

Term 2 – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

# Mersham Primary School

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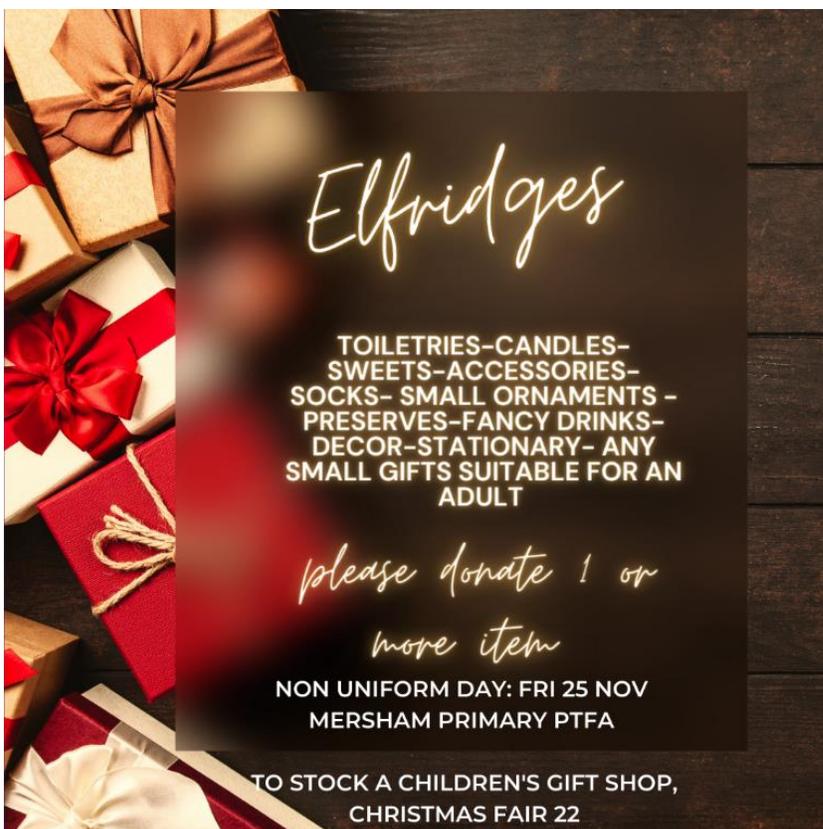


It has been lovely to hear all the positive comments about the new hall from parents, as many of you got a chance to see it properly during the book sale – we are all so pleased with the end result. You will have also noticed that the old mobiles have finally been demolished and I don't think any of us were sorry to see them go! The final stages include tarmacking the playground and completing the corridor that now runs through the centre of the school building. We will then be able to tidy up and install the new IT suite that was kindly paid for by the PTA.

**Cheryl Chalkley**  
Headteacher

## Upcoming Events

Wk Beg	
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-bullying week
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Cake Sale
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Fair
2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Sparkles Morning for Prospective parents
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Walk in Wednesday
7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Performances
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Service (9:15 at the Church)
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Trip to Pantomime
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	End of term 2
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Start of term 3
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of term 3



## PTA Updates

Please see attached flyers from the PTA regarding the Children in Need cake sale on Friday and a school lottery scheme where you could win a PS5. As a homework task this week, children will be creating cakes to bring in and sell on Friday.

## Non-Uniform Day

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. In return for wearing non-uniform, children should bring in a donation for the kids-only gift shop at the Christmas Fair. At the fair, children can select a gift for an adult loved one and pay £1. A team of mum volunteer Elves wrap the gift and help the child label it in a magical shop with Christmas music playing. The child has his/her own little surprise to give on Christmas Day.

## Anti-Bullying week

Next week is the national Anti-bullying week. The theme this year is 'Reach Out'. Children will have a focus, during their PSHE lessons, on learning around this theme in an age appropriate way. These additional lessons supplement what is already taught about bullying through our PSHE curriculum.

## Mersham Monkeys – Mother and Toddler Group

I am really pleased to announce that Mersham Monkeys is back! Please see attached flyer for more information.

## Parent Information Sessions available from KCC

# Parent Information Sessions

## For parents of 5-18 year olds

Refreshments available

Ashford Youth Hub  
Mabledon Ave  
TN24 8BJ



**22nd November 10am-12pm - ADHD and Autism**

**13th December 10am - 12pm - Behaviour and conflict**

**10th January 10am-12pm - Supporting children's anxiety and raising self esteem**

\*no need to book just come along\*

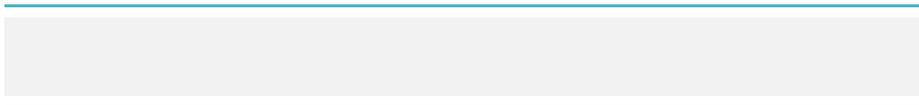


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## Water Bottles in School

Please can we strongly encourage parents to only put water in children's drinks bottles for school. Water is by far the healthiest option for children – not only from a dietary perspective but also because drinking fruit juice and squash regularly is one of the largest causes of tooth decay in children. The other problem that has been arising a lot recently is that water bottles, occasionally, get knocked over in class and if they contain squash, it leaves a sticky residue as well as a strong smell that is more difficult to clean up. All the staff thank you in advance for your support with this.



## **Parking outside the School**

I am once again receiving lots of comments from concerned parents and members of the public about dangerous parking outside the school at pick up and drop off times. Whilst I appreciate that parking is difficult at those times, please can I ask parents not to park up on the yellow lines outside the school and drop children off – this is extremely dangerous due to the restricted view of the road caused by the railway bridge. We have also now not got railings out the front (a tractor knocked them over and KCC have said they cannot replace them!) that help prevent children running into the road. The Farriers Arms, at the bottom of the hill, have kindly said that parents are welcome to park in their car park for drop off and pick up. There are also other roads in the village, within walking distance, where it is safe to park for short periods. Please do park considerately for the safety of all those in the community.

## **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 Chalkley 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).

