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Term 2 – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

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# Mersham Primary School

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**I would like to thank everyone for their support this week – it has been a challenging one for us all! As I have said to many of you, I think we all knew that having to close classes at some point was inevitable, it was just a question of when! Having said that, the fact that day finally arrived was still a shock for us all and it is taking everyone a couple of days to adjust and come to terms with the idea of having to home school again for a couple of weeks. Google Classroom is now up and running but again I anticipate some teething problems – please do contact the class teacher if you need any assistance. Please also bear with the class teachers – they are still learning too! Thank you again to you all.**

**Cheryl Chalkley  
Headteacher**

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## School Dinners

Following a meeting with KCC, I am pleased to be able to say that we are going to be able to provide better hot school meals moving forwards. Caterlink are now able to source take away tubs that are suitable to go in the dishwasher, that a meal can be served in and transported safely to classrooms. Cutlery will also be delivered to classrooms. We will remain with 3 hot dinners and 2 cold dinners for the rest of this term with the plan to go to hot meals 5 days a week from January, assuming all goes well. The menu for the rest of this term is attached – children will have a choice every day (starting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December) so it would be helpful if you could go through the menu with them so that they can tell the class teacher at registration what they would prefer. There are two hot choices (one being vegetarian) and a choice of a pudding or fruit. Fruit will now be a selection of prepared fruit rather than a piece of fruit. We also now hope to include Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – more details regarding this will follow.

## Non Uniform Day for Years 1, 3 and 5 – donations for the chocolate tombola

Because Years 1, 3 and 5 have not been in school for the non-uniform day, we will now have one especially for those year groups only on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Members of the PTA will be on the gate that morning to collect the chocolate donations so that they can be quarantined and then divided up between the classes for each class tombola. As many classes have PE that day,



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## Upcoming Events

24th Nov	Flu Vaccinations (all Year groups)
27th Nov	Non-uniform day – Class chocolate Tombola
9th Dec	Non-uniform day – Class chocolate Tombola – Yrs 1, 3 and 5 only
11th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
17th Dec	End of Term 2
18th Dec	Staff Training Day
4th Jan	Staff Training Day
5th Jan	Start of Term 3

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they will not be expected to come in PE kit but please can you ensure that children are wearing suitable footwear for a PE lesson.

### **Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Jumper Day will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December in return for a donation for a £2 donation for Save the Children. Children can wear a Christmas Jumper/top with their usual school trousers/skirt etc.

### **Christmas Cards**

Many children will want to write Christmas cards for their friends and bring them in – with all the restrictions in place, we have agreed as a staff to adapt this slightly this year. Children can bring in cards from the beginning of December for their class only. They will be posted in a post box in each classroom. The post box will be 'sealed' two days before the end of term to enable all the cards to be quarantined sufficiently before being distributed altogether at the end of term.

### **Christingle Service at Mersham Church – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Please see flyer attached from Rev Denyer about the Christingle Service at Mersham Church.

### **2020 Affordable Refurbished Bicycle sales**

Just to let you know that there is one remaining Affordable Refurbished Bicycle sales in 2020 at Goldwyn School (TN23 3BT) are:

- Saturday 5th December, 10-1

We will continue to keep our hygiene and social distancing procedures in place.

### **PTA News and Updates**

A flyer for Christmas events at Mersham Primary in 2020. The background is dark green with several colorful Christmas ornaments (yellow, red, and white) hanging from the top right. The text is white and red. The title is in red. The main text is in white. The list of events is in red. The closing text is in white.

**Christmas Events at Mersham Primary 2020!**

This year we're having to do things a little differently. Sadly there will be no Christmas Fair or many of the lovely things we usually organise to help have a fun Christmas term, and raise funds for school. However, between the PTA & Staff we have arranged the following, and hope that you will support us in spending a bit of your hard earned cash to cover the costs and fundraise a little bit. We will be organising the following, and it will be a combined cost of £10 per child to be split over 2 payments:

- Elf visit via video** - Classes will watch a video from Santa's Elves, & each child will receive a present!
- Chocolate Tombola** - Each child will be able to win an item of chocolate (or Free From alternative) from Non-Uniform donations.
- Virtual Pantomime** - Oh yes we are!!!!
- Goodie Bag** - To take away at the end of the panto
- Selection Box** (or Free From alternative)
- Christmas Jumper Day** - In aid of Save The Children on 11th Dec. £2 donation.
- Class Parties!** - Teachers will be in touch about what to bring!
- Christmas Raffle!** - Tickets will be on sale at drop off & pick up. £1 per ticket.

Thanks for your continued support - more information to come... PTA x

