
Term 2 – 21st November 2022

Mersham Primary School

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Thank you to everyone who came along to the Children in Need Cake Sale on Friday afternoon. We made a fabulous £205.70 for Children in Need as a result. Thank you very much to Hannah Wolstenholme and Dawn Goodson from the PTA for all your hard work organising and running the cake sale – our first PTA event in the new hall! Thank you also to all of the parents for your support through making and donating the cakes sold.

**Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher**

Parking Outside the School

I feel a bit like a broken record talking about considerate parking outside the school! Please can I ask once again for parents not to park or drop off their children on the yellow lines outside the front of the school and to be considerate where they are parking down Church Road. Since the railings at the top of the steps were knocked over by a tractor in the summer, we are increasingly seeing parents pull up in their cars at the top of the steps to let their children into school. This is **so dangerous** due to the railway bridge and cars not being visible parked in that spot from the otherside of the bridge. It really is an accident waiting to happen. I am currently liaising with the Parish Council and Kent County Council to see whether there is a way in which those railings can be replaced.

Holidays and Food (HAF) Programme

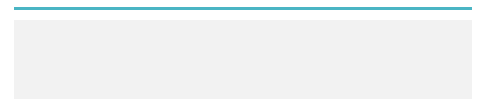
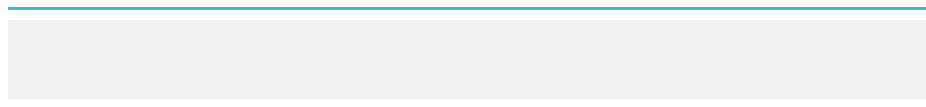
If your child is eligible for free school meals, you should have received information and details regarding vouchers for the HAF programme over the Christmas Holidays. Please contact the school office if you have not received details and you think you are eligible.

Non Uniform Days

There has been some confusion regarding the non-uniform days for which I apologise. There is a non-uniform day this Friday (25th Nov) in return for gift items for the Elfridges Store (see below). Friday 2nd December will be a Christmas Jumper day when children will wear usual school trousers/skirt etc but with a Christmas Jumper or top, in return for a 'chocolate' donation for the Chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Fair.

Upcoming Events

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25 th Nov	Non-Uniform Day for Elfridges
2 nd Dec	Christmas Jumper Day for Chocolate Tombola
2 nd Dec	Sparkles Morning for Prospective parents
7 th Dec	Walk in Wednesday
7 th /8 th Dec	KS1 Performances
9 th Dec	Christmas Fair
15 th Dec	Christmas Service (9:15 at the Church)
15 th Dec	Trip to Pantomime
16 th Dec	End of term 2
3 rd Jan	Start of term 3
10 th Feb	End of term 3



Mersham Monkeys – Mother and Toddler Group

Just a reminder for all families with babies and pre-school children that Mersham Monkeys has returned every Tuesday afternoon in the hall. Anyone is welcome to attend so please do let others know, even if they do not have a child at the school.

Electronic Devices for Christmas

In the build up to Christmas, I have no doubt that many children will have electronic devices/games etc on their Christmas lists for Santa! Parents may find the attached flyers that Mr Ives has highlighted, useful in ensuring their children remain safe online.

Thinking of becoming a Teaching Assistant?

We often have parents who are considering looking for employment as a Teaching Assistant in a school. Please find attached a flyer with details of an event in Ashford linked to recruitment.

Mersham Church Events over the Christmas Period

Mersham Church are holding a number of events leading up to as well as over the Christmas period. Please see attached flyers for further information.

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.

