
Term 5 – 19th April 2022

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Welcome back and I hope you have all been able to have a restful Easter break. The next couple of terms are busy terms with many activities that we have not been able to do or have not had to do for the last couple of years, back in force! This includes statutory testing in English and Maths for Year 2 and Year 6, the Year 1 phonics check and the Year 4 multiplication check. On a more enjoyable front we have a school disco, Jubilee Tea on the Field and Sports Day to look forward to - please keep an eye on newsletters for the latest information on these events.

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Staffing

Miss Hards is sadly leaving us today to take up a fantastic opportunity to train to become a Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner in Dover. Over the (nearly) 3 years that Miss Hards has been at Mersham, she has worked with children in every year group, both in and out of the classroom and has built lots of positive relationships with the children across the school, particularly as she enjoys running round the playground with them at breaktimes! We will all greatly miss her hard work, enthusiasm and energy but wish her every success in her new role.

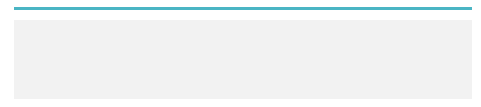
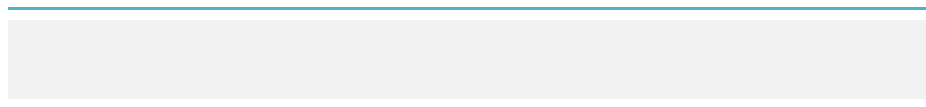
Mrs Butler will be taking over Miss Hards' role in September but in the interim, we will be employing a 'supply Teaching Assistant' for 3 days a week to provide additional TA support in Key Stage 2.

In addition, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Carswell next Friday as she will be taking up a completely new career making rocking horses with Stevenson Brothers. Mrs Carswell has been at the school for nearly 13 years and we are going to miss her very much. In that time, she has had numerous roles including working as a teaching assistant in upper Key Stage 2 as well as in Reception. She has also been running breakfast club, alongside Mrs Lawrence for the last 5 years. I know that all the staff and children will miss her dedication and hard work to ensure the best for all the children at the school and once again, we wish her every success for the future.

We are in the process of recruiting for her replacement in Reception and Mrs Cooper will be supporting Mrs Lawrence each morning in Breakfast Club.

Upcoming Events

26 th April	KS2 SATs Meeting
29 th April	School Disco
2 nd May	Bank Holiday
9 th May	Year 6 SATS week
20 th May	Jubilee Tea on the Field
23 rd May	Year 6 Residential
27 th May	End of Term 5
6 th June	Start of Term 6
9 th June	New Reception Parents Eve -6pm
8 th July	Sports Day
19 th July	Last day of Term 6
20 th , 21 st	Staff Training Days
22 nd July	



New hall building works

I reported some weeks ago that we had hoped the builders would start work on building the new hall during the Easter holidays. Unfortunately, due to rising costs at the moment there has had to be a rethink in terms of the design of the building in order to come in budget. As a result, the start date has been delayed. The good news is that works should start in the May half term and I will provide more information about this and how it will impact the school in the short term, as it becomes available.

Mersham Village Jubilee Celebrations

We were asked by members of the village committee if all the children could design a poster to advertise the Jubilee celebrations that are taking place in Mersham for the Platinum Jubilee. The best design would be made into the invitation that will be delivered to all households in the village. All the other posters will be made into 'bunting' and will be displayed at the event at Mersham Sports Ground on Thursday 2nd June. There were some amazing designs and all the children worked really hard. However, I am very pleased to announce that the winner was Poppy in Year 4 and her fabulous design can be seen below. Well done Poppy! You can see some of the other designs on the Friends of Mersham Facebook page over the coming weeks.



After School Club

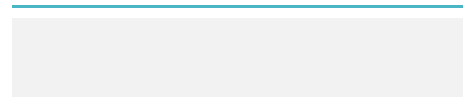
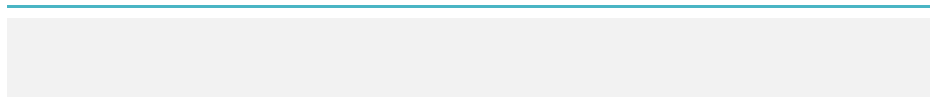
Thank you to everyone who completed the survey sent by Kent Play Clubs who were looking into the viability of setting up an After School Club at the school. Whilst there is clearly a need for After School childcare, unfortunately there was not sufficient demand for Kent Play Clubs to take it on as a viable project. They were looking for a minimum of 12 children to be at the club each day for it to be viable and the surveys indicated there would only be 8 children per day. We have therefore got to go back to the drawing board to consider alternative options.

School Disco – Friday 29th May

Please see attached flyer from the PTA

PE Kit

Whilst our Covid restrictions were in place, we have perhaps been a little bit more relaxed than we were with regard to what children are wearing for PE and this is now something we need to reinstate. On PE days, where children need to come into school in their PE kit, please can you ensure that your child is wearing black shorts or tracksuit bottoms along with their house coloured t-shirt. For colder days, they can also wear a school jumper of fleece – this should not be any other coloured jumper,



fleece or hoodie from home. In addition they will need suitable trainers or plimsolls. Thank you for your support.

Key Stage 2 SATS meeting – Year 6 parents only

On Tuesday 26th April at 3:30pm we will be holding a brief meeting for Year 6 parents to provide information about the Key Stage 2 SATS. The meeting will be held in the Year 6 classroom.

Class Assemblies – Terms 5 and 6

Please note that Parrot class assembly will be on a Friday not a Thursday due to transition activities happening that week. Please also note the change of date for Kingfisher Class Assembly due to the school trip.

Penguin Class	Thursday 19th May
Kingfisher Class	Thursday 26th May
Toucan Class	Thursday 16th June
Falcon Class	Thursday 23rd June
Parrot Class	Friday 1 st July
Robin Class	Thursday 7th July
Duckling Class	Thursday 14th Jul



Welcome back!

We have lots of exciting events planned for the summer term, to raise money for the school and of course have lots of fun 😊



Charity bin collection

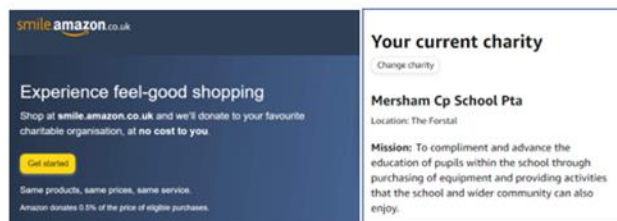


We've received £99 in the last month from the charity bin outside school being emptied, so please keep donating your unwanted items as every little bit helps.

Amazon Smile

In March 2022, 63 people purchased via Amazon Smile - this was up from 14 purchases in February. Thank you for purchasing in this way and helping the school 😊

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