

Term 1 – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022

# Mersham Primary School

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Firstly, I hope you were all able to enjoy some family time over the bank holiday weekend.

On another note, Year 2 are the first class of the year to be out on an offsite visit this week! They were developing their map skills by going on an exciting treasure hunt around Mersham village, which they all thoroughly enjoyed. Being able to experience offsite activities such as this has a huge impact on children being able to retain their learning and they are such a valuable addition to the curriculum as a whole. Thank you very much to all the Year 2 parents that volunteered to go along and support. A letter has also gone out to Year 5 and 6 parents today about an exciting visit planned to go to London to visit either the Science or the Natural History Museum and take part in a range of amazing activities that they have on offer – I have no doubt it will be a great day out for all.

Cheryl Chalkley  
Headteacher

## Upcoming Events

5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Walk in Wednesday
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Harvest Festival (9:15 at the Church)
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Interim reports to parents
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct	End of term 1
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Start of term 2
1/2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Parents Evenings
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Walk in Wednesday
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Service (9:15 at the Church)
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Trip to Pantomime

## Model Railway Exhibition

Folkestone Model Railway Exhibition will be at the Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 and we would love to see some of your families there. Please see attached flyer and for more details please see their website: [www.folkestone-mrc.com](http://www.folkestone-mrc.com)

## Walk in Wednesdays

The first Walk in Wednesday of the year will be on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October. For those parents who are new to the school, this is an opportunity to come into the classroom between 3:15-3:45pm to take a look at your child(ren)'s work. Class teachers are not available at this time to discuss individual children's progress and the event finishes promptly at 3:45pm to enable teachers to attend our regular staff meeting. However, if you would like to discuss your child's progress in more detail, you are welcome to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet with the class teacher at any point during the year. There will be no Walk in Wednesday in November as we will hold our official Parents' evenings then but there will be another Walk in Wednesday on 7<sup>th</sup> December.

## 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.

### **Year 6 Parents – Secondary School Open days**

The online application window for children enrolling into Year 7 in September 2023 opened on Thursday 1st September 2023 and will close at midnight on Monday 31st October 2023.

Message from Norton Knatchbull - This is a reminder of our Open Mornings for Year 6 male students and their parents/carers from 09:15-10:30 on Tuesday 4th October and Tuesday 11th October.

Parents and carers can follow the link to register their interest via <https://tinyurl.com/NKSY622> and download a copy of our NKS Prospectus 2022

<https://www.nks.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=26&type=pdf> .

The morning will begin with a speech in the School Hall at 09:15 followed by an opportunity to see the school in action and talk to current students and staff.

### **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).

