

Term 4 – 21st March 2022

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With a real sense of normality starting to return into school (not taking into account the issues we have had with staffing over the last couple of weeks!), we are beginning to be able to re-introduce all of the curriculum enhancement opportunities that have so sadly been lacking over the last couple of years, due to the restrictions of Covid. In order to share with the school community, all the exciting events that are taking place in school, Miss Hanson has updated the website to include a 'News' section. In this part of the website, we will be sharing photos and updates on recent events. Please follow this link to find out more. <https://mersham.kent.sch.uk/mersham-news/>

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Headteacher

Year 4 Digital Leaders Podcast

Under Miss Thorne's guidance, the Year 4 Digital Leaders Club have produced their first podcast. If you would like to have a listen, please follow this link <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jI--A5D5d81BmeXG6M6xNhWvuApXGoJ7/view>

Netball Match against Smeeth Primary School

On Tuesday, some of the school netball team played a match against Smeeth. Everyone played very well and showed excellent determination. Although we didn't win, the team showed a great attitude and the final score was very close. We hope to have a rematch soon. *Ella (Netball Sports Captain)*

Walk in Wednesday

We will be holding a Walk In Wednesday on Wednesday 30th March for all parents so that you have an opportunity to see your child's work before the Easter holidays.

Let's Move Dance Club

Let's Move Dance Club is back for Term 5 for pupils from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please see the attached flyer for more information on how to pay and book your place. Only 20 places are up for grabs so be quick!

Mothering Sunday Services in the Parish

Please find attached details of Mothering Sunday services in the Parish.

Easter Events

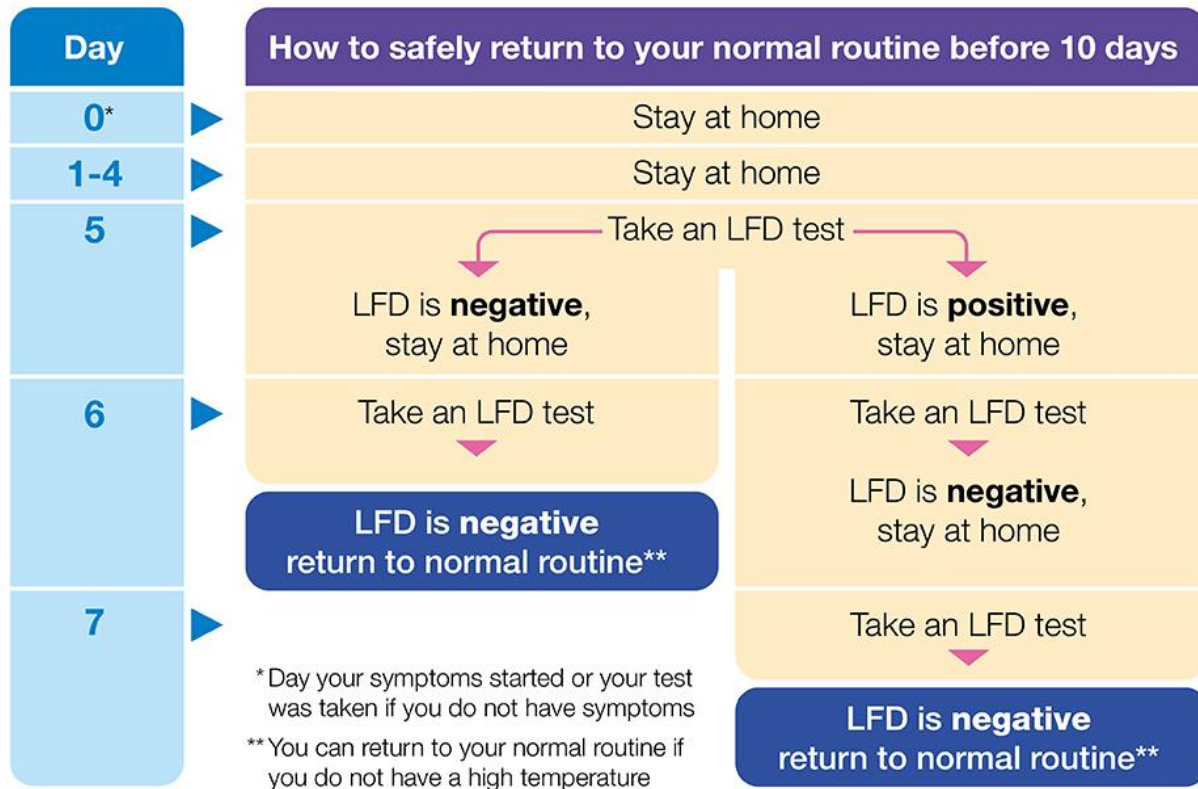
Please note the dates of Easter events above. I am very pleased to be able to invite parents to the church once more and you will all be very welcome to join us for the Easter Service.

COVID-19 Update

Upcoming Events

25 th March	Non-uniform day for Easter Egg Bingo
29 th March	KS1 Easter Egg Bingo
31 st March	Easter Service at the Church – 9:30am
31 st March	KS2 Easter Egg Bingo
1 st April	End of Term 4
19 th April	Start of Term 5
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

Guidance has now been issued to schools linked to the national changes to restrictions. Schools will continue to maintain their cleaning routines including regular hand washing and will also ensure adequate ventilation whilst indoors. Staff are no longer required to take twice weekly lateral flow tests. However, if a pupil or member of staff has signs of Covid-19 (new continuous cough, high temperature, change in sense of taste and smell) they should still obtain a PCR test. Other symptoms linked with COVID-19 include shortness of breath, fatigue, loss of appetite, muscle ache, sore throat, headache, stuffy or runny nose, diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting. Any of these symptoms may also have another cause. Should a member of staff or a pupil test positive either using a PCR test or an LFD test, they should remain at home for at least 5 days. (see below).



