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Term 3 – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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# Mersham Primary School

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**We are really excited to be welcoming Steel, one of the Gladiators to the school on Thursday – he will be talking to all the children in an assembly at the start of the day and will then visit the classes so the children can ask more questions and get a class photo! Please do get involved in the PTFA raise £20.25 for 2025 (see attached flyer) as we know that 'being active' is one of the key messages that Steel would like to promote and he will be delighted to hear what the children have been up to, to raise that money!**

**Cheryl Chalkley  
Headteacher**

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## **Sporting News – Sportshall Athletics Yrs 3 and 4**

On Tuesday morning, a group of 20 children from Years 3 and 4 represented the school at the Sportshall Athletics competition at the Stour Centre. The children took part in a range of track and field events, including relays, javelin, speed bounce and long jump. The children reported that it was really fun and that they all loved it! They represented the school impeccably and had huge smiles on their faces throughout! Thank you to Mr Fraser for training the team in preparation and to parents who transported children / came to support. Miss Munday

## **Book fair competition**

Our book fair is due to start on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February and we have an exciting competition where you could win a £5.00 voucher to spend on books at the fair! All you need to do is submit a photo of yourself reading in the most weird and wonderful place imaginable! We are looking for the most creative photo from each class. Yes! That's six £5.00 vouchers up for grabs, 1 for each class, so get snapping! Please hand your photos in to your class teacher or send them to your class email address.

In addition to this, every pupil that makes a purchase at our book fair will be able to deduct £1.00 from their total in honour of World Book Day. You do not need to show the voucher, just simply take it off your total when you pay.

Please submit your photos by Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Enjoy! Mrs Sly (English subject lead)

## **Upcoming Events**

30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Gladiator Steel visit
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Walk in Wednesday
10-14 Feb	Book Fair
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of Term 3
24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Start of Term 4
24-27 Feb	Book Fair
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Interim reports to Parents
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Eve 5-7:30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Eve 3:30-6:00pm
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Service at the Church 9:15am
4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 4

### **Walk In Wednesday**

Our next Walk-In Wednesday will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February between 3:15-3:45. 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.

### **Mersham Monkeys**

Mersham Monkeys, our Parent and Toddler Group, has been running in the school for over 10 years and has been attended by numerous parents as well as other members of the community. However, we have come to realise that with the growing challenges in school, it is no longer financially viable to run, particularly in terms of staffing. We have therefore made the difficult decision to close Mersham Monkeys at the end of this term. The last session will be on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Emailing the School Office**

Please can I ask that if you need to contact the school office that you use only the generic emails rather than the email addresses of particular individuals in school. With Miss Tripp not being in school this week and possibly not next week either, we are aware that some emails may have been missed. However, the generic email addresses can be picked up by more than one person. If you have a general query please can you use [office@mersham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@mersham.kent.sch.uk) or if you have a finance query, use [finance@mersham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:finance@mersham.kent.sch.uk). Emails to [office@mersham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@mersham.kent.sch.uk) are generally picked up by Miss Tripp and emails to [finance@mersham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:finance@mersham.kent.sch.uk) are generally picked up by Mrs Lyons. However, both inboxes can be accessed by other staff members in their absence. Please also note that the old [secretary@mersham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@mersham.kent.sch.uk) is no longer in use.

### **Class Assemblies – Terms 3 and 4**

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

Dates are as follows:

6 <sup>th</sup> February	Robin Class
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Falcon Class
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Duckling Class
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Parrot Class
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Kingfisher Class
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Toucan Class

### **Emotional Wellbeing Workshops**

Please find attached posters with information regarding workshops that the Emotional Wellbeing Teams are offering up until Easter. Any parent is welcome to join any of these workshops.

### **Term Dates 2025/26**

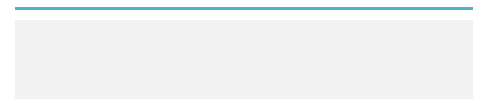
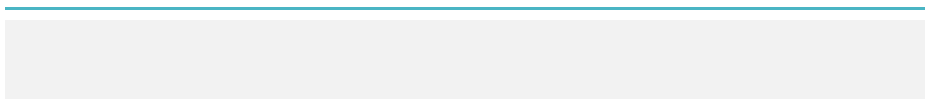
Please find below the term dates for the next academic year:

#### **Term 1**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October

Staff Development Days - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Term 2**



Monday 27th October – Friday 19th December

**Term 3**

Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February

**Term 4**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

**Term 5**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Bank Holiday – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

**Term 6**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Staff Development Days – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

**PTFA Updates**

**PTFA meeting - 21st January**

Thanks to those who attended our Zoom PTFA meeting. The minutes will be shared by those who are on our distribution list, if you'd like a copy please let us know by emailing [hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk](mailto:hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk)

**“£20.25 in 2025” challenge**

We're still accepting monies raised from our “£20.25 in 2025 fundraising challenge”. We've been asking as many people as possible to raise £20.25 by encouraging the children to get active in January and raise funds for school.

The form with information is attached, any funds raised can always be returned with a label if you don't have a paper copy.

We're hoping to share details of your efforts with our gladiator this week.

