

Term 2 – 7th November 2025

Mersham Primary School

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I would like to say a huge thank you to all the children who came along to the Open Evening for prospective parents last night – they did an incredible job as school ambassadors and made the whole staff team very proud. One of our governors, James D'Mello came along to support the school and he shared these comments with me this morning:-

"I had feedback from countless parents and every single one of them said the same thing (and after interacting with the children that were there tonight I completely agree). The confidence of the Mersham children stood out massively. They were articulate, proud of their work, more than happy to show it to visiting families, and the children who took visitors on classroom tours did so brilliantly. The same goes for the children on the school council and forest school stands. All of the parents I spoke to echoed the same message"

A massive well done to them all, they represented the school so well!

Thank you also to the staff team and to the other organisations that we work with including the PTFA, Paul Bradford (Forest School), Josh Oatham (SET, our Sports coaches), Nourish, Junior Adventure Group (JAG) and the Emotional Wellbeing Teams that also came to support. It was great to be able to showcase everything the school has to offer.

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

21 st Nov	Quiz Evening
24/27 Nov	Year 4 Parents evening
27 th Nov	Candle Making Evening
28 th Nov	Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair
2 nd Dec	Elfridges in School
5 th Dec	Christmas Fair
9 th /10 th Dec	Ducklings and Parrots Christmas Production 1:30pm
12 th Dec	Christmas Service in the Church 9:15am
18 th Dec	Pantomime
19 th Dec	End of Term 2
5 th Jan	Start of Term 3

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated on the gate this morning. We raised £49.20 for Children in Need.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Vouchers will be issued directly to eligible families i.e. for children entitled to free school meals on 26th November via email, for the Christmas Holidays. Please see attached parent guide to support parents with booking.

Purple Mash Parenting in the Digital World Guide

Please find attached a really useful guide produced by Purple Mash that sets out the many risks to children when accessing the digital world alongside some really useful tips to keep children safe online. The statistics related to what children are seeing/doing online, from a young age, are frightening so please do take some time to look at the guide and consider any changes/adaptions that you might want to take at home.

Class Assemblies – Terms 1 and 2

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

Dates are as follows: **PLEASE NOTE the new date for Kingfisher Class' assembly**

4 th December	Kingfisher Class
11 th December	Toucan Class

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!

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

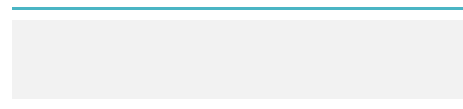
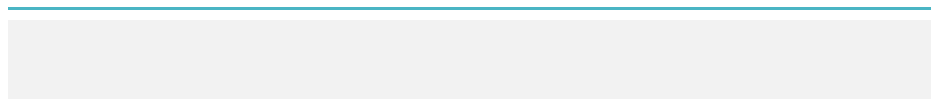
Sip and Paint: Have you booked your tickets yet?

Gather some friends and kick off the festive season with something a bit different, with local candle makers Penny Wicks. This year we are hosting a Paint and Sip Festive Evening to create stunning hand poured, soy painted candles, which make fabulous gifts, or make a beautiful sparkling centrepiece for your festive table. Tickets are just £35 including a drink and mince pie, and must be pre-booked <https://mersham-school-pta-1.sumupstore.com/product/paint-and-sip-festive-candle-painting-with-penny-wicks>

Elfridges: Volunteers Wanted

We are looking for people to help run the Elfridges shop during the day on December 2nd. Can you spare a couple of hours to help Mersham children choose the best gift for their loved ones?

Not available during the day but still want to help out? We are looking for people to help us wrap presents! These can be collected from the Elfridges store, along with some wrapping paper, after



school on December 2nd and returned to school on the morning of December 4th to go home with the children.

If you can help, please email hello@mershamschoolpta.co.uk or text Kelly on 07763631078

P.S. Don't forget to order Elfridges gifts here: <https://mersham-school-pta-1.sumupstore.com/product/elfridges>

Christmas Fair: Santa and other Volunteers Wanted

Can you help support the Christmas Fair this year? We are looking for 8 more people to help for an hour or two on December 5th. Parents, carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles are all very welcome to join in the fun. We are looking for help with:

- Father Christmas - costume, gifts and elves provided: 3pm - 4.15pm
- Set up: 2-3pm
- Refreshments: 3.15-4.15pm
- Chocolate Tombola: 3.15-4.15pm
- Rainbow Raffle: 3-4pm

