
Term 3 – 3rd January 2023

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I would like to start by wishing you all a very Happy New Year. I hope everyone has had a relaxing break although it seems that just about everyone I have spoken to recently has been poorly, or someone in their family has been poorly, over the Christmas period! Colds, flu and Covid seem to have been the main issues although I would continue to advise parents to be alert to the symptoms of Step A. Can I also please remind parents that if your child should test positive for Covid, the current advice is that they should remain at home for at least 3 days (adults – 5 days) to minimise passing it on to others. Hopefully, Spring is not far away and we will all be a little less susceptible to these nasty bugs!

Cheryl Chalkley
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

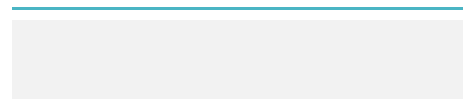
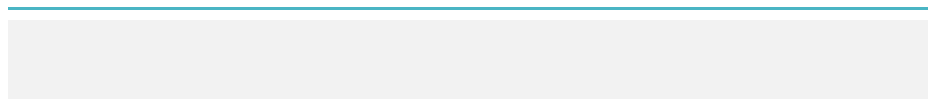
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3 rd Jan	Start of term 3
4 th Jan	Walk in Wednesday
9 th Jan	Yr 5/6 Swimming starts
1 st Feb	Walk in Wednesday
9 th Feb	School Disco
10 th Feb	End of term 3

Pick up from the start of term 3

Thank you to everyone for your support with the revised pick up system – this currently seems to be working quite well and having both gates open to come in and out of, seems to be easing the general congestion around the school at that time. We will continue to monitor and should there be any issues that arise in the future, we will adjust accordingly.

Vehicles Parking/pulling up at the front of the school.

Having repeatedly requested that parents do not park up/pull up at the front of the school and despite having temporary barriers in place, some parents are still choosing to pull up and let either their child(ren) or another adult out of their car so they can come straight into the school. This is so dangerous and is an accident waiting to happen. Yesterday, at pick up time, I watched a car pull up, drop off another adult to collect a child, then reverse to turn into the track beside the school in order to turn round. This was at the time when reception children were just coming out of school and were coming down the track having come out of school from the small gate on the playground. I don't believe the driver had seen the children and there could easily have been an incident and I heard a verbal exchange between the driver and some parents. I fully appreciate that parking is difficult at drop off and pick up times, but for the sake of the safety of everyone, please can I ask that you DO NOT park or pull in, at any time, on the yellow lines in front of the school, on the track beside the school or in the school driveway (unless there has been a previous conversation with the school for a specific purpose). I would like to thank the majority who are already supportive of this and I hope we can continue to work together to encourage the minority to do the same.



Class Assemblies – Terms 3 and 4

With the new hall now fully in use, we will be able to invite parents in once again to see class assemblies. These assemblies will be performed at 9:05am in the school hall and will, this season, have a focus on Online Safety. Dates are as follows:

2 nd February	Parrot Class
23 rd February	Penguin Class
2 nd March	Duckling Class
9 th March	Kingfisher Class
16 th March	Falcon Class
23 rd March	Toucan Class
30 th March	Robin Class

School Sports Kits

A reminder that all Mersham sports kits must be returned to Mrs Maher in her classroom to be 'signed back in' as soon after the event as possible. Please do not put it back in the first aid room or take it to the office. We currently have 15 pieces of school kit missing, meaning that not all children are able to wear the same kit for certain events.

Please have a look at home and if you have a Mersham top, please take it to Mrs Maher as soon as possible. Thank you. Mrs Benjamin

Cricket Coaching

Please find attached a flyer providing details of opportunities to access cricket coaching.

KM Charity Kent Cooks

Please see details below about a cookery competition that your child may be interested in getting involved in.



KM CHARITY TEAM **Young Cooks!**
Your invitation to be a Young Cook

£500 prize money

Young people are invited to take part in the south east's Young Cooks cookery competition with the winners receiving a share of £500!

Roll up your sleeves, get stuck in and discover how much fun cooking can be - while learning vital life skills along the way!

Closing date for entries: 31st January 2023

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