

Term 6 – 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022

# Mersham Primary School

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All the children in Years R-5 spent a successful day with their new class teachers yesterday. So many of them let me know how excited they were about going up to the next year group. We also welcomed our new reception intake who spent a couple of hours in Duckling class for the first time without their parents – it was lovely to see how well they settled and started to make new friends! For some children transition to the next class can cause significant anxiety – having a chance to spend time with their new teachers helps to relieve that anxiety and for most children that is enough. However, if you have any concerns, please do let us know so that we can put things in place to support your child in making that change successfully.

**Cheryl Chalkley**  
Headteacher

## Upcoming Events

1 <sup>st</sup> July	Non-Uniform Day
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Walk In Wednesday
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day and Summer Fair
12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Production
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Disco
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term 6
20 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup>	Staff Training Days
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Staff Training Days
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Staff Training Days
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Start of Term 1

## Visit from the Bishop of Dover



On Monday afternoon we were lucky enough to have a visit from Bishop Rose (the Bishop of Dover). She joined us for assembly and spoke about her early life in Jamaica. She also touched on the challenges she has overcome as a black woman to become a Bishop. Bishop Rose was truly inspirational and the children loved listening to her beautiful voice. She joined us for our 'Jubilee Tree' planting and the Eco-Eagles (with Mr Ives) helped her to plant the tree. Bishop Rose then blessed our new tree. Toucans and Falcons followed this by spending some time asking her questions. Their questioning was insightful and very much impressed the Bishop. This was a fantastic afternoon for all.

We hope that Bishop Rose comes back soon!

### **School Dinners**

From September, Nourish have increased the cost of a school dinner from £2.32 to £2.42.

### **Sports Day**

You should have received a letter from Mrs Sly via Parentmail with full details of Sports Day next Friday.

### **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 Chalkey 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).

### **PTA Newsletter**

Please see the attached newsletter from the PTA

### **Class Assemblies – Terms 5 and 6**

Robin Class

Thursday 7th July

