
Term 6 – 5th July 2024

Mersham Primary School

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It has been another busy week in school with our Year 6 children spending time in their new secondary schools at different points over the week (our 31 Year 6 children are going to 14 different secondary schools this year!) In addition, all the children in Year R up to Year 5 were able to spend time with their class teacher and teaching assistant for next year. During that day, we introduced to all children the three new school rules – ‘Be Safe’, Be Ready’ and ‘Be Respectful’ - more information will be provided to parents and children in the new academic year as to how this will contribute to changes to our Behaviour Policy.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

Upcoming Events

12 th July	Leavers Disco – Yrs 5/6 5:00-6:30
15 th July	Reports to parents
15/16 July	Yr 6 Production 6pm
19 th July	End of Term 6
22/23 July	Staff Training Days
2 nd Sept	Staff Training Day
3 rd Sept	Start of Term 1
12 th Sept	Kent Test
13 th Sept	Yr R in full time

General Election Fever Strikes Mersham Primary School

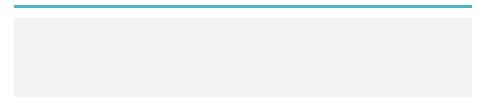
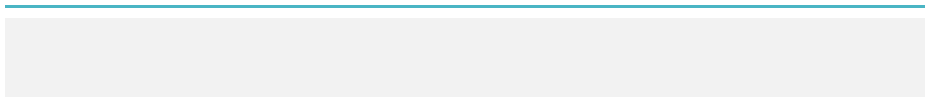
To coincide with the General Election, the children in Year 6 devised an election campaign, creating their own parties, with names, slogans and a manifesto of pledges. They presented their aims clearly to the school community during an assembly and, on 4th July, everyone in the school had the chance to vote for their preferred party, posting a voting paper into the ballot box. After the votes were carefully counted, the winner was The Tee Party - their pledge to fix potholes was very popular. Well done to all in Year 6 for your thoughtful campaigns and on your excellent collaborative working; maybe a few politicians of the future? Mrs Cox

Breakfast Club/Early Drop Off

With costs of food and staffing ever increasing, we will be having to increase the cost of Breakfast Club from £2.50 to £3.50 from September. The charges for Breakfast Club have not changed in the ten years that it has been running, so a slight increase is long overdue. In addition, with the changes in school hours, we have made the decision that from September, we will no longer offer the option of Early Drop Off at a reduced charge. Breakfast Club will continue from 7:45am until 8:35am when the gates open for the rest of the school. Children will continue to be able to have the option of breakfast up until 8:15am. After this time, breakfast will no longer be served to allow the Breakfast Club staff sufficient time to clear up the kitchen before the start of school day.

Medication in School

Any medication required by a pupil, whether prescription or non-prescription medication, should not be administered in school without the written consent of a parent/legal guardian. In order to tighten up on health and safety, we will no longer be keeping spare paracetamol in the school office for occasional use by pupils, following verbal consent from a parent over the phone. In future, if a child has a mild complaint for which paracetamol may be administered e.g. headache, parents will either be requested to come into school with the medication and administer it themselves or provide



medication from home e.g. Calpol, Nurofen for Children and complete the usual medication consent in the office.

Forest School – request from Miss Dengate

If anyone has any unused kitchen equipment such as plastic bowls, cups etc that they would be happy to donate for the mud kitchen in forest school, Miss Dengate would be very appreciative. Inevitably, equipment does get broken and damaged as the children use it so we are constantly looking to find replacements. Thank you in advance.

Holiday and Food Programme (HAF) for pupils eligible for free school meals

For those pupils who are eligible for free school meals, you will automatically be emailed vouchers for the summer holidays for the HAF programme. Further information for parents are available on this link <https://help.holidayactivities.com/hc/en-gb/sections/12061341995153-Parent>

Class Assemblies – Terms 5 and 6

Class assemblies will be performed at **9:00 am** in the school hall.

Dates are as follows:

11 th July	Toucan Class
18 th July	Duckling Class
19 th July (2pm)	Falcon Class Leavers Assembly

Emotional Wellbeing Teams

We are pleased to announce that once again the Emotional Wellbeing/Support Team will be offering online workshops over the summer holidays. Attached are flyers about all the workshops which are all free to parents of children at Mersham. Each poster includes a Teams link and joining information.

Message from Puddle Ducks and Swim Academy

We've been asked by a few schools and nurseries if we're running a Summer offer again and the answer is... YES! Please find attached a special offer voucher code for swimming lessons with us at Puddle Ducks and Swim Academy. We're love it if you could please share with the children at your schools and nurseries. Thank you so much.

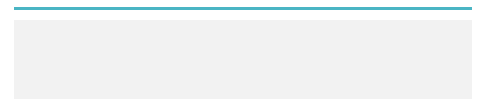
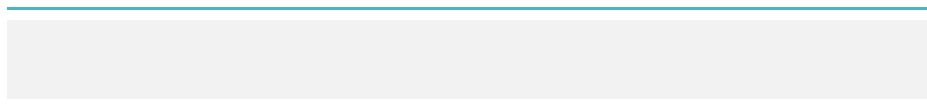
Offer code: SUMMER20 for 20% off your first 10 swimming lessons. List of classes can be found here... www.puddleducks.com/class-search

Swimming is still one of the leading causes of accidental death amongst children in the UK. In Kent and South East London, we're fortunate to have coastlines, rivers and lakes. Due to this, it's really important our children learn how to swim.

We've created over 4,500 spaces for children across the county to take advantage of this Summer offer. Many classes are able to be booked now for a start in the new school year, in September. Please see the attached offer for further details and contact us if you need any further help.

Cycle Circle - Free bike rides and workshops for adults in Ashford during July

We are running a number of cycling sessions for adults during July. This includes gentle rides (suitable for beginners and returning cyclists) to help you discovery safe routes in and beyond Ashford.



There are also a couple of Learn-to-Fix your bike workshops and some free bike fixing (Dr Bike) sessions.

The next **Affordable Refurbished Bicycle sale is on Saturday 6th July.**

Please have a look at the link below, book yourself in and promote/share as you feel appropriate.

For more info see <https://cyclecircle.co.uk/cyclefix/>

Differences not Disabilities

Please find attached a flyer with information about a launch event in Ashford

Ashford Community Safety Unit Newsletter

Please find attached the latest newsletter from the local Police.

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

