



# Newsletter

21st April 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter holiday. It was nice to see all the children coming into school so happily on Wednesday morning. It will be a very busy term with lots of Assessments so please ensure your child is in school every day, well on time and with their book bag.

Brentwood Diocese Centenary - Many of you will be aware that our diocese celebrates its centenary this year. Here in school we will be talking to the children and completing interesting activities about the diocese. In readiness Miss. Ayling has painted the diocesan crest on our entrance door - keep your eye out for more!

Car Park - I have removed the cones from the Car park - so many were battered and bruised!! We have painted some luminous arrows on the surface indicating to keep left on both the way in and the way out. Please don't forget to continue to park down the sides first and only come up to the middle once the sides and the bottom end are full. There is also a line indicating where the middle lines should start.

Please do remember that all children need their school jumper/cardigan every day **WHATEVER** the weather and they should also bring their blazer/coat. Girls can now wear summer dresses, however they must wear **WHITE** socks. Boys can wear shorts but then must wear a polo shirt with the school logo. We have just had a delivery of summer uniform so feel free to order what you need. Children should have a cap for school and again it should be the royal blue school cap, again available at the School office. Many thanks to all the Year 1 parents who gave up their time to attend the Year 1 trip to South Weald yesterday. It was a great success. Thank you also to the Year 1 team for all their hard work in preparing such a lovely day for the children.

*S. Rainford.*

**SCHOOL WEBSITE** - We are pleased to inform you that we have a new website [www.st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk](http://www.st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk). Over the next few weeks, we will be adding lots of information including photos and videos.

All the items listed are essential except the Blazer which is optional. If you want your child to wear a blazer please purchase a school badge to sew on the blazer pocket. We have the school polo shirts, summer dresses, baseball caps, reversible jackets in stock in the office as well as our usual supply of jumpers, cardigans and other items.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM - COMPULSORY AFTER MAY HALF TERM**

| BOYS   | GIRLS  |
|--|--|
| Short Grey Trousers                            | Blue/White <b>Striped</b> Dress                      |
| White Polo Shirt with School Logo              |  |
| Grey Socks                                     | White Socks  |
| Black Shoes                                    | Black/White Shoes <b>no</b> sling backs or open toes |
| Reversible Jacket or Summer Coat Dark coloured | Reversible Jacket or Summer Coat Dark coloured       |
| Sun Cap with School Logo                       | Sun Cap with School Logo                             |
| Blazer - NAVY ONLY - Optional                  | Blazer - NAVY ONLY - Optional                        |
| School Badge for Blazer                        | School Badge for Blazer                              |

**KITCHEN CORNER**

Monday 24th April  
Menu Week 2

**Attendance League Table  
Summer Term**

Remember the class with the greatest attendance will be rewarded at the end of term.

| Class   | %      |
|---------|--------|
| 8       | 100.00 |
| 6       | 98.33  |
| 3       | 98.28  |
| 1,4 & 7 | 96.67  |
| 2       | 96.61  |
| 5       | 93.33  |
| 9       | 93.97  |

**Late Arrivals**

There were **15** late arrivals this week. Please remember that the doors open at 8.45a.m. **every** morning.

As you are aware, we will be serving the new School Lunch menus now. Orders for school lunches are placed with our suppliers a week in advance and are based on the menu forms that you have completed for your child.

In order to control the amount of wastage and the associated cost of that wastage, we will be introducing the following rules after the Easter Holidays.

1. If you have chosen a packed lunch for your child and your child does not come to school with that packed lunch, we will contact you to bring in a lunch for your child. **NO School Lunch can be provided.**
2. If you have chosen a school lunch for your child but your child has brought a packed lunch instead, **your child will be given the school lunch you have chosen** and will take the packed lunch home.
3. If you wish to make any changes to your child's school lunch menus, you can do so by completing the correct form which is available from the school office. **However, you will need to give a week's notice in advance of any changes taking place.**

**WANTED** - Any spare second hand summer uniform, dresses or white polo shirts which your child has grown out of would be much appreciated. Please bring any items to the school office. Thank you

**P.E. STARS OF THE WEEK**

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Lulu Catling    | Class 7 |
| Theo Racon      | Class 8 |
| RoseMarie Abdel | Class 9 |

**Van Cols Photos** - Hopefully, everyone got their photos yesterday and are happy with their order. Please come to the school office if you didn't receive a class photo which you paid for as we have several in the office with no names!

