
Term 2 – 8th November 2024

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Welcome back to term 2! I hope you all had a relaxing half term break. I would like to see a huge thank you to the 20 members of the PTFA along with members of the local community that gave up their time last Sunday to improve the outdoor area at the school. They have done an amazing job of painting fences, weeding, cutting back shrubbery and generally tidying up the outdoor area (see attached poster) in readiness for our Open Evening that took place on Thursday. I am extremely grateful for their time and hard work and I know they are keen to perhaps organise another Community Day in the Spring.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the school council members, the staff team, PTFA members and some of our external providers (Josh Oatham at Sports Education Team, Paul Bradford at Willow Bushcraft and Bridget Valle from the Emotional Wellbeing Teams) who all did an amazing job welcoming potential new parents at our Open Evening on Thursday. We had approximately 40 families who came along and lots of lovely feedback was received. Thank you very much to everyone, especially the children, for giving up your time to promote the school.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

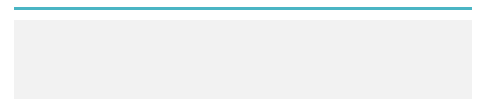
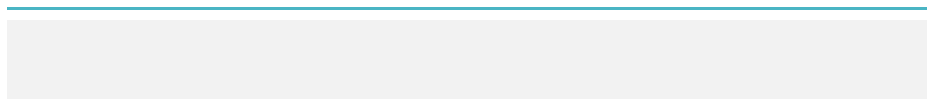
Competition Alert! Message from Mrs Benjamin

Amey have offered the children at Mersham an exciting opportunity to name a gritter! As we enter winter, we know the important job they do to keep our roads safe and how exciting to think that one of the vehicles could be named by a child at Mersham. Their idea for a name should be written on paper (along with their name and class) and handed to Miss Tripp in the office before 15th November. The lucky winner will be announced on 26th November. I can't wait to see the ideas.

Past names have included (to avoid duplicating) have been added as attachments to the newsletter

Upcoming Events

Wk beg	
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
16/17 th Dec	Year R and KS1 Production 1:30pm
18 th Dec	Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day
20 th Dec	Christmas Service at the Church 9:15am



Holidays Activity and Food Programme (HAF) – For families eligible for Free School Meals.

The HAF Programme offers families of children aged 4 to 16, who are eligible for benefits related free school meals (FSM), opportunities to access a range of free activities in the Easter, summer, and Christmas holidays. The e-vouchers will be issued to families via email on 19th November 2024. For further support in accessing and using their E-Voucher, please use the following [link](#) to “HolidayActivities” help pages.

Class Assemblies – Terms 1 and 2

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

Dates are as follows:

14 th November	Duckling Class
21 st November	Toucan Class

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.

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](#).

Ashford CSU Newsletter

Please find attached the latest newsletter from the local police.

PTFA updates

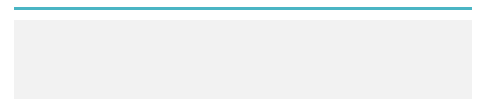
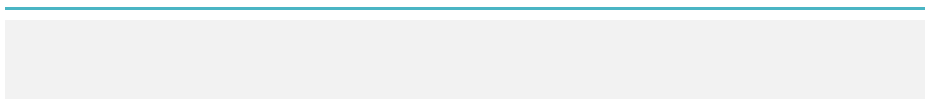
Christmas jumper donations

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.

