



Term 2 – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

# Mersham Primary School

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What a fantastic last week of term we have had with Christmas lunch in the new hall, the Christmas Service at the Church, class parties, the Pantomime and a visit from Father Christmas, all with the added challenges of negotiating the snow and ice! Well done to everyone – the parents for managing to get the children here, the PTFA for their contributions to many of those activities, the staff for getting everything organised and the children for being so amazing throughout! It really has been a pleasure! We have also said goodbye to Miss Hanson today and we wish her all the very best as she moves to her new role as Headteacher at Charlton Primary School in Dover. It therefore just leaves me to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

**Cheryl Chalkley**  
Headteacher

## Upcoming Events

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16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of term 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Start of term 3
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Walk in Wednesday
1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Walk in Wednesday
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of term 3

## Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Christmas Fair – it was fabulous to have such a festive event utilising the new hall. An even bigger thank you must go to all the members of the PTFA for the hard work that they put in to making it happen – you did an amazing job. Thank you also to the class teachers for all the creative gifts that you made with the children, that were then sold to make some money for the class. I am pleased to be able to report that a total of £962.76 was made at the fair.

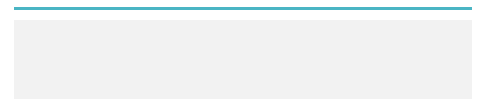
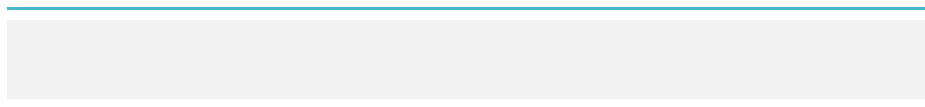
The class takings were as follows:

Ducklings	£82
Penguins	£85
Parrots	£136.10
Robins	£32.10
Kingfishers	£29.50
Toucans	£56.54
Falcons	£70.55

The PTFA have kindly agreed to match fund these totals so that the classes can spend it on something of their choosing.

## Carol Service at the Church

Well done to all those members of the choir who attended the Carol Service at the Church last Sunday – I had several emails saying how wonderful you all were. Again, a huge thank you to parents



for coming along and for braving the elements to get them home! Thank you Mrs Fellows for accompanying them all.

### **Pick up from the start of term 3**

With the builders finally finished, we will go back to the old system and all children will be collected from the playground at the end of the day, from the start of term 3. Years R-4 will be let out onto the main part of the playground near to the rebound wall/hall entrance where they can be collected by parents/carers – please do not try and collect them round by the covered picnic benches as there is not enough room to ensure that all children are safely returned to the right people! Years 5 and 6 will come out of their classrooms and down the side of the hall to the playground. Both the main school gate and the gate that leads into the playground will be open so you will be able to come in and out of either gate. We will trial this initially and make adjustments as needed.

Drop off remains the same with the main school gate opening at 8:45am and all children coming in from that time and going straight to their classrooms. All children should be in school no later than 9:00am.

### **Free School Meals**

If your child is eligible for free school meals, you should have received an email with details on how to claim £20 of supermarket vouchers for the Christmas holidays.

### **Competition Winner**

The company behind the Christmas card & tea towels fundraising organised by the PTFA, ran a competition last month for each school to submit entries to win one of their cuddly reindeer in a t-shirt with the winning design on. Congratulations to Adelaide O'Kelly who was one of the winners!

### **Activities at Victoria Park**

There are lots of exciting activities going on at Victoria Park over the holidays – for more information please look on their website. [Events Calendar on our Website](#)

### **KM Charity Kent Cooks**

Please see details below about a cookery competition that your child may be interested in getting involved in.



**KM CHARTY TEAM** **Young Cooks!**  
Your invitation to be a Young Cook

£500 prize money

Young people are invited to take part in the south east's Young Cooks cookery competition with the winners receiving a share of £500!  
Roll up your sleeves, get stuck in and discover how much fun cooking can be - while learning vital life skills along the way!

**Closing date for entries: 31st January 2023**

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