
Term 1 – 18th October 2024

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I can't believe we are nearly at the end of term 1! It has been a really busy term and I know many of the children are more than ready for a break! Just to remind all parents that the last day of term for the children is Thursday as we have a whole school training day on Friday and the school will be closed. As this is likely to be the last newsletter of the term it just leaves me to wish you all a lovely half term holiday and I look forward to seeing you all at the start of term 2.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

Restart a Heart – update

Year 5 did a brilliant job taking part in Restart a Heart Day with Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS) last week. Such an amazing life skill to learn.



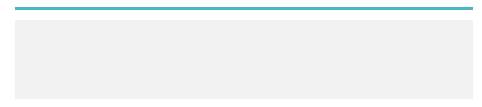
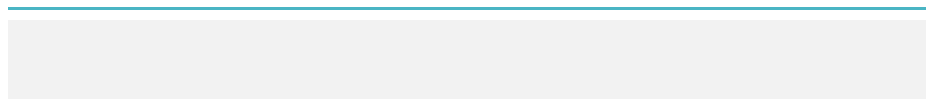
Parking outside the school

Despite my request last week in the newsletter, there are still parents who choose to park up in front of the school to drop their children off. Please stop! It is so dangerous.

I have also had concerns raised regarding parents who drop off/collect their children from breakfast club or after-school club by driving down the track beside the school. They have been

Upcoming Events

24 th Oct	End of Term 1
25 th Oct	Staff Training Day
4 th Nov	Start of Term 2
6 th Nov	Walk In Wednesday
7 th Nov	Open Eve for Yr R prospective parents
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11 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
12 th Nov	Parents Eve 5:00-7:30pm
13 th Nov	Parents Eve 3:30-6:00pm
22 nd Nov	School Disco – Yrs R-3 3:15-4:15pm, Yrs 4-6 4:30-5:45pm
26 th Nov	Coffee Morning 9:00 Emotional Wellbeing Teams
4 th Dec	Walk In Wednesday
5 th Dec	PTFA Christmas Wreath Workshop 6:30pm
6 th Dec	Christmas Fair 3:30pm
18 th Dec	Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day
20 th Dec	Christmas Service at the Church 9:15am



driving too fast and without due care and attention to pedestrians including children. This track is not a public road and is only designed officially for Network Rail to access the high-speed link and for the farmer to access his land. Parents should ideally be parking on the main road and walking their children to the gate on the playground, not driving.

Food vouchers for children eligible for Free School Meals

For all those pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals, (this does not include pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1 who are all eligible for Universal Free School Meals) food vouchers to the value of £10 will be sent by email later in the week to cover the half term holiday.

Year R Parents – End of School Day

Just a reminder to parents of children in Reception that after half term, the children will finish at 3:15pm, the same as the rest of the school.

Class Assemblies – Terms 1 and 2

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

Dates are as follows:

24 th October	Parrot Class
7 th November	Kingfisher Class
14 th November	Duckling Class
21 st November	Toucan Class

Ashford Borough Council – Christmas Card Competition (please also see flyer)

Ashford Borough Council are running a Christmas card competition for children aged 4 – 11 years and would appreciate you sharing with your pupils and their parents. The winner will receive a £30 WHSmith voucher and the two runners up will each receive a £10 voucher. All winners will be invited to have tea with the Chief Executive and Mayor of Ashford alongside 10 printed cards of their entry.

The competition guidelines and further details can be found [here](#).

Emotional Wellbeing Teams Coffee Morning.

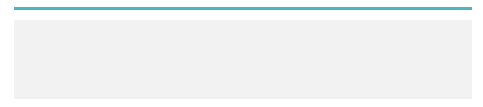
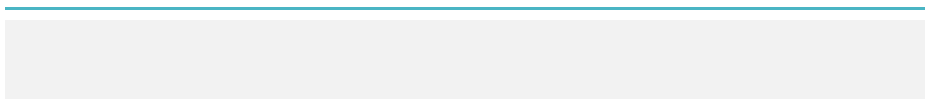
The Emotional Wellbeing Teams will be holding another coffee morning on Tuesday 26th November at 9:00am in the school hall. All parents are welcome to pop along and meet the team and find out more about what they can offer. More details to follow.

PTFA updates

Christmas cards via Class Fundraising

Children have been given their personalised order form to allow parents/carers to conveniently order Christmas cards and other personalised items online via the Class Fundraising online shop.

If you'd like to order, please do visit the website via the links or QR codes on your children's forms. This will be open for a couple of weeks, and orders should be placed by 4th November to allow enough time for Christmas delivery.



For every order you make, the PTFA gets a commission percentage so you can feel doubly good about your purchases.

Christmas jumper donations

Do you have any Christmas jumpers that are perhaps too small for your child this year or are unwanted? Please consider donating these to the PTFA so we can pass them to a new home via a jumper sale closer to Christmas.

Jumper donations can be left with Ms Tripp in the office (please label them so she knows where they need to go). Thank you!

School disco - Friday 22nd November 2024

There is a school disco planned for Friday 22nd November. Children in Years R - 3 are invited to attend 15:15 - 16:15 and children in Years 4 - 6 can join us 16:30 - 17:45. Tickets to the disco are now bookable via the PTFA SumUp shop: <https://mersham-school-pta-1.sumupstore.com>

Please see the poster attached for more information and we'll of course share more detail nearer the time. If your child has any allergies then please let us know in the "notes to merchant" box on SumUp or by emailing hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk. If you'd like to volunteer to supervise at the disco we will need several volunteers to make this possible so please do get in touch.

Christmas Wreath making - 5th December 2024

This event can be attended by all and not just those in the school community, we have a good number of bookings already but would love to see similar numbers to last years event.

We'd be grateful if you're able to share the attached information on our upcoming wreath making event via your social media channels to help us spread the word.

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.

