

Term 5 – 29th April 2019

Mersham Primary School

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You may have noticed that over the Easter holidays, the bell tower has been repaired and refurbished. As this is the key part of the school logo, we are all so pleased to see it looking at its best once again. The bell does work and we may well see if we can find a way to ring it again!



Mrs C Chalkley
Headteacher

Bird Box

The bird box camera is up and running and we have a nest in the box. Fingers crossed that this year some chicks will survive.

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

Drop off in the mornings

We are becoming increasingly aware that some parents are leaving their children on the playground prior to a member of staff arriving to supervise at 8:50am. Please note that this puts children at a health and safety risk as the school are not responsible until the time that a member of staff is on duty. Please can I ask that children are not left prior to 8:50am. Thank you for your support. Year R classroom will not be open in the mornings. Could parents of reception children please leave the playground when the bell rings. This will enable the reception staff to get the children in quickly ready to start their learning.

KS2 SATS Parents meeting

Mrs Chalkley and Mr Ives will be holding a meeting for parents of Year 6 children on Friday 3rd May, at 3:30pm in Churchill's classroom to discuss the process and approach to KS2 SATS.

Upcoming Events

30 th April	PTA Meeting 7pm The Farriers
1 st May	Walk in Wednesday
1 st May	Class Photos
3 rd May	KS2 SATS meeting – Yr 6 parents only
6 th May	Bank Holiday
Wk Beg	Year 6 SATS
13 th May	
24 th May	End of Term 5
3 rd June	Start of Term 6
13 th June	Cream Teas
13 th June	New Yr R New Entrants Meeting for parents
24 th June	Wellbeing Week
28 th June	Sports Day and Summer Fair
16/17 th Jul	Year 6 Production
19 th July	End of Term 6

Reading Award

Well done to Churchill and Ahlberg Class (Year 6 and Year 4) who have jointly won the reading award this week with a total of 88% of children in the class reading three times or more during the week. This was closely followed by Nightingale class (Year 2) with 67%.

Village Hall – Polling Station

Please note that the Village Hall is being used as a polling station on Thursday and therefore there maybe more cars parking in the village than usual, at drop off and pick up times.

School Uniform

We are noticing that an increasing number of children are wearing bottle green jumpers and cardigans. Whilst we appreciate these are more readily available from supermarkets, they are **not** the correct school uniform colour and as such lessen the impact of our distinctive green cardigans and jumpers – this is particularly relevant when the children are representing the school offsite. The only exception to this are the bottle green fleeces that are embroidered with the school logo that are available from our suppliers. I would very much appreciate it if parents would ensure the correct uniform is worn.

Sex and Relationships Education (SRE) Presentations to Parents

Thank you to all those of you who returned slips requesting more information about SRE teaching across the school. We will be running two information sessions for parents who would like to know more:

Thursday 23rd May at 3:30pm and Friday 24th May at 9:05am. Both presentations will be in the hall.

Walk in Wednesday

Walk in Wednesday will be in Wednesday 1st May. Please can I remind parents to collect their children as normal and then go round to the classroom avoiding going through the Reception outside area.

Sporting News – Year 5/6 Rounders

Year 5 and 6 Rounders took place on Thursday 25th April. The children were excited to compete even though the weather was cold! After some quick warm activities, we were ready to play. The children played against 2 other schools taking it in turns to bat and bowl. The games were rapid with only 12 minutes for each innings. There was lots of support from our Mersham team, who played with great sportmanship. Mersham were placed 2nd in their group - there were no overall winners as 18 schools competed at this event. Well done to all the children for trying their best and being so kind and supportive to each other. Thank you to the chilly parents who gave their support! Mr Ives

Class Assemblies for Terms 5 and 6

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

23rd May : Hawking class (Year 5)

13th June : Ahlberg class (Year 4)

27th June : Kinney class (Year 3)

18th July : Donaldson class (Year R)

6th June : Attenborough class (Year 1)

20th June : Churchill class (Year 6)

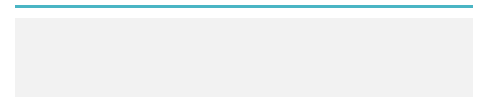
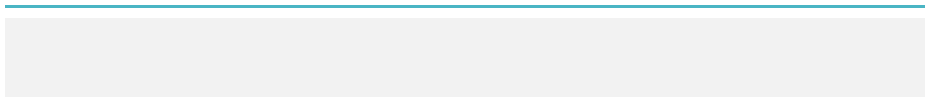
11th July : Nightingale class (Year 2)

Uniform

Please can I put a general reminder about school uniform as it has been noticed that a number of children are not wearing correct clothing or appropriate school shoes. Please check the website if you are unsure. If any of the girls would prefer to wear shorts beneath their skirts, please ensure they cannot be seen below the hemline. Thank you for your support.

REMINDER – CLASS PHOTOS ON WEDNESDAY MAY 1ST.

Please make sure your children are in correct school uniform



Term Dates 2019-20

We have (along with some other schools in the CARE Foundation Trust) made the decision to adjust our term dates next year to allow for a longer holiday in May. Please note that this is for ONE YEAR ONLY and will not necessarily occur in future years. I am aware that this will probably suit some families but perhaps not all, however it has been agreed we will trial it on this occasion.

Term 1

Tuesday 3rd September – Friday 18th October
Staff Development Day - Monday 2nd September

Term 2

Monday 28th October – Friday 20th December

Term 3

Monday 6th January – Thursday 13th February
Staff Development Day - Friday 14th February

Term 4

Monday 24th February – Tuesday 31st March
Staff Development Day - Wednesday 1st April

Term 5

Thursday 16th April – Friday 22nd May
Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May

Term 6

Monday 8th June – Thursday 23rd July
Staff Development Days – Thursday 4th and Friday 5th June

PTA News & Updates

Second hand uniform – please continue to leave donations in the office. Items for sale can be seen in albums on the PTA Facebook page, new items will continue to be added.

Summer Fair – Friday 28 June

If anybody is able to help set up, run a stall or clear up after the Fair, we are really keen to hear from you and would appreciate any help people can offer! It is a really great afternoon, and our biggest fundraising event of the year. The raffle prizes have begun to be announced on the PTA Facebook page, many more to come!

PTA meeting – Tuesday 30 April

7:30pm at the Farriers, all welcome.

Ice cream Fridays commence this week – fingers crossed for lots of sunny Fridays!

SAVE THE DATE- Cream Teas Thursday 13th June.