If the day 5 LFD test result is positive, you should continue taking LFD tests until you receive 2 consecutive negative test results. If a parent or carer insists on a pupil attending school where they have a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19, the school can refuse the pupil as is necessary to protect other pupils and staff from possible infection with COVID-19.

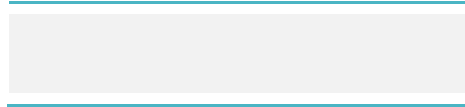
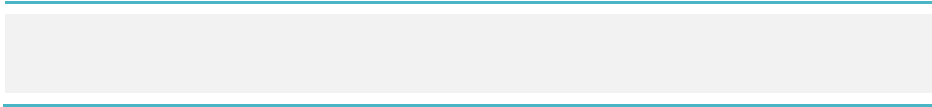
Should there be a significant rise in cases within the school, we may also need to bring back additional measures for the health and safety of staff and children. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Easter Activities at Maidstone Museum

Please find attached details of activities at Maidstone Museum over the Easter holidays.

Easter school holiday fun for 4 – 12-year-olds!

Premier Football School are delighted to announce they are running a kid's football school in Ashford this Easter at The North School from Wednesday 6th – Friday 8th April for boys and girls aged 4 - 12 of all abilities. Parents simply drop-off at 10.00am and pick up at 3.30pm. The fee is just £13 per day and all children who attend receive a trophy! Activities include a kids World Cup tournament and a



penalty shootout competition with prizes! We are a non-elitist grass roots organisation and children play in groups according to their age and abilities in a fun safe environment. Should you wish to book, please visit www.premierfootballschool.co.uk or call 07821 573837.

Free School Meals Vouchers and Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

Parents of children eligible for free school meals should have received an email with details of the Holiday Activities and Food Programme. They should also receive another email next Friday with details on how to claim the supermarket vouchers for the Easter holidays.

Term Dates 2022-23

Please find below the term dates for the next academic year:

Term 1

Monday 5th September – Friday 21st October

Staff Development Days - Thursday 1st September and Friday 2nd September

Term 2

Monday 31st October – Friday 16th December

Term 3

Tuesday 3rd January – Friday 10th February

Term 4

Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March

Term 5

Monday 17th April – Thursday 25th May

Bank Holiday – Monday 1st May

Staff Development Day – Friday 26th May

Term 6

Monday 5th June – Tuesday 19th July

Staff Development Days – Wednesday 20th July, Thursday 21st July and Friday 22nd July



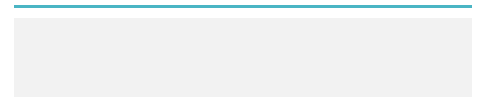
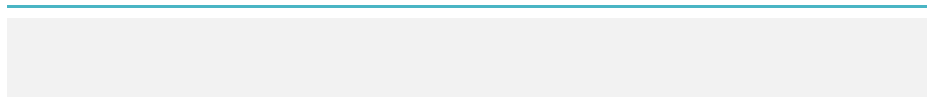
Thanks for your support!

A massive thank you for your continued support. The little amounts add up to a lot, just this week we've collected:

- £54 from the charity bin collections
- £13 from Amazon Smile
- £40 from the second-hand uniform sale

Plus, the school earned money to spend on books with every purchase made at the book sale

We know times are tough for a lot of people, so your support of the PTA is so appreciated. We'll share more about how the PTA money will be spent as we're sure you'll like to know.



Easter Egg Bingo

Our legendary, fabulous and quite frankly CRAZY Easter Egg Bingo event back for 2022! For those who haven't taken part before:

- There will be a non-uniform day held on 25th March 2022 in exchange for your kind donations of an Easter Egg per child.
- We'll hold two sessions after school for the bingo:
 - KS1 29th March 2022
 - KS2 31st March 2022

We appreciate some parents have siblings across both stages (or year-specific clubs might be taking place on one of the days). In this instance, you can choose to attend one or the other rather than both.

Amazon Smile

Just by making your normal purchases through Amazon, you can raise money for your children via the PTA....



The screenshot shows the Amazon Smile interface. On the left, it says 'smile.amazon.co.uk' and 'Experience feel-good shopping'. Below that, it says 'Shop at smile.amazon.co.uk and we'll donate to your favourite charitable organisation, at no cost to you.' There is a 'Get started' button and a note: 'Same products, same prices, same service. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases.' On the right, under 'Your current charity', there is a 'Change charity' button and the selected charity: 'Mersham Cp School Pta' with the location 'The Forstal'. Below that, the mission statement reads: 'Mission: To compliment and advance the education of pupils within the school through purchasing of equipment and providing activities that the school and wider community can also enjoy.'

Go to Amazon via the link smile.amazon.co.uk, login with your usual Amazon login and select "Mersham CP School PTA" as your chosen charity. Every time you make your purchases via this link, Amazon will donate to our school PTA. It's literally money for nothing so please do use this link when you can.

