

Term 5 – 26th April 2024

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Just a reminder that class photographs will be taken on Wednesday. Please ensure that your child is wearing correct uniform including a school jumper, cardigan or fleece. If your child has PE that day, please can you ensure that they have both their PE kit and their school uniform in school. Thank you.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

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:

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 Friday 28th April: <https://mersham-school-pta-1.sumupstore.com/>

Non- uniform day – Friday 7th June

Upcoming Events

30 th April	Class Photographs
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
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

On this non-uniform day, we'd be really grateful for your donations of sports equipment and (unopened) bottles for the tombolas at the summer fair

Big or small – your items will be appreciated, from skipping ropes to footballs and bottles of shower gel to Moët.

The PTFA will collect your items on the gate in the morning of the non-uniform day.

Lost property

We managed to reunite a few lost items with owners this week, but photos are on the PTFA Facebook page of items remaining in the lost property boxes. There is still a lot!

Any unlabelled jumpers and cardigans were added to the PTFA pre-loved uniform collection.

We're keen to keep the boxes as clear as possible to make it less overwhelming for children to find items recently lost, so will be reviewing this at the end of term with a view to putting items in the clothing bin if they've been lost for a while.

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

There is an online parent workshop hosted by the Emotional Wellbeing/Support Team on **Understanding Your Child's Behaviour** that will take place next on *Wednesday 1st May, 5.30-7.30pm*. Attached is the poster, which contains the Teams link and joining information.

Cyber Choices and online Safety sessions – message from Kent Police

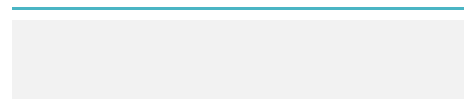
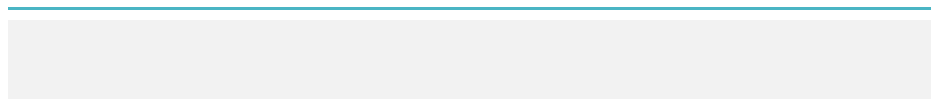
Please see the attached leaflet advertising sessions being run by Eastern Region special operation unit. The sessions are suitable for parents/carers of children in Year 5 (age 9) and above. This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn and ask questions regarding your child's online world and it shouldn't be missed!

Part 1 will introduce you to the Cyber Choices programme which will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Choices Team. They will provide:

- An overview to parents and carers on what cybercrime is.
- What the risks to young people are.
- How the Cyber Choices programme supports at-risk individuals.
- How you can refer a young person into Cyber Choices.

You will also hear from Kent County Council's Education Safeguarding Team, who will provide an overview of;

- Some of the potential risks that children and young people may experience online.
- Advice to support parents to make informed decisions and keep their children safer online.



Part 2 will be delivered by the Eastern Region Cyber Protect Team. They will provide:

- Advice on how to improve your personal cyber security.
- Identifying and protecting yours (and your children's) key accounts.
- Threats and techniques that cyber criminals may use to target you / your family.
- Benefits of family accounts.
- Parental controls on your router.
- Signposting to useful resources.

The aim of the session is to provide you with tools and techniques to improve the cyber security of your family. Advice and guidance from the session will be in line with the Government's Stop! Think Fraud and the National Cyber Security Centres Cyber Aware campaigns

To book your free space please use the link provided on the attached form.

Kent Play Clubs – Holiday Club during May half term.

Please find attached copy of the May holiday club flyer for Kingsnorth that may be of interest to parents/carers

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

