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Term 1 – 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024

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# Mersham Primary School

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It was lovely to see all those new parents that were able to attend the coffee morning with the Emotional Wellbeing Teams last week. Just as a reminder to all parents, the Emotional Wellbeing Teams are available to support parents whose children may be experiencing difficulties in terms of their wellbeing and mental health. The feedback from parents who have already accessed their support has been really positive. If you are concerned about your child's wellbeing and mental health, please do have a conversation with either myself, the class teacher or one of the pastoral team and we can look at whether a referral would be helpful.

**Cheryl Chalkley**  
**Headteacher**

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## Walk In Wednesday

Our first Walk-In Wednesday of the year will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October between 3:15-3:45. For those of you who are new to the school, this is an opportunity to pop into your child's class and have a look at the work your child has been doing in the first few weeks of term and for them to share with you all that they would like to show you. The class teacher will not be available to discuss your child's progress specifically – if you would like to discuss anything in more detail, please arrange a separate time to meet with them. Walk-in Wednesday finishes promptly at 3:45pm as the staff are required in the weekly staff meeting. We look forward to seeing you then.

## Fully Funded (FREE) school support courses online

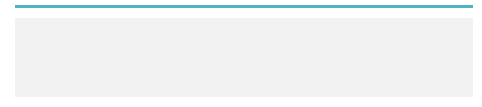
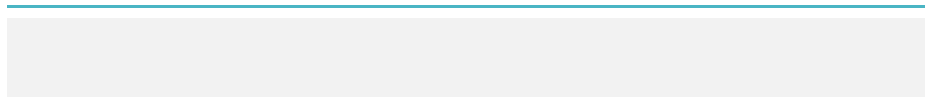
These are aimed to support parents and carers who are looking to get back into work, by offering them an opportunity for them to gain the necessary skills for free, for a school support job that fits in with their family. Please see attached flyer for more information.

## G4 Guitar School Open Day

G4 GUITAR School in Ashford are holding an open day on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October and are offering free taster guitar lessons to anyone that would like to try the guitar, from age 7years to adult. Please see attached flyer,

## Upcoming Events

24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	PTFA Meeting 7:30pm on Zoom
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Doughnut Sale
2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Walk In Wednesday
4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival at the Church 9:15am
8/9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Photos
24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	End of Term 1
25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Staff Training Day
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Start of Term 2
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Walk In Wednesday
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Eve for Yr R prospective parents
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11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Eve 5:00- 7:30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents Eve 3:30- 6:00pm
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Walk In Wednesday
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTFA Christmas Wreath Workshop 6:30pm



## **Folkestone Model Railway Exhibition**

Folkestone Model Railway Exhibition will be at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October 2024. Families welcome. For more details please see their website:

[www.folkestone-mrc.com](http://www.folkestone-mrc.com) as well as the leaflet attached.

## **Venture Camps – Half term camp**

Please see attached flyer for more information.

## **PTFA updates**

### **Pre-loved uniform**

As well as lots of school jumpers and cardigans, we also have lots of other useful school items such as trousers and coats. As the weather is getting colder, if anyone is struggling with clothing to keep children warm please do let the school office know or email [preloved@mershamschoolpta.co.uk](mailto:preloved@mershamschoolpta.co.uk) to discreetly find out what we have in stock.

### **PTFA meetings**

There is a PTFA meeting via Zoom on Tuesday 24th September at 19:30 – 20:30. We'll be discussing plans for upcoming events and activities as well as planning how we'll spend funds already raised. We'd love input from as many different people as possible so please do join us if you can.

Join Zoom Meeting :

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88986585652?pwd=sABHM3cVFMI26Fg1AplNyll0pv9Aqx.1>

Meeting ID: 889 8658 5652

Passcode: 2W8KxV

### **Krispy Kreme doughnut sale – Friday 27th September**

Thanks to those who've preordered doughnuts, 284 doughnuts have been ordered.

We've now placed our Krispy Kreme order and these will be available for collection after school on Friday 27th September in the playground. They'll be labelled with the name of the purchaser as per SumUp so please ensure you have this with you to ensure a smooth collection.

### **Christmas Wreath making Thursday 5th December 2024**

The PTFA have organised a Christmas Wreath Making session 18:30 – 21:00 on Thursday 5th December 2024. It's £40 per person which includes all you need to make a traditional wreath, plus a festive drink and a mince pie. The event will be hosted by professional florist, Katie, from Flower Show Presents and last year we completely sold out so do book early to avoid disappointment. Bookings can be made at <https://mersham-school-pta-1.sumupstore.com> and more information about the event will be shared on the PTFA Facebook page closer to the time.

### **Fundraising ideas**

If you have any new fundraising ideas or suggestions you'd like to share, come along to our Zoom meeting this week or please do email [hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk](mailto:hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk). The PTFA would love to hear from you.