Well Done to **St. Martin's House** for being the winners this week.

| House             | This Weeks Points | Accumulative Points this Summer Term |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|
| St. Bernadette    | 67                | 67                                   |
| St. Clare         | 62                | 62                                   |
| St. Francis       | 63                | 63                                   |
| <b>St. Martin</b> | <b>***74***</b>   | 74                                   |

## YEAR 2

**\*\*CLASS TRIP\*\*** - Year 2 will be visiting Brentwood Library. During their visit, Class 7 - 19th June, Class 8 - 20th June and Class 9 - 22nd June, the children will be shown the variety of resources that they can borrow. If they have their **own Essex library card** (this is free), they will be able to choose and scan out a book of their choice to bring home.

**MATHS** - Year 2 have been finding missing numbers. Many of them have used their knowledge that addition is the inverse (opposite) of subtraction to solve problems by getting the missing number to the end of a calculation, it is much easier to solve. We have also been teaching them that...

e.g.  $38 + \square = 40$       They know the inverse is  $40 - 38 = \square$

By solving this subtraction calculation, they can find the missing number.



### **HOMEWORK**

**Bug Club** - Enjoy reading this week's Bug Club e-book and spending your rewards!

**Times Table** - The Times Tables Challenge is the 3 times table. For the 3x table we learn from  $0 \times 3$  up to  $12 \times 3$  and  $3 \times 0$  to  $3 \times 12$ .

**Mathletics**— Your homework is set up and ready to go. Have fun!

Year 2 After School Clubs start next week from Tuesday 25th April from 3.20pm to 4.15pm. **NB.** All children must be picked up promptly at 4.15p.m.

Please return your Payment, booking form and home time arrangements form as soon as possible.

There are still places available for Multi Skills and Karate clubs. If your child would like to do one of these (even if they are already doing another club), please contact the school office as soon as possible.

## YEAR 1

We had a wonderful time being Plant detectives at South Weald on Thursday. We spotted different trees, collected leaves, twigs and flowers which we used to make a work of art and learnt about how seeds are dispersed. The weather was just perfect so we didn't get too hot or too cold and were able to enjoy a picnic lunch together. Thank you to all those who helped to make it a success.

See if you can spot bluebells, sycamore trees, oak trees, sweet chestnut trees, horse chestnut trees and silver birch trees while you are out and about.



## FOUNDATION STAGE

**R.E.:** In our R.E. sessions we pray in many different ways. The children love to make up their own prayers of thanks, sorry or please prayers. We also practise saying the special prayers: 'Our Father' and 'Hail Mary'. Please practise these together at home too.

**MATHS:** We have been practically adding two quantities and recording the results this week. Please send in any you do at home and the children will be given stickers. Please practise writing numbers to 20 using the correct formation.

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

**LITERACY CHALLENGE:** What words can you make out of these letters?

a c b i s o t p

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| Date & Time   |       |                 | Event                     | Details   |   |
|---|-------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------|---|
| 26 Apr  | Wed   | 2.55p.m         | Class 1 Assembly          | Class 1   | Parents of Class 1  |
| 1 May   | Mon   | All Day         | BANK HOLIDAY              | All Years | School Closed   |
| 3 May   | Wed   | 2.55p.m         | Class 2 Assembly          | Class 2   | Parents of Class 2  |
| 4 May   | Thurs | 3.30pm – 3.45pm | Book Look                 | All Years | Please make an appointment  |
| 5 May   | Fri   | 9.00am          | 'Drop Off, Drop In'       | All Years | All Parents/Grandparents welcome  |
| 10 May  | Wed   | 2.55p.m         | Class 3 Assembly          | Class 3   | Parents of Class 3  |
| <b>SUMMER HALF TERM - Mon 29<sup>th</sup> May to Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jun (inclusive)</b> |       |                 |                           |           |   |
| 5 Jun   | Mon   | All Day         | INSET DAY                 | All Years | School Closed to Children   |
| 6 Jun   | Tue   | Open at 8.45a.m | Children Return to School | All Years | ALL YEARS   |
| 8 Jun   | Thurs | 3.30pm – 3.45pm | Book Look                 | All Years | Please make an appointment  |
| 8 Jun   | Thurs | 7.30p.m         | New Parents Evening       |           | Meeting for parents of children (starting school in Sep 2017) who have been offered a place.<br><b>NO CHILDREN.</b> |
| 9 Jun   | Fri   | 9.00a.m         | 'Drop Off, Drop In'       | All Years | All Parents/Grandparents welcome  |