

Term 1 – 16th October 2025

Mersham Primary School

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I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who came along to the Community Day last Sunday – I am truly grateful for all the hard work that was completed that afternoon. This has included lots of weeding, repainting some of the outdoor equipment in Ducklings outside area and clearing some large spaces on the playground that have been unused for some time. We have plans to develop our lunchtime play and this work has been the starting point to hopefully create a sand pit and other creative areas. More information will be coming as we fully develop our plans.

Wishing you a fantastic half term break and we look forward to seeing you all when we return on Monday 27th October.

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Staff Training Day

Just a reminder that tomorrow (Friday 17th October) is a staff training day and the school will be closed to all children.

Staffing

I am pleased to report that we have successfully appointed Miss Elizabeth Higgins to the teaching assistant post left vacant when Mrs Lawrence left us. Miss Higgins will be working in Year 6 in the mornings (Monday-Thursday) and across Key Stage 2 in the afternoons.

Supermarket vouchers for pupils eligible for Free School Meals.

For all those pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals, (this does not include pupils in Reception and Key Stage 1 who are all eligible for Universal Free School Meals) food vouchers to the value of £10 will be sent by email on the last day of term to cover the half term break.

Class Assemblies – Terms 1 and 2

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

30th October

Falcon Class

Upcoming Events

16 th Oct	End of term 1
17 th Oct	Staff Training Day
27 th Oct	Start of term 2
31 st Oct	Interim Reports out
4 th Oct	Parents Evening 5:00-7.30
5 th Oct	Walk in Wednesday
6 th Oct	Parents Evening 3:30-6:00
10 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week Odd Socks Day
13 th Nov	Open Evening for Prospective parents 5:00-7:00
21 st Nov	Quiz Evening

6 th November	Duckling Class
27 th November	Kingfisher Class
11 th December	Toucan Class

Street Dance After School Club at Mersham Primary School

Groove Kidz Clubz runs every Wednesday after school – please see attached flyer if you would like more information.

Affordable Refurbished Bicycle Sale

The next Affordable Refurbished Bicycle sale event is this Saturday (18th October), 10-1 at Goldwyn School (TN23 3BT). We will also be offering free bike checks and help with learn-to-ride.

www.CycleCircle.co.uk

RSPCA Cattery Halloween Open Day

Please see attached flyer with details of a Halloween Open Day at the RSPCA cattery in Ashford.

Ashford Borough Council – Christmas Card competition

Ashford Borough Council are running a Christmas Card competition for children aged 4 – 11 years – please see attached flyer with more information. The winner will receive a £30 Waterstones voucher and 10 printed cards to send to family and friends, and the two runners up will each receive a £10 voucher, plus 10 printed cards. All winners will be invited to have tea with the Chief Executive and Mayor of Ashford.

Mrs Benjamin and Mrs Maher's Quiz – 21st November

Please find attached a flyer with further details about the quiz on 21st November at the school. It would be great to see as many teams as possible!

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.

Junior Adventure Group (JAG) Staff Vacancy

JAG are looking for an After School Club Manager for the club at Mersham Primary School. If anyone is interested in the role or if you know anyone who maybe interested, more information can be found via this link.

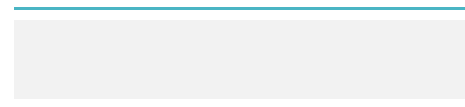
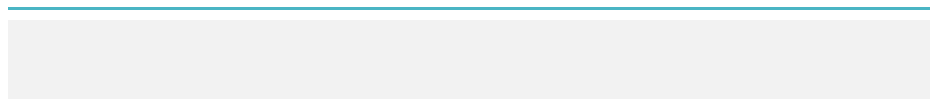
<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/join-our-team/job-application/?adid=640970>

PTFA News

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!

PTFA social media links

For those who may be new to school or may not have found us before... our PTFA social PAGES keep you up to date with our events and activities and help bring our community together.

Please join us:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/share/g/17NKuJvaLU/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Instagram -

https://www.instagram.com/mershamschoolpta?igsh=dm92NzA0MnRjNWVv&utm_source=qr

WhatsApp - email us at hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk to be added to the PTFA WhatsApp group.

