
Term 6 – 8th June 2020

Mersham Primary School

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Welcome back to Term Six! I hope that you have had an enjoyable half term and have been able to make the most of the (largely) wonderful weather. This is usually a very busy term, full of school events and activities and so the current climate feels rather surreal. Whether your child is learning at home or in school, we will try to plan some fun activities for you all to enjoy.

Today we have enjoyed welcoming many more pupils back to school from Year Six and look forward to welcoming some children from Year One on Wednesday. We are also continuing to provide childcare for key worker parents in other year groups.

Our teachers have been busy preparing home learning for the coming term, which you will have already received by Parentmail. Teachers of those children learning at home will continue to support learning this term. However, please be aware that nearly all staff are now back and working full time within 'pods' in school. This will mean that opportunities for instant feedback and phone calls will be limited. Please be assured that they will continue to support you as much as they can.

If you have particular pastoral/wellbeing concerns I know that Miss Wheeler would be very happy to hear from you and can provide support and resources as needed. Her email address is: lindsay.wheeler@mersham.kent.sch.uk.

In the meantime, if there is anything at all that is concerning you, please do feel free to contact either your class teacher or me directly – we are here to help if we can.

Miss S Hanson
Deputy Headteacher

Online Safety

This week's guide from National Online Safety is about **Instagram**. This is becoming a very popular app with children at the higher end of the school and there are some useful tips for parents on supporting children with staying safe.

Childcare for Key Workers

If your circumstances should change as things continue and you believe you may be eligible for childcare at the school to enable you to go to work, please contact Mrs Chalkley via her email, for further information.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator (SENDCo)

We would like to welcome back Mrs Wilson from her maternity leave. She will now continue her role as SENDCo and will be in school on Wednesdays. I would like to thank Miss Crockford for all her hard work over seeing the role during Mrs Wilson's absence.

Mersham Little Stars

Mersham Little Stars will be open 5 days a week from September 2020. We are considering opening from 8-4pm if we get enough parents interested!

If you would like to apply for a place for your child please download an application form from the website or alternatively email mershamlittlestars@gmail.com and we will send you an application form. We are registered for children aged 2-4 and offer the FF2,30 hours free funding and the universal funding. Fully funded sessions are available.

Year 5: Kent Test 11+ and Secondary School Admissions

We realise that many parents will be anxious about how secondary school applications and admissions will work in the current climate. Unfortunately we have no more information for you. We are awaiting Kent's decision regarding arrangements for the Kent Test.

The application window is now open and will close on the 1st July. You must apply to sit the test through their portal if you are considering the test for your child. Kent will not accept any applications after 1st July.

<https://kent.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/Synergy/Parents/default.aspx>

As soon as we have any further information we will be in touch. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

