

Term 6 – 18th July 2022

Mersham Primary School

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It has been a busy last week of term with the Year 6 production, Leavers Disco, Wet, Wild and Wacky as well as class parties – I know the children have thoroughly enjoyed it all, despite the extreme heat that has particularly affected us over the last couple of days!

We are saying goodbye to Miss Thorne today and we wish her all the very best at her new school. I would like to thank her very much for all that she has done for Year 1 and the wider school whilst she has been covering Miss Sexton's maternity leave.

I would also like to congratulate (in advance) both Miss Elliott and Miss Sexton who will both be getting married over the summer ho – Miss Elliott will be returning as Mrs Fellows and Miss Sexton as Mrs Benjamin.

It therefore just leaves me to wish all those in Year 6 every success as they move onto their secondary schools – please come back and let us know how you are getting on! And to wish all of you a lovely Summer break and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

19 th July	Last day of Term 6
20 th , 21 st	Staff Training Days
22 nd July	
1 st /2 nd Sept	Staff Training Days
5 th Sept	Start of Term 1
8 th Sept	Kent Test (Yr 6 only)
21 st Oct	End of term 1
31 st Oct	Start of term 2

Uniform Suppliers

We have organised an additional supplier of school uniform. As well as Mapac, you will now also be able to get uniform from County Schoolwear (shop behind McDonalds in the High Street). Uniform will be available in store from the first week in August. It will also be available online – details will follow in September and we will aim to get the website updated as soon as we have the relevant links.

Free School Meals Food Vouchers

If your child is eligible for free school meals, you should receive an email today or tomorrow with details on how to claim your food vouchers. Each child is eligible for £50 for the summer break.

Food Parcels

Rev. Chris has asked me to let you know that the Church continues to offer food parcels as needed, and if there are families in need over the summer holidays please do let them know if they can help. They can be contacted direct via the following emails:

Email vicar@stourdowns.org.uk (unavailable 1st-13th August) or revsusanmanners@gmail.com

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 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.

Clarks Shoes at Sainsburys, Bybrook Barn

Please see attached flyer about in store shoe fitting.

Step Out Forest School at Evegate

Please see attached flyer regarding their holiday club.

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 or the Chair of Governors, Lesley Caldwell, on chair@mersham.kent.sch.uk.

