

Term 5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022

# Mersham Primary School

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With the weather looking like it is definitely warming up over the next week or so, please can I remind parents to ensure that your children come to school equipped accordingly with a water bottle, sun hat and sun screen. Please can you ensure that water bottles and hats are named – we have several in lost property at the moment that we are unable to reunite with their owner as there is no name! If possible, please can you also use the sun screen that can be applied in the morning before coming to school and will last for 8 hours – this avoids having to have sun cream in school that the children would have to apply themselves. As always, thank you for your support.

**Cheryl Chalkley**  
Headteacher

## Upcoming Events

9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS week
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Jubilee Tea on the Field
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 6 Residential
27 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term 5
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Term 6
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Walk in Wednesday
9 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents Eve -6pm
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
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	
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Staff Training Days
5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Start of Term 1

## Maths competition at the Ashford School

On Thursday, 4 children from year 5, Molly, George, Jessica and Rafferty took part in a maths competition at the Ashford School. This event involved quick thinking (as well as physical running) in order to score points. Mersham did incredibly well and scored 10<sup>th</sup> out of 18 schools. Our team did brilliantly (after a few slices of cake) and had some incredibly difficult questions. Thank you to all the children and the parents who attended this event. Mr Ives

## Green Tree Awards

We have just been informed that the school has won an award for our eco-projects. After 4 years, and lots of support from the Eco Eagles, Mersham has won gold for the Green Tree Awards from the Woodland Trust. This has taken a long time to achieve and we are incredibly proud. This award means we will continue to look after our school site and continue to care for our school's eco-system. You will now see a new logo on our letter head in recognition of this. Well done to Mr Ives and all the Eco-Eagles.



## Book Fair

Earlier in the year we had a book fair in school to coincide with World Book Day. Thank you to all those parents who purchased books during that time. As a result the school has gained £293 in commission that we can now spend on books for the school. Thank you again to the members of the PTA who helped run the book fair during that time.

## Visit from the Deputy Mayor

You may remember that we reported a few weeks ago that Mr Ives took some pupils to the Town Hall where we took part in an Ashford Borough Council Recycling project, alongside other schools in the CARE Foundation Trust. Part of the project included decorating a tree to celebrate the Jubilee. The Eco-Eagles decided that the theme at Mersham would be the seven decades that the Queen has been on the throne, with each year group making decorations to represent a different decade. Our tree is now decorated and can be found behind the Friendship Garden. On Tuesday, the deputy Mayor and Claire Norman from Ashford Borough Council came to see our tree and have a tour of the Eco Projects that we have undertaken at Mersham through the Eco-Eagles. Freya and Riley did a fantastic job showing them around. We also had a certificate presented in assembly.



## Secondary School Open Days for Year 5 pupils.

Many of the secondary schools in the area are starting to offer open days for current Year 5 pupils in preparation for choosing a secondary school next academic year. Please do look on secondary school websites for more information as they do not always let us know. Details attached from Norton Knatchbull and Brockhill Park.

**Brockhill Park**  
Performing Arts College

**OPEN EVENINGS**  
for prospective year 7 students

**Wednesday 6th July &  
Tuesday 13th September 2022**

Please visit  
[www.brockhill.kent.sch.uk](http://www.brockhill.kent.sch.uk) to book  
your arrival time

*Please attend one event only.*

Sandling Road, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent. CT21 4HL  
Tel 01303 265521

## PE Kit

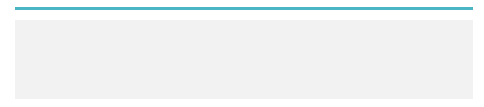
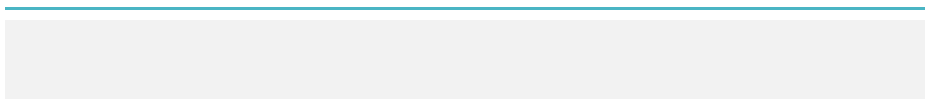
Whilst our Covid restrictions were in place, we have perhaps been a little bit more relaxed than we were with regard to what children are wearing for PE and this is now something we need to reinstate. On PE days, where children need to come into school in their PE kit, please can you ensure that your child is wearing black shorts or tracksuit bottoms along with their house coloured t-shirt. For colder days, they can also wear a school jumper or fleece – this should not be any other coloured jumper, fleece or hoodie from home. In addition they will need suitable trainers or plimsolls. Thank you for your support.

## Class Assemblies – Terms 5 and 6

Please note that Parrot class assembly will be on a Friday not a Thursday due to transition activities happening that week. Please also note the change of date for Kingfisher Class Assembly due to the school trip.

Penguin Class	Thursday 19th May
<b>Kingfisher Class</b>	<b>Thursday 26th May</b>
Toucan Class	Thursday 16th June
Falcon Class	Thursday 23rd June
Parrot Class	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Robin Class	Thursday 7th July

## Free Sessions at Willesborough Athletic Football Club



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Thank you to everyone that helped with last week's disco(s). It was so lovely to see the children enjoying themselves. Seeing them conga and singing to Rick Astley at the top of their voices was most definitely a highlight 😊

# WINNER

100 Club winners

Congratulations to our recent 100 Club winners:

	<u>MARCH:</u>	<u>APRIL:</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Paul Evans	Debbie Austin
2 <sup>nd</sup> prize	Sarah Groves	Sally Stock

Winnings will be making their way to you very soon 😊

# SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May - after school in the Mersham School playground

Charity bin collection



Please do keep donating your unwanted items as every little bit helps and the school PTA receives money each time the bin is emptied

Coming up:

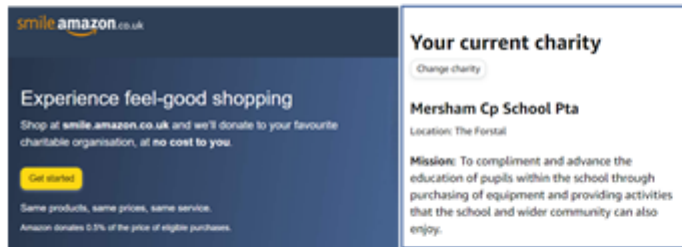


Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Jubilee Tea on the Field

## Amazon Smile

In April 2022, 70 people purchased via Amazon Smile - this was up again on March. Thank you for purchasing in this way and helping the school 😊

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, there's a dark blue box with the text "Experience feel-good shopping" and "Shop at smile.amazon.co.uk and we'll donate to your favourite charitable organisation, at no cost to you." Below this is a yellow "Get started" button and the text "Same products, same prices, same service. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases." On the right, there's a white box titled "Your current charity" with a "Change charity" button. The current charity is "Mersham Cp School Pta" with the location "The Forstal". Below that is the mission statement: "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](https://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.

