

Term 1 – 19th September 2025

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Thank you to those parents who came along to the Emotional Wellbeing Teams coffee morning on Thursday – I hope it was a useful opportunity to find out about the support they can provide. The Emotional Wellbeing Teams also offer general workshops online and details of the workshops on offer up until Christmas will be added to this newsletter. These are open to everyone and can be really useful to get more information as well as reassurance about challenges you may be having with your children at home. Please do ask me for more information if you feel that you would benefit from working with a member of their team.

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Open Days at Secondary Schools – Parents of Children in Year 6.

The office is sending out separately to parents of children in Year 6, details of open evenings/days as we receive them from the local secondary schools. Please do look at the secondary school websites or contact schools directly for more information if needed to make sure you don't miss the opportunity to visit all schools that are potentially of interest for Year 7.

Parent Flyer from the Violence Reduction (VRU) Unit at Kent Police

The attached parents leaflet from the VRU contains information and links in relation to the following topics:

- Understanding emojis
- A guide to knife crime
- Free sports activities from sports connect
- Clock it, Check it, Change it Bystander information

Really useful for all parents to have an awareness of these issues to help keep their children safe.

Halloween Activity Day

Please find attached a flyer with more information about an event in half term.

Oli's Walk Under the Stars – Oliver Steeper Foundation

Please find attached information about a family fund raising event at Betteshanger Park in Deal. The Oliver Steeper Foundation is an Ashford-based charity that donates free life-saving anti-choking devices (LifeVac) to Ofsted-registered childcare settings following the tragic passing of their 9-month-old, Oliver, after a choking incident at his nursery in Ashford. Mersham Primary School has purchased

Upcoming Events

12 th Sept	Yr R starting full time
22 nd Sept	Flu Vaccines
3 rd Oct	PTFA Magic Show from 3:30pm
10 th Oct	Harvest Festival at The Church 9:15am
13 th Oct	PTFA AGM 3:30pm The Farriers Pub
16 th Oct	End of term 1
17 th Oct	Staff Training Day
27 th Oct	Start of term 2

a LifeVac which is situated in the school kitchen should an emergency happen at lunchtime or Wrap Around Care.

PTFA News

Magic show – Friday 3rd October

The PTFA are excited to be welcoming Amigo's Magic for an evening of magic, mayhem & comedy on Friday 3rd October. There will be two performances on the day:

1. 15:30 – 16:30 - A child-only (supervised) performance after school for Mersham school pupils
2. 17:15 – 18:15 - A family show for children, adults, grandparents and friends.

Tickets are on sale now on the Mersham PTFA SumUp store (<https://mersham-school-pta-1.sumupstore.com>) or via the link/QR code in the attached poster. Discounts are available for siblings and larger families.

PTFA annual AGM meeting - 13th October

The PTFA will hold our annual AGM meeting on Monday 13th October 15:30 - 17:00 at the Farriers Arms.

At this meeting we agree committee members for the upcoming year, review the previous year's activities and agree our future plans and priorities. We're of course very grateful for our regular volunteers but also encourage others to attend as we'd like to hear the views of others. Please join us if you can.

Halloween trail - 31st October

We're excited to be working on a Halloween trail around Mersham after school on Friday 31st October. More details to follow :-)

Pre-loved school uniform

Did you know you can now purchase pre-loved uniform via the PTFA Online SumUp shop? Please visit <https://mersham-school-pta-1.sumupstore.com/category/pre-loved-uniform> and choose what you need. Save a fortune on the Mapac prices and save the planet while you're at it!

