

Term 1 – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

# Mersham Primary School

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**Thank you to everyone who came along to the Church this morning to join us for the Harvest Festival – it really was lovely to see everyone there. Thank you for all your donations that will go to the Food Bank to support local people – there was a huge spread of**



**donations and I know that these will be very gratefully received by the team running the Food Bank. The children did us proud, as always and performed brilliantly throughout the service – thank you**

**ro all the staff and particularly Mrs Fellows for putting it all together.**

**Cheryl Chalkley  
Headteacher**

## Forest School

There has been an enormous out pouring of support since I shared the vandalism that had taken place in forest school – thank you so much to everyone. I would like to say a huge thank you for the donations that have been received – I know that the PTFA have received a £100 donation towards costs and a local business (who has asked to remain anonymous) has funded the full costs of the repairs. We will also look to see what else we can do to improve security and together with the support from the local community, I am hoping that we can reduce the risks of it happening again.

## School Photographs

Don't forget that school photographs will be taking place on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October. Please make sure that your child is wearing full school uniform, including a school jumper or cardigan.

## Upcoming Events

8/9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School Photos
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Hello Yellow Day
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
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Coffee Morning 9:00 Emotional Wellbeing Teams
4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Walk In Wednesday
5 <sup>th</sup> Dec	PTFA Christmas Wreath Workshop 6:30pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair 3:30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Service at the Church 9:15am

## **Hello Yellow Day for World Mental Health Day**

Don't forget on Thursday we are celebrating Hello Yellow Day when children are encouraged to replace items of their school uniform with yellow items e.g. a yellow t-shirt, yellow socks/tights, yellow hair buns, yellow trainers etc in return for a donation to Young Minds, an organisation dedicated to improving the mental health of young people across the UK. The suggested minimum donation of £1.50 will be payable on Arbor in the 'School Shop' section. Should you wish to donate more you can purchase more than once, there is no maximum amount of times.

## **Football Match**

Congratulations to the football team who had their first friendly match last week against Tenterden Junior School. The team came away with their first win, scoring 5 goals against Tenterden's 2 goals. All of the team played well and demonstrated fantastic behaviour throughout – we are looking forward to hearing how they progress through the season.

## **Charity Bin at the front of the School**

Please can we remind all parents that any donations for the charity bin at the front of the school must be placed inside the bin and not left beside it. Anything left by the bin is not taken by the charity workers that collect it. If the bin is full and you can't fit in your donations, please can you take them home until the bin has been emptied. Thank you

## **Class Assemblies – Terms 1 and 2**

Class assemblies will be performed at 9:00am in the school hall.  
Dates are as follows:

17 <sup>th</sup> October	Falcon Class
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parrot Class
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Kingfisher Class
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Duckling Class
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Toucan Class

## **Emotional Wellbeing Teams Coffee Morning.**

The Emotional Wellbeing Teams will be holding another coffee morning on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

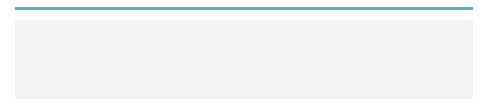
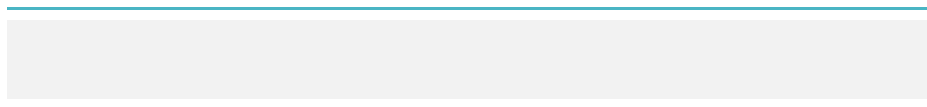
## **Ashford Community Safety Unit Newsletter**

Please find attached the latest newsletter from the local police.

## **PTFA updates**

### **Christmas Wreath making - Thu 5th December 2024**


The PTFA have organised a Christmas Wreath Making session 18:30 – 21:00 on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 is selling well 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.

### **PTFA lottery Scheme**

It would be great if more people were able to sign up for Your School Lottery, which gives you a chance of winning some big cash prizes, along with the occasional Super Draw prizes (such as the attached). The PTFA receives a good % of every ticket sold so you can feel doubly good about signing up. Visit <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/> to sign up and search for "Mersham Primary School" to play.



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### **Easy Fundraising**

Did you know that you can support the PTFA whilst buying a lot of the things you'd normally purchase. We're registered for Easy Fundraising so all you have to do is visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) , register and add "Mersham school PTA" as your chosen charity and then your favourite brands donate to us whenever you shop with them. It really is so simple and raises much-needed funds for our school.

