

Term 4 – 28th February 2022

Mersham Primary School

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I am pleased to be able to announce that the Governing Body has formally agreed to appoint Kent Structures Ltd to undertake the building of the new hall, the conversion of the existing hall to two classrooms and the removal of the mobile building. We are hoping that work will start in the Easter holidays and we will be allowing up to a year for it all to be completed. The health and safety of the whole school community will obviously be a priority throughout the works and some temporary adaptations will need to be made to accommodate the building works safely. I will provide more details as I know more, but I am sure we are all in agreement that any temporary inconveniences that may occur will be worth it in the end! I thank you for your ongoing support.

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

28 th Feb	Parents Eve
2 nd March	Parents Eve
3 rd March	World Book Day
8 th March	International Women's Day
14 th March	Science Week
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

After School Club Provision

I have been very aware for a long time that not being able to offer wrap around childcare at the end of the school day has been a huge disadvantage for many families. In light of the new hall being built in the near future and us then having more available space, I have approached Kent Play Clubs regarding setting up provision at Mersham. Kent Play Clubs already run afterschool clubs for a number of local schools. Very shortly, I will be sending out a survey to parents from Kent Play Clubs to assess viability for provision at Mersham. Without sufficient interest from families, we will not be able to proceed which will be really disappointing. Therefore, please can I urge you to complete the survey when you receive it, especially if you think that this will be of benefit to you at any time in the future.

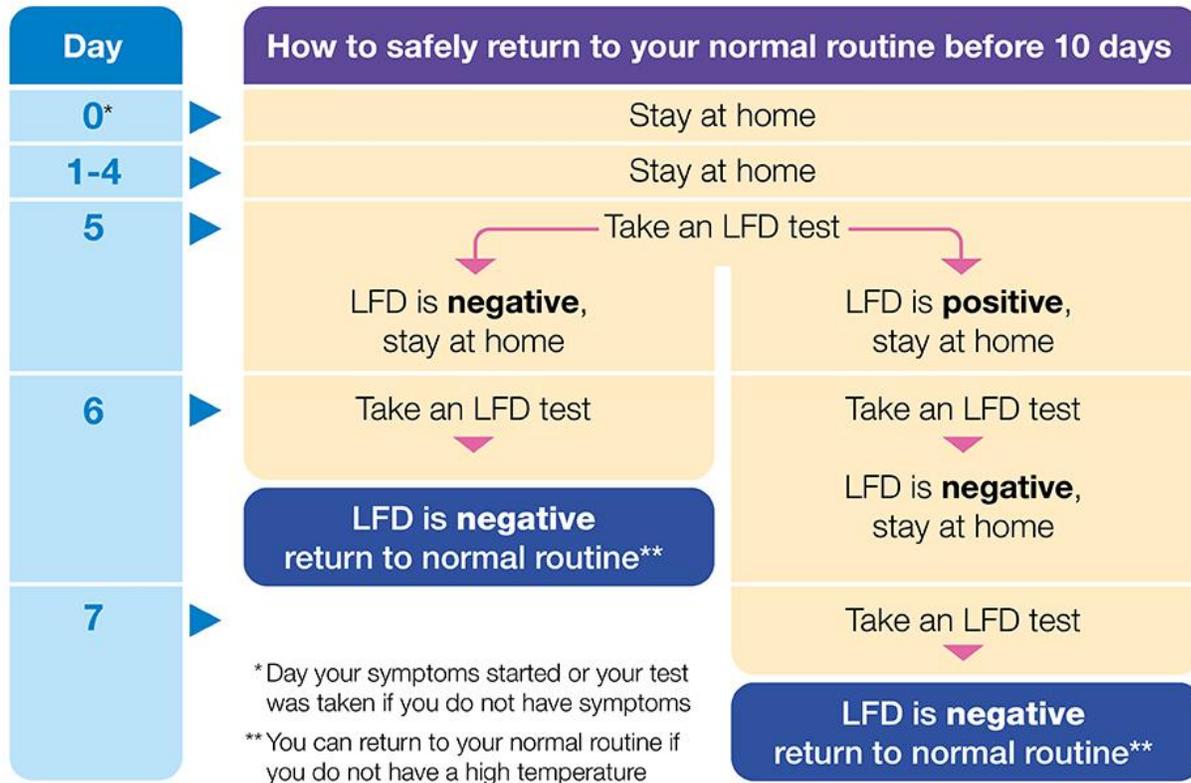
Easter Events

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

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.

Stour Downs Parish – Easter Holiday Club

Please see attached flyer for further details.

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.



Affordable Bike Sale – Goldwyn School

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BUY a BIKE

Pick up an affordable refurbished bike at our next bike sale event at Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT). Bikes are fully serviced, clean and available in a variety of sizes.

DONATE a BIKE

Bike too small or sitting unloved gathering dust? Donate it to us and we'll find it a good home. If you need a replacement, we'll offer you a discount on a more suitable refurbished bike.

BIKE SALE EVENTS

Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT).
Saturday 12th February, 19th March, 14th May, 18th June and 23rd July (10.00-13.00).
For more info email: info@CycleCommunity.org

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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 – Wednesday 19th July

Staff Development Days – Thursday 20th July and Friday 21st July

Class Assemblies – Terms 3 and 4

These assemblies will be performed at 9:05am in the school hall and will focus on Online Safety.

Please note the change in date for Year 5 assembly

Dates are as follows:

10th March

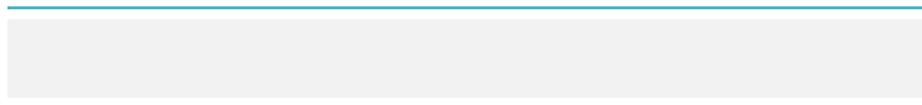
17th March

24th March

Penguin Class

Kingfisher Class

Toucan Class





100 club

The 100 club is a mini lottery set up by Mersham School PTA, to fund extra equipment chosen directly by the children via their school council.

The children met in February and were given a budget of £2,000 to choose how they'd like this to be spent. They have decided **on wet play equipment and new books**. We'll share more information about what's been purchased over the coming weeks.

Easter Egg Bingo

We're working on plans to get our legendary, fabulous and quite frankly CRAZY **Easter Egg Bingo** event back for 2022! For those who 🥚en't taken part before:

🥚 There will be a **non-uniform day held before the event** in exchange for your kind **donations of an Easter Egg**. We'll confirm the date for this soon...

- We'll hold **two sessions after school for the bingo** - one for KS1 and one for KS2 (we appreciate that some parents have siblings across both stages and in this instance, you can choose to attend one or the other rather than both)

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Mersham Cp School Pta

Location: The Forstal

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.

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