
Term 1 – 26th September 2025

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Just a reminder to all parents to check out Mersham Primary School's Instagram page to keep up to date with all the amazing learning that is going on in classrooms. Our first post of the year is all about Parrot class and their fantastic 'Continents Day' where they boarded Parrot Airlines and explored souvenirs, food and fashion from around the world! The children were so enthusiastic about all they had achieved – keep an eye out for more posts from across the school in the next few weeks.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

Staffing Update

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Lawrence at the end of next week as she has got an exciting new role as a Careers Adviser at a secondary school in Folkestone. Mrs Lawrence has been a member of staff for 9 years and has made a huge contribution to the school, not just as a teaching assistant in Year 2 and Year 6 but also as a member of the Breakfast Club team. She is going to be very much missed, however we do all wish her the very best in her new role.

I am also pleased to inform you that we have successfully recruited an experienced class teacher to cover Miss Munday when she goes on maternity leave at the end of this term. I hope to provide further details next week once some paper work is completed. We will also be recruiting for a teaching assistant to replace Mrs Lawrence.

Mrs Benjamin and Mrs Maher's Quiz – Save the Date!

Mrs Benjamin and Mrs Maher are planning to host a quiz on the evening of Friday 21st November in the school hall to raise money for the school. This will be for adults only so, book your babysitter and start gathering together a team for an evening of fun! More details to follow very soon.

Sport Education Team Holiday Club at Mersham

Mr Oatham and Mrs Fraser will once again be running a holiday club in the hall at Mersham Primary School during the half term break. Please see attached flyer for further information, including dates and how to book.

Upcoming Events

3 rd Oct	PTFA Magic Show from 3:30pm
10 th Oct	Harvest Festival at The Church 9:15am
10 th Oct	World Mental Health Day
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

Information from Kent Police and Kent Fire and Rescue Service regarding e-scooters (see flyer)

We understand many parents/carers may wish to purchase an e-scooter or perhaps already have, so therefore we urge you to disseminate the following information throughout your school community.

Enforcement

The police are obliged to take action against anyone who is caught repeatedly using an e-scooter illegally or in a way that causes a nuisance to others. In these circumstances, the police have the power to seize the e-scooter under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act/165 of the Road Traffic Act. You risk a £300 fine, six penalty points endorsed on your driving licence and the E-Scooter being seized. If you do not currently hold a driving licence at the time of the offence, you may be prosecuted and may have to go to court, whereby the fine can increase and your ability to obtain a driving licence in the future may be affected. If you purchase an E-Scooter, it can only be used on private land with the landowner's consent.

Fire Safety

Kent Fire and Rescue Service always advises people to use, charge and store lithium-ion batteries safely and responsibly to help reduce the risk of a fire.

Lithium-ion batteries, or li-ion batteries (sometimes called LIBs) are found in many household items, including mobile phones, laptops, e-bikes, e-scooters, vaping devices, and vacuums.

If used or stored incorrectly, there is a risk these batteries could ignite or start a fire.

To help avoid an emergency, remember to:

- Buy electrical items from a reputable retailer
- Follow the manufacturer's guidance on charging and storing
- Only charge during the day when you are at home, and on a non-flammable surface
- Always unplug after use or when charged
- Avoid storing, using or charging batteries at very high or low temperatures
- Protect batteries from being damaged, such as being crushed, punctured, or immersed in water. If a battery has been damaged, don't use it.

And make sure to register electrical items at www.registermyappliance.org.uk/.

Additional information

For further detailed information regarding e-scooters please visit GOV.UK:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>

The Government is currently trialling the use of approved rental e-scooters as environmentally friendly modes of transport in some specific locations in the UK (find out more here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users> .

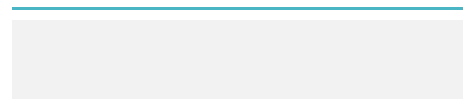
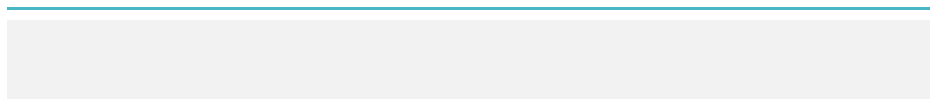
There are no e-scooter trials within Kent or Medway.

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.

Don't forget to cast your votes on Monday and Tuesday for which member of staff you would like to see cut in half during the first performance; Miss East, Miss Maher, Ms Read or Miss Wheeler. Copper coins are worth 1 vote each, silver coins 5 votes each and gold coins (£1/£2 coins) are worth 20 votes each.

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!

