
Term 1 – 4th September 2018

Mersham Primary School

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WELCOME BACK!

A very warm welcome back and I hope you have all had a lovely Summer break. I am sure many of you would have noticed the huge amount of work that Mr Grimsley has undertaken on the school grounds over the holidays. This has included painting fences and other outdoor buildings, cutting back plants and general weeding. I would like to thank him very much for all his hard work in improving the environment for all of the school community.

Mrs C Chalkley
Headteacher

Staffing announcements.

I would like to welcome Miss Natalie Elliott to the staff team – she will be teaching Year 4. As a newly qualified teacher, she is entitled to a day out of class for planning and preparation etc. We have appointed Mrs Elaine Keir (who is an experienced teacher who also teaches at one of the other CARE Foundation Schools) to teach the class on a Tuesday for this year only. I would therefore like to extend my welcome to her also.

Uniform

Please ensure that all uniform, as well as other belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. We always seem to have a huge amount of lost property and if items are clearly labelled, it makes it much easier to return them to the right person. Please also make sure that your child has a named PE kit in school.

Current Year 5 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)

Upcoming Events

6 th Sept	Kent Test
11/12 Sept	School photos
19 th Sept	PTA AGM – 7pm at The Farriers
12 th Oct	Harvest - 9:45am
19 th Oct	End of term 1
29 th Oct	Staff Training Day
30 th Oct	Start of term 2
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
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

Mersham Monkeys

Please note that Mersham Monkeys (mother and toddler group) will start next week - Tuesday 11th September at 9:00-11:00am, in the hall. Any parent who has a child under school age is welcome to come along.

Class Assemblies for Terms 1 and 2

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

11th October : Attenborough class (Year 1)

1st November : Nightingale class (Year 2)

15th November : Hawking class (Year 5)

18th October : Donaldson class (Year R)

8th November : Churchill class (Year 6)

22nd November : Kinney class (Year 3)

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.

Clubs

Information regarding clubs this year will be coming out to parents by the end of next week at the latest. We would appreciate your patience in the interim whilst we get things organised.

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.

