

Term 6 – 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022

# Mersham Primary School

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Thank you very much to everyone involved in making Friday's sports day and summer fair such a wonderful event. We couldn't have asked for better weather either! We hope you all enjoyed the new format to sports day which saw the children much more active throughout – the children certainly enjoyed not having to sit around quite so much. It was also a real pleasure to have the Sports Crew host the event in both the morning and the afternoon – they did such a professional job and made us all proud!

A huge thank you to the new PTA committee for the fantastic job they did in organising the summer fair in a relatively short period of time. I hope you will agree that it was a really successful event.

**Cheryl Chalkley**  
Headteacher

## Upcoming Events

12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Disco
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term 6
20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	Staff Training Days
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Staff Training Days
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Start of Term 1
8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Kent Test (Yr 6 only)
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	End of term 1
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Start of term 2

## Ashford and District Primary School Sports Association Athletics tournament



On Saturday, a team of children attended the Ashford and District Athletics tournament at the Ashford School. The tournament has been unable to take place for the last two years due to Covid so it was great that it could finally take place again. There were 18 schools competing so there was a strong field in the running, jumping and throwing events. Dexter and Chloe both came 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their heats of the Year 3/4 60m sprint. Libby came 2<sup>nd</sup> in her heat of the Year 5/6 80m sprint and was 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest girl overall! Well done to the whole team

for brilliant sportmanship and support for others throughout – Mrs Maher, Miss Sexton and Mrs Chalkley were very proud of you all.

## **Netball Match – Mersham v. Aldington**

On Tuesday, the Year 5 and 6 school netball team played a match against Aldington School. The game was very fast-paced and the children all worked brilliantly as a team. The final score was very close, with Mersham losing by just one goal. I am very proud of how the netball team have developed their skills this year. Well done to the Year 6's in their final match and I look forward to playing some more matches again next year with the Year 5 team. Miss Elliott

## **School Dinners**

From September, Nourish have increased the cost of a school dinner from £2.32 to £2.42.

## **After School Club at Mersham Primary School**

We are currently looking into how we can run our own after school club at the school. We are only in the early stages of planning but if any parent or someone you may know in the community is interested in running the after school club, please contact Mrs Chalkley on [headteacher@mersham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@mersham.kent.sch.uk) with a CV. Ideally the person would have experience of working with children and have a minimum level 3 qualification linked to childcare, early years or as a teaching assistant. At this stage, I would like to be clear that we are only trying to gauge interest in the position and there is currently no confirmed job role at the school.

## **Stour Downs Parishes Free Holiday Club**

Please see attached flyer for more information.

## **Free bus travel for young people and families this summer holiday (please see attached flyer)**

Reconnect has teamed up with Kent's bus operators who have again kindly agreed to support children, young people and families this summer holiday with free bus travel. There are two bus passes available for use from 23rd July 2022 to 31st August 2022 inclusive:

- Young Person's Bus Pass – for all pupils in years 6 to 13
- Family Bus Pass – for all families with children in Kent.

We have received the passes for all Year 6 pupils but have one missing! A replacement has been ordered but should all else fail, they can be downloaded electronically and we will send Year 6 parents a link. Details on the family bus pass that is available to all families is on the attached flyer.

## **Governor Vacancies**

We currently have two vacancies on the Governing Board for co-opted governors. These are often sourced from the local community and are people who would like to volunteer to give something back to education. Many businesses also actively support employees in being a school governor. Unfortunately, for these positions, we are unable to accept current parents of the school but should you know anyone else, either personally or professionally, that may be interested in getting involved with being a school governor, please ask them to contact Mrs Chalkley on [headteacher@mersham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@mersham.kent.sch.uk) or the Chair of Governors, Lesley Caldwell, on [chair@mersham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:chair@mersham.kent.sch.uk).

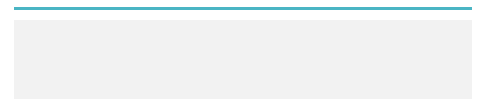
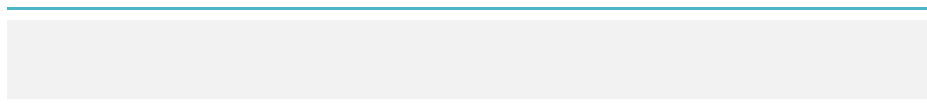
## **PTA Updates**

### **100 Club Winners**

July 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Cassie Coombes  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Charlotte Neville  
August 1<sup>st</sup> prize: Claire Gregory  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize: Louise Morgan

**Summer fair** – the totals are being counted and will be announced shortly

Also on the attached flyer is information regarding The Big PTA Summer Raffle, run by our insurer Parentkind, with a chance of winning up to £5000. 50% of ticket sales will go to the PTA.



Affordable Refurbished Bicycle Sale - Saturday 16th July

# AFFOR:)ABLE REFURBISHED BICYCLES

## BUY a BIKE

Pick up an affordable refurbished bike at our next bike sale event at Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT). Bikes are fully serviced, clean and available in a variety of sizes.

## DONATE a BIKE

Bike too small or sitting unloved gathering dust? Donate it to us and we'll find it a good home. If you need a replacement, we'll offer you a discount on a more suitable refurbished bike.

## BIKE SALE EVENTS

Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT).

Saturday 16th July (10.00-13.00).

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