
Term 1 – 24th September 2018

Mersham Primary School

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You may remember that at the end of last term I let all parents know that we had a film maker in school putting together a promotional film to go on the school website. I am pleased to announce that it is now complete and I am thrilled with the final version. A big thank you to all the staff, pupils and Mrs Morgan for being willing to take part in the interviews. The link should be on the front page of the website this week.

Mrs C Chalkley
Headteacher

Updated policies

A number of our key policies have been updated in light of changes to Safeguarding guidance. This includes the following policies; Child Protection, Online Safety and Anti-bullying. They can all be found on the school website along with the updated DfE document, Keeping Children Safe in Education.

Drop off in the mornings

Please can I remind all parents that you should say your goodbyes and leave the playground promptly at the **first** bell at 8:50am and not wait until the children have gone into class. This is for safeguarding and health and safety reasons. Thank you.

Uniform

Please can I remind parents to ensure their children are wearing the correct uniform as per our website

<http://www.mersham.kent.sch.uk/uniform/> If you should have any financial difficulties with regards to purchasing the correct uniform, please do contact the office staff or Mrs Chalkley

Walk in Wednesday

The first Walk in Wednesday of the new academic year will take place next week on Wednesday 3rd October from 3:15-3:45pm. Can I please remind parents that they will need to leave promptly at 3:45pm to enable staff to attend our weekly staff meeting.

Upcoming Events

3 rd Oct	Walk in Wednesday
8th Oct	PTA AGM – 7pm at The Farriers
12 th Oct	Harvest - 9:45am
15 th Oct	Arts Week
19 th Oct	End of term 1
29 th Oct	Staff Training Day
30 th Oct	Start of term 2
31 st Oct	Walk in Wednesday
12 th Nov	Anti-bullying Week
12 th Nov	Parents Eve 5:00-7:30pm
13 th Nov	Parents Eve 3:30pm-6:00pm
22 nd Nov	Flu Vaccinations Yrs R-5
5 th Dec	Walk in Wednesday
10 th , 11 th	KS1 Performances
13 th Dec	all at 2:00pm
14 th Dec	Carol Service - 9:45am
14 th Dec	Pantomime
19 th Dec	End of Term 2

Reading Award

Well done to Kinney class (Year 3) who have won the reading award again this week with a total of 86% of children in the class reading three times or more during the week. This was closely followed by Hawking class (Year 5) with 82% and Churchill class (Year 6) with 81%.

PTA News & Updates

The PTA AGM is being held on Monday 8 October at the Farriers Arms, 7pm. All are welcome!

Second Hand Uniform sale – Friday 28 September in the playground after school

100 club – this is open to all and a great way to raise money for the school and win some back! Subscription is just £12 per year, with a draw each month, top prize is £20! Sign up via parentmail.

If you shop online, then make sure you sign up to www.easyfundraising.com – the UKs biggest charity shopping fundraising site. Just choose 'Mersham PTA' as your cause. So far this has raised £925!

Current Year 6 Parents only

Highworth Grammar School will be holding an Open Evening and Open Morning for prospective students and parents on Thursday 18 October 2018 – Open Evening and Friday 19 October – Open Morning)

Norton Knatchbull Open Morning/Evening

Open Evening - Wednesday 26th September, 6.00-8.00 pm – meet staff and students. Talks by the Headteacher at 6.15 and 7.15pm

Class Assemblies for Terms 1 and 2

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

11 th October : Attenborough class (Year 1)	18 th October : Donaldson class (Year R)
1 st November : Nightingale class (Year 2)	8 th November : Churchill class (Year 6)
15 th November : Hawking class (Year 5)	22 nd November : Kinney class (Year 3)
29 th November : Alhberg class (Year 4)	

Parent Volunteers

If any parents (or grandparents) have some time to spare and would be interested in volunteering at the school, please do let Miss Hanson or the office staff know. Miss Hanson will be able to provide you with further information about what volunteering involves. We are particularly looking for parents who would be able to listen to children read. For your information, our policy is that volunteers would not work in the same class as their children.

After School Club Update – Abigail Packham at Mersham Little Stars

Abigail has said that she has had a lot of interest from parents over the holiday regarding after school provision at the Village Hall which is really positive. However, she has asked me to pass on that unfortunately she has had to delay the opening of the after school club, but plans to run it from the end of October, from the start of Term 2. She will provide a further update as soon as possible including prices and the systems that will be put in place to collect children from Mersham. The club will run until 6pm Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

