
Term 2 – 29th November 2021

Mersham Primary School

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I would like to thank everyone for their support and understanding over the last couple of weeks which have been very challenging both in terms of Covid cases in school as well as staff absences (some of which are Covid related but many were/are not!) Thankfully, new positive Covid cases in school have slowed significantly although there are still a handful of new cases arising that are linked to other family members who have already tested positive. As I have said previously, please can I ask you to remain vigilant and to organise a test if you think it is possible your child may have contracted Covid. We will continue to monitor carefully over the next couple of weeks and proceed with caution in order that the entire school community can hopefully enjoy Christmas free of Covid concerns.

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

6 th Dec	Yr R Christmas Performance
7 th Dec	Yr 1 Christmas Performance
9 th Dec	Yr 2 Christmas Performance
9 th Dec	Non-uniform day for Chocolate Tombola
10 th Dec	Christmas Service at the Church
10 th Dec	Pantomime
16 th Dec	End of Term 2
17 th Dec	Staff Training Day
4 th Jan	Staff Training Day
5 th Jan	Start of Term 3
11 th Feb	End of Term 3

Christmas events

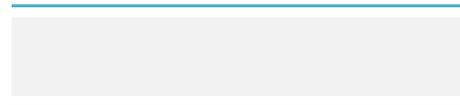
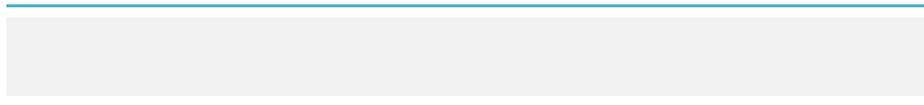
We have had to make a number of changes to events in the lead up to Christmas in order to try and keep the whole community safe, whilst at the same time trying to maintain some of the enjoyment of Christmas events. The Key Stage 1 and Year R production has been split into three separate events. Each class will perform an element of the production to their parents, on separate days. The Carols by Candlelight event at the Ashford International with other schools in the CARE Foundation Trust has been cancelled, as has our joint staff training day on 17th December. The Christmas Service at the Church will be going ahead but unfortunately we will not be able to include parents, as we had previously hoped. We have had overwhelming parental support to go ahead with the pantomime so this will also be going ahead – more information for parents will be made available in a letter tomorrow regarding measures we are putting in place for that event to further enhance health and safety.

Non Uniform Day – Thursday 9th December

Thursday 9th December will be a non-uniform day in return for a donation of Christmas chocolate for the Chocolate Tombola being organised by the PTA. This will be organised for each class as last year.

PCSO Newsletter

Please find attached the latest newsletter from the local PCSO for your information.



Online Safety Information

Please find attached some really useful information about online safety produced for parents by KCC and Kent Police.

Wide Eyes Falconry Christmas

Flyers were sent home this week about Wide Eyes Falconry Winter Wonderland on 4th, 11th, 18th December. £15 per child, adults go free. To book a place please email info@wideeyesfalconry.co.uk

Mersham Little Stars

A lovely preschool located in the heart of the village within Mountbatten Hall. Open Monday to Friday (closed Tuesday's) 8.45-2.45 term time only. Fully funded sessions available for children aged 2,3 & 4 years old. A lovely learning environment with a new outdoors area for the children to explore. Please contact us on 07469 202723 or email us on mershamlittlestars@gmail.com for further information.

Class Assemblies – Terms 1 and 2

These assemblies will be performed at 9:05am in the school hall. **We would appreciate it if all adults could wear a face covering.** Dates are as follows:

2nd December

Robin Class (Year 3)

Coffee Mornings at the Church

Don't forget the Church are offering a coffee morning on Fridays for parents after drop-off from 8:30-9:45am. Please do go along and support.

PTA News & Updates

📣📣 Cupcake Friday is ON Tomorrow 🧁🧁📣📣

50p per cupcake, all proceeds going to Children in Need, free from options available, no sweets this week I'm afraid





IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE 100 CLUB!!

ONLY £12 FOR THE WHOLE YEAR!

The 100 club is a mini lottery set up by Mersham School PTA, to fund extra equipment that is chosen directly by the children via their school council. It's the one fund they can actually have a direct say how the money is spent.

There are currently 40 members, so the prize fund is £20 per month, which is split £15 first prize and £5 second prize.

PAYMENT DETAILS - You can pay in 2 ways:

PARENTMAIL : Go into SHOP to pay. You can pay for multiple subscriptions this way too, by choosing a number from the drop down menu.

BACS: An electronic transfer using the following account details:

Account Name: Mersham School 100 Club

Sort Code: 60-01-21; Account No: 52849783

Please reference the payment as your child's name.



Easyfundraising – an easy way to raise funds for the school!

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

Raise money for Mersham School when you shop online. There are many retailers who support this, making a small donation whenever you shop. Why not start this now, especially in the run up to Christmas....
