



Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of another busy week at school and we must say thank you to lots of different people.

It is so nice to have our Foundation Children in every day now and our school feels as it should be...every class full of children. It was great to see and meet so many parents, both those familiar with our school and those new to our school, at the coffee morning today.

I know the 'Induction' into school can be very tricky for many parents as 'drop off' and 'pick up' times are so varied so a big thank you to you all for making arrangements.

Thank you also to all the KS1 parents who attended the Information Evening last night. It was so lovely that many of you attended and heard useful information about your child's learning this year. Please do fill in the Evaluation Form - your constructive feedback is always helpful and useful. Finally thank you to all the staff for their hard work in preparing these information evenings.

Have a lovely weekend.

S. Rainford

INFORMATION EVENINGS

Foundation Stage - Thursday 21st September, 7pm - Information regarding READING BOOKS, day to day learning, activities and ways to help at home. **FOR PARENTS ONLY.**

OPEN MORNING 19th OCTOBER 2017

Open Morning (not suitable for young children) on Thursday, 19th October at 9.00am, for **parents of children due to start school in September 2018**. Refreshments will be served from 9.00am. Walk around our school, enjoy a presentation by the Head Teacher and see the children working in the classrooms. For further information, please contact the school office on 01277 215626

Parent/Teacher Consultations

17th & 19th October

We use a system called **Parents Evening on ParentMail** to enable you to book your own Parent/Teacher Consultation meeting in October. Next week, we will send you instructions on how this system works and the date from which you can make your bookings.

REPORTING PUPIL'S ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school, please telephone and leave a message on our answering machine by 10.00am. Please state your child's full name, class number and what is wrong with them. This should be done every day of the child's absence. Please remember to write a letter upon their return to school. If you wish to speak to a member of the office staff regarding your child's absence, please note that the school office is open from 8.30am to 4.00pm.

Well Done to St. Francis' House for being the first winner this term

House	This Weeks Points	Accumulative Points
St. Bernadette	84	84
St. Clare	74	74
St. Francis	87	87
St. Martin	79	79

Attendance League Table

Remember the class with the greatest attendance will be rewarded.

Class	%
4	99.17
9	99.14
6	98.75
7	98.71
8	97.63
5	89.66

KITCHEN CORNER
Monday 18th September
Menu Week 3

Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust — S W - Immunisation

They have received a number of query's from parents regarding the age of children who are eligible for flu vaccine as part of the routine childhood flu programme. All children in Essex in Foundation Stage to Year 6 are eligible to receive a flu vaccine through the national childhood flu programme as Essex is a former pilot site. The immunisation programme is taking place on Thursday 2nd November during the school day. The consent forms will be sent out soon.

Car Park Permits for St. Helen's Infant & Junior Schools

The Car Park Permits for this academic year are now available from the School Office at a cost of £25.00 for the year or £10 per term. **These must be purchased by Friday 21st September 2017.**

Spot checks will take place on a regular basis to ensure only parents with permits are using the facilities. The money received will go directly to the upkeep of the Car Park.

The permits can be purchased in person, by cash or cheque (made payable to St. Helen's Catholic Infant School) from the Infant School Office or you can send in the correct money or a cheque in your child's book bag to the either the Infant or Junior School Offices and then your permit will be returned via your child's bookbag.

IF YOU WISH TO USE THE CAR PARK YOU MUST HAVE A VALID PARKING PERMIT

Late Arrivals

There were late arrivals this week. Please remember that the doors open 8.45a.m and anyone that arrives after 9.00a.m. is officially late.

Year 2

Thank you to all the parents who attended last night's information evening and for completing the questionnaires.

ENGLISH - The children have been learning about putting words into alphabetical order. Also the children have been exploring rhyming words and putting them into a poem including describing words.

MATHS - Year 2 have been revising making numbers to 99 using Dienes by separating the Tens and Ones. They then wrote the number in their book using the headings T (for Tens) and Ones.

e.g. T Ones
 2 7
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SCIENCE - We have started the topic of Materials and investigated the properties of man-made objects, such as rough, smooth, transparent and strong.

Year 2 After School Clubs - We are preparing the lists for clubs and details of which club your child has been allocated will be sent out early next week.

Year 1

Each week Year 1 will have a Shape of the Week and a Number of the Week to focus on. Please support your child by looking out for examples around their environment and discussing them.

Shape of the Week - Square (a 2d shape)

Number of the week - 5

SCIENCE - Each week we will be researching one of the 5 senses. This week will be the sense of sight. Perhaps you could find an item with Braille on it, such as on medication packaging or on Co-op food packaging.



Homework - As in Foundation Stage, the children will be allocated one book to read on Bug Club and should be encouraged to frequently access Mathematics. Spelling books and Homework Wallets have also been given out.

HOMEWORK FOR YEARS 1 & 2

As explained at the Information Evenings, your child's homework wallet will be given out each Friday and will contain an activity that needs to be completed and returned to class by the following Thursday.

Thank you for your support this week with your child's homework.

DIARY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2017 - 2018

21 Sep	Thurs	7p.m.	Foundation Stage Information Evening	Foundation Stage	NO CHILDREN
25 Sep	Mon	1p.m.	Class 7 - Brentwood Walk	Class 7	Parents /Carers of Class 7
26 Sep	Tues	1p.m.	Class 8 - Brentwood Walk	Class 8	Parents/Carers of Class 8
27 Sep	Weds	1.p.m.	Class 9 - Brentwood Walk	Class 9	Parents/Carers of Class 9
6 Oct	Fri	During School Day	St. Francis House Celebration	St. Francis House	For children in St. Francis House. Children can wear 'Yellow' ribbon.
17 Oct	Tue	4p.m - 6.30p.m	Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings - you will only attend one evening either 17th or 19th October.	All Years	NO CHILDREN
19 Oct	Thurs	9.15a.m for 9.30a.m start	Open Morning Prospective Sep'18 parents	Prospective Sep'18 parents	Parents of children due to start school in September 2018
19 Oct	Thurs	4p.m - 6.30p.m	Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings - you will only attend one evening either 17th or 19th October.	All Years	NO CHILDREN
20 Oct	Fri	During School Day	St. Helen's Day Celebration	All Years	All Children can wear Red and Green Ribbons
AUTUMN HALF TERM - Mon 23rd Oct to Fri 27th Oct (inclusive)					
30 Oct	Mon	Open at 8.45a.m	Children Return to School	All Years	ALL YEARS