the sunshine! Well done team! Mrs Benjami

Play Equipment of the Field

Please can we ask parents to leave promptly at the end of the school day and not allow their children onto the school field to play on the equipment. The school is not insured for children to play there unless supervised by a member of staff. In addition, with us offering after school club and other after school activities that run on the field, there are significant safeguarding risks as staff are finding it increasingly challenging to monitor who should and should not be on the school site. Thank you for your support.

Online Parent Workshops from the Emotional Wellbeing Teams

A reminder that the Emotional Wellbeing/Support team will be facilitating an online parent workshop on **Understanding Autism** next week, Monday 13th May 10.30am-12.30pm. Please see attached flyer for more information

Wide Eyes Falconry – Open Day Saturday 18th May

Please see attached flyer for further information

Message from Ashford Rugby Club – Girls Rugby

With the 2025 Womens Rugby World Cup around the corner, hosted in the UK, there is a huge drive to encourage more girls into the game. Please see attached flyer for more information.

If anyone would like to be coached on coaching young players, Ashford Rugby Club are hosting a Coach the Coach session on 20th May.

For more details please contact chris.dengate@tscoaching.co.uk

Class Assemblies – Terms 5 and 6

Class assemblies will be performed at 9:05am in the school hall.

Dates are as follows:

20 th June	Parrot Class
27 th June	Robin Class
4 th July	Kingfisher Class
11 th July	Toucan Class
18 th July	Duckling Class
19 th July (2pm)	Falcon Class Leavers Assembly

School Hours Change – from Monday 3rd June (start of term 6)

I have had a number of parents ask me when the change to school hours begins – it will be from the start of term 6 i.e. Monday 3rd June. Please see details below to further clarify.

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, , 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.

PTFA updates:

Summer fair - 14th June

We're excited to be planning for the summer fair next month. If anyone is able to volunteer to run a stall please do get in touch, we can only run these events with your help.

We've bought raffle tickets to soon start selling, for our big draw at the summer fair. We have some fantastic prizes already but if anyone is able to arrange a prize then we'd love to hear from you at hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk.

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

