
Term 5 – 30rd April 2018

Mersham Primary School

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Some of you may have noticed that Paul Carter, leader of Kent County Council visited the school last Tuesday morning. The governors and I had invited him some while ago to visit the school to see the dreadful condition of the Year 5 and 6 mobile building and to persuade him that something urgent needs to be done. Whilst there were no promises, Paul agreed that the condition of the buildings was poor. At the school's expense, we have had a feasibility study drawn up to convert the existing hall space to two classrooms (for Years 5 and 6) and then build a larger hall on the back of the school. Paul was supportive of this idea but felt the estimated costs were too high. He has gone away to consider further options and I hope to be able to tell you more before the end of the year. Whilst this seems a long time away, the governors and I felt this was a very positive visit and a step closer to improving the current buildings for the benefit of all the children both now and in the future.

Mrs C Chalkley
Headteacher

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 1st May at 3:30pm in Year 6 and the Year 2 meeting will be on Thursday 3rd May at 3:30pm in Year 2. These will be held in the relevant classrooms.

PESE Meeting – Year 5 parents only

There will be a meeting for Year 5 parents only on Tuesday 12th June at 3:30pm to explain the Procedure for Entry to Secondary School (PESE) 2018. This will include information about the Kent test including important dates that you need to be aware of.

Pastoral Care – a message from Clare Palmer

Upcoming Events

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

Reading Award

Well done to Attenborough class (Year 1) who have won the reading award again this week with a total of 83% of children in the class reading three times or more during the week. This was closely followed by Kinney class (Year 3) with 82% and Hawking class (Year 5) with 80%.

I would like to introduce myself as Mersham's new member of staff responsible for Pastoral Care. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first few weeks at the school.

My working days are Tuesdays and Thursdays please feel free to contact me through the main office on those days. You can also contact me via my email, clare.palmer@mersham.kent.sch.uk. I will be seeing the children out after the school day by the main gate, please stop and say hello so I can start meeting you all.

I look forward to working alongside you all to guarantee the continued success of your children's education at Mersham Primary.

Mersham Monkeys

A reminder to all our parents with preschool children. Mersham Monkeys toddler group runs every Tuesday morning from 9-11 in our school hall. We offer a variety of toys/crafts/bikes/dressing up and lots more. Snacks and drinks are supplied for the children each week. We also enjoy singing and story time. Cost is £1 per adult plus child and 50p extra for each additional child. Tea and coffee are on offer for all the parents (sometimes even cake).

For more information please contact Clare Palmer (Pastoral Care) through the main office or via her email clare.palmer@mersham.kent.sch.uk. You can also check out our website for more information.

Class Assemblies for Terms 5 and 6

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

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| 10 th May : Ahlberg Class (Year 4) | 7 th June : Hawking Class (Year 5) |
| 14 th June : Churchill Class (Year 6) | 21 st June : Kinney class (Year 3) |
| 28 th June : Attenborough Class (Year1) | 5 th July : Donaldson Class (Year R) |
| 12 th July : Nightingale Class (Year 2) | |

Term Dates 2018-19

Term 1

Tuesday 4th September – Friday 19th October
Staff Development Day - Monday 3rd September

Term 2

Tuesday 30th October – Wednesday 19th December
Staff Development Day - Monday 29th October

Term 3

Thursday 3rd January – Thursday 14th February
Staff Development Day - Friday 15th February

Term 4

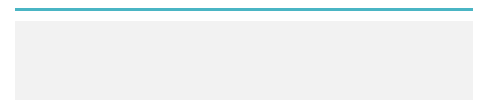
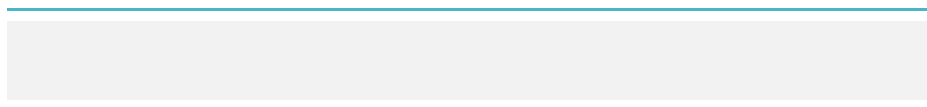
Monday 25th February – Friday 5th April

Term 5

Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 24th May
Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May

Term 6

Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July
Staff Training Days - Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July



Bird box and Bird Feeder Cameras – UPDATE there is a Blue Tit now sitting on her nest

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

Charity Bin: last month the Charity Bin donations raised around £162! This paid for the bean bags in the library, so school didn't have to spend the little budget they have on these lovely items that your children will benefit from. Please do keep your unwanted items coming –every little helps!

Tea towels: By popular demand we will be producing a school tea towel in the next few weeks. Your child will be asked to draw a self portrait and the image will be printed on a tea towel with the rest of the school. We may even get the teachers to draw themselves! The tea towels will cost £3.50 for one or you can get three for £10.

Friday 4th May: It's officially back!! The most fabulous **Ice Cream Friday!!** Also on this day is the next DVD & Second hand uniform sale...bring your £££!

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!

Many thanks to all those who are coming to this event! 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 come and find us in the playground – the next ticket 'selling' day is to be announced.

This event is being organized to help raise Funds for School – please do support it! Even if you can't come, then you can still 'buy' a horse for £5 and have a chance of bagging some winnings!



Friday 29th June: School Leavers Disco
