
Term 2 – 15th November 2021

Mersham Primary School

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We are starting to see a slight increase in the number of children testing positive for Covid-19 in the school and I have therefore attached the letter sent previously to parents from Public Health England. Please can I ask all parents to remain vigilant and if your child shows any symptoms of Covid-19 i.e. high temperature, a new continuous cough or a change in taste and smell, you arrange for a PCR test as soon as possible. A PCR test is far more reliable than a lateral flow test that can sometimes give a false result. I thank you in advance for your co-operation.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

Upcoming Events

15-19 th Nov	Anti-Bullying week
23 rd Nov	Flu Vaccinations
6/7/9 th Dec	KS1 Performance
10 th Dec	Christmas Service at the Church
10 th Dec	Pantomime
16 th Dec	End of Term 2
17 th Dec	Staff Training Day

National Anti-Bullying Week

As part of Anti-Bullying week, each class has been taking part in activities around this year's theme: 'One Kind Word'. We have been thinking about how we can create a 'ripple of kindness' across our school and we have been making our own 'One Kind Word' pledge. Throughout the week, the children have also been taking part in the annual anti-bullying survey and have been reflecting on the importance of showing respect to others. Miss Elliott

Little Wandle Phonics Books

During the Summer, the DfE announced that all schools had to use a DfE approved scheme to teach phonics. This has caused the vast majority of schools quite a problem, as all the DfE approved schemes come with quite high costs! As a school, we have chosen to use Little Wandle as it most closely matches the way that we were teaching phonics already and if your child is in Reception or Year 1 in particular, you may have heard them talk about it. Part of the expectation, is that all reading books used by the children match the phonics being taught in class exactly, which for most schools is involving buying new sets of books at significant costs. We are extremely grateful to a member of the school community, who has made an anonymous donation to enable us to buy the books we need, after hearing about the problems caused by this unexpected DfE announcement. The books will be in school very shortly and there will also be online versions that will enable the children to practise reading the same books from home.

Kent Fostering and Supported Homes

Please see attached leaflets.

Flu Vaccinations

For all those who have completed the relevant consent forms, flu vaccinations for all year groups will take place on 23rd November.

Mersham Little Stars

A lovely preschool located in the heart of the village within Mountbatten Hall. Open Monday to Friday (closed Tuesday's) 8.45-2.45 term time only. Fully funded sessions available for children aged 2,3 & 4 years old. A lovely learning environment with a new outdoors area for the children to explore. Please contact us on 07469 202723 or email us on mershamlittlestars@gmail.com for further information.

Class Assemblies – Terms 1 and 2

These assemblies will be performed at 9:05am in the school hall. **We would appreciate it if all adults could wear a face covering.** Dates are as follows:

18th November
25th November
2nd December

Kingfisher Class (Year 4)
Penguin Class (Year 1)
Robin Class (Year 3)

Coffee Mornings at the Church

Don't forget the Church are offering a coffee morning on Fridays for parents after drop-off from 8:30-9:45am. Please do go along and support.



PTA News & Updates



Cupcake Friday is back!

Cakes will be on sale on Friday after school for 50p each – all proceeds going to Children in Need



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE 100 CLUB!!

ONLY £12 FOR THE WHOLE YEAR!

The 100 club is a mini lottery set up by Mersham School PTA, to fund extra equipment that is chosen directly by the children via their school council. It's the one fund they can actually have a direct say how the money is spent.

There are currently 40 members, so the prize fund is £20 per month, which is split £15 first prize and £5 second prize.

PAYMENT DETAILS - You can pay in 2 ways:

PARENTMAIL : Go into SHOP to pay. You can pay for multiple subscriptions this way too, by choosing a number from the drop down menu.

BACS: An electronic transfer using the following account details:

Account Name: Mersham School 100 Club

Sort Code: 60-01-21; Account No: 52849783

Please reference the payment as your child's name.

Winners to announce!

September - 1st prize Sadie Burgess, 2nd prize Dawn Goodson

October – 1st prize Natasha Glover, 2nd prize Roberta Black

November – 1st prize Rod Street, 2nd prize Sophie Wakelin



Easyfundraising – an easy way to raise funds for the school!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Raise money for Mersham School when you shop online. There are many retailers who support this, making a small donation whenever you shop. Why not start this now, especially in the run up to Christmas....
