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Term 5 – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

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# Mersham Primary School

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It has been lovely to see the sunshine and warm weather over the last week. However, please can I remind all parents to ensure that children are coming to school with a hat and sun cream. Ideally, please apply an all day sun cream before they come to school to avoid children forgetting to put it on or getting in a mess! Please can I also remind parents to ensure that children are wearing the correct uniform – if girls would prefer to wear cycling shorts under their skirts then they need to ensure they cannot be seen beneath the hem line. Also, the only jewellery that is allowed is a watch and/or stud earrings. Staff have noticed friendship bands, necklaces and other items such as scarves creeping in that are not school uniform and should not be worn for health and safety reasons. Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs C Chalkley  
Headteacher

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## Clubs for Terms 5 and 6

We are going to trial a different way of signing up for clubs this term. Further details have been sent in a separate letter to explain the changes. **Please note that Parentmail will not be used to sign up to clubs this term.**

## KS1 and KS2 SATS meetings - Parents in Yr 2 and Yr 6 only

We will be holding information sessions for parents in Year 2 and Year 6 who would like to know more about SATS arrangements this year. The Year 6 meeting will be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 3:30pm in Year 6 and the Year 2 meeting will be on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 3:30pm in Year 2.

## Sports Relief

Thank you for all your support for Sports Relief on the last day of term, we raised £116.40 which will be passed onto Sports Relief.

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## Upcoming Events

25 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Meeting – 7pm
1 <sup>st</sup> May	KS2 SATS meeting (Yr 6 Parents only) 3:30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
14 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS week for Yr 6
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 6 Residential wk
25 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term 5
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Staff Training Day
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Term 6
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Maths Week
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Cream Tea
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Leavers Disco (Yr5/6) 6-8pm
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Wellbeing Week
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
17/18 <sup>th</sup> July	Yr 6 Production
20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Term 6
23/24 July	Staff Training Days

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## Reading Award

Well done to Attenborough class (Year 1) who have won the reading award this week with a total of 77% of children in the class reading three times or more during the week. This was closely followed by Ahlberg and Kinney classes (Year 4 and 3) who both achieved 67%.

## PTA Meeting

There is a PTA meeting on Wednesday (25<sup>th</sup> April) at The Farriers Inn at 7pm. All welcome.

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## **Sporting News – Ashford and District Primary Schools Sports Association (ADPSSA) Netball Tournament**

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April the “Mersham Mashers” represented the school in the ADPSSA Netball Tournament. Despite only having a team of 6 when the minimum requirement for players is 7, the team showed great determination and effort. They worked hard throughout the competition and were rewarded with a 2-0 win in their final game. This is the team’s first win of the season and Mrs Brignall is incredibly proud of them. We wish them luck with the rest of the league.

### **Class Assemblies for Terms 5 and 6**

These assemblies will be performed at 9:05am in the school hall. Dates are as follows:

10<sup>th</sup> May : Ahlberg Class (Year 4)

7<sup>th</sup> June : Hawking Class (Year 5)

14<sup>th</sup> June : Churchill Class (Year 6)

21<sup>st</sup> June : Kinney class (Year 3)

28<sup>th</sup> June : Attenborough Class (Year1)

5<sup>th</sup> July : Donaldson Class (Year R)

12<sup>th</sup> July : Nightingale Class (Year 2)

### **Term Dates 2018-19**

#### **Term 1**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Staff Development Day - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

#### **Term 2**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Staff Development Day - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October

#### **Term 3**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Staff Development Day - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Term 4**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April

#### **Term 5**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

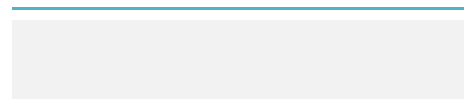
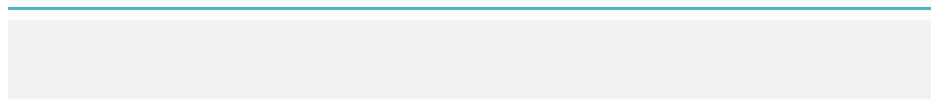
#### **Term 6**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Staff Training Days - Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

### **Highways Works in the Area**

The school has received notification today of the planned works to permanently close Highfield Lane and construct a turning head just south of the junction of Highfield Lane and Kingsford Street. The works will commence as of today (16<sup>th</sup> April) and will take approximately 4 weeks to complete. If you would like any further information, the notice we have received will be on display in reception.



## Bird box and Bird Feeder Cameras

We now have two cameras fitted – one in the bird box and one on the bird feeder. Please find links below. We are hoping that nesting will be more successful than last year – there already appears to be some activity!

Bird box: <http://www.seenature.org.uk/schools/mersham-primary-school/>

Bird feeder: <http://www.seenature.org.uk/schools/mersham-primary-school-feeder/>

## PTA News & Updates

Wednesday 25th April: PTA general meeting in Farriers Arms – all welcome!

Friday 18th May: 'The Mersham Cup' Race Night!! Grab some friends and bag a babysitter - tickets are only £5pp and it'll be great fun!

Please let us know if you'd like tickets – you can either speak to the office, let us know via the Event page on the PTA Face Book page, or speak to your class reps.



YOU ARE INVITED TO  
**THE MERSHAM CUP** *Fundraiser*

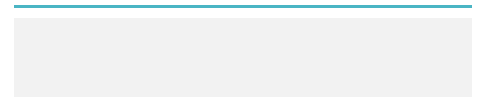
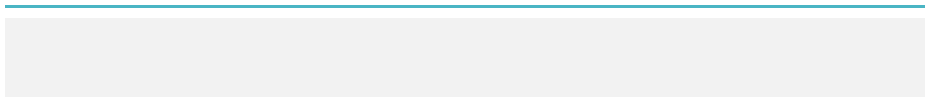
Friday 18th May, 7.30pm  
BILSINGTON PRIORY ESTATE, PRIORY LANE  
BILSINGTON, TN25 7AU

TICKETS:  
**£ 5** pp      **8 RACES**  
INCLUDES:  
WELCOME DRINK      **8 HORSES**

 Find out more info on the PTA facebook page  
TICKETS ON SALE VIA PTA CLASS REPS  
Prize for best dressed guest!

PosterMyWall.com

Friday 29th June: School Leavers Disco



# Mersham Primary School has Joined Young Chamber

What is a Young Chamber?

*The Chamber of Commerce bringing Business into schools*

Why?

Students need to understand what business is all about and give you an insight into what career paths are available to you when you leave school

Are we not too young?

No, the sooner you understand what career paths are available and how a business functions the better.

Please look out for further updates on the newsletter and the website.

**Led by Mr Richard Lavender (a school governor)**



Sophie P	<i>Chair</i>
Amy M and Michael P	<i>Vice Chairs</i>
Regan G	<i>Company Secretary</i>
Emily W	<i>Vice Secretary</i>
Nathan P	<i>Project Manager</i>
Amy M	<i>Vice Publicity Manager</i>
Regan G	<i>Publicity Manager</i>
Michael P	<i>Vice Project Manager</i>
Callum B	<i>Finance Director</i>
Harrison G	<i>Vice Finance Director</i>

