



Dear Parents,

Welcome back. It is good to see you all again. I hope you have had a great holiday and enjoyed time together. A very Happy New Year to you all.

During this term, we will warmly welcome parents to attend their child's class assembly. The assemblies take place on Wednesday afternoon at 2.55pm. Doors will open at 2.45p.m. The assembly will finish in time for the usual end of school day pick up arrangements. Family members are most welcome at the assembly but we just ask that any pre-school children you bring remain quiet, in order for each child in the assembly to be 'heard'. I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming weeks. Diary dates to the Easter holidays including the assemblies are listed overleaf.

Please Note - children remain in school after class assemblies and Easter assemblies until normal close of day - 3.20p.m.

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Year 2 to Year 3 Admissions - Sept 2018

As you are aware, all Year 2 children who wish to transfer to the Junior School in September must apply to their local authority. The closing date is Monday 15th January 2018. For Essex County Council this is a paper form only.

In addition, you must also complete a JUNIOR school Supplementary Information Form which must be returned to the Junior School.

N.B. If you do not apply to your local authority by 15th January 2018 then the Junior school cannot process the application.

Nativity DVDs and Photo CD's

We have a few Nativity DVD's and CD photos left over in each year group. If you would like to purchase one please come to the office as soon as possible. Cost £5.00 and £2.00

Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings

Tuesday 6th February & Thursday 8th February
4pm to 6.30pm.

You will be able to book your appointment using the Parents Evening Manager module on Parentmail from 8.00am on Wednesday 10th January.

September 2018 Admissions

If your child is due to start the Infant school in September 2018, your application to Essex County Council (either by post or online) This **MUST** be done **by Monday 15th January 2018**. Please also send in your Supplementary Information Form to the school office as soon as possible.

Car Park Permits

If you buy a Termly car park permit, the permit for this Spring term is now available from the school office. Cost £10.

Please ensure that you clearly display your Car Park permit at all times - regular checks will take place.

KITCHEN CORNER

Monday 8th January - Menu Week 3

Attendance/Late Arrival

It is very important that your child arrives at school on time every day. The school doors open at 8.45am. and lessons begin at 9.00am. prompt. Any child attending after 9.00am will be marked late in the register. Late arrival is disruptive to the rest of the class and embarrassing for your child.

YEAR 2

ENGLISH - The children have been applying their skills such as using conjunctions, adjectives and time words to write a recount of their Christmas holidays.

MATHS - The children will need to answer questions on the 5 times table in their Times Table Challenge next week. Please practise at home.

My Times Tables	
2 times table	5 times table
2 x 1 = 2	5 x 1 = 5
2 x 2 = 4	5 x 2 = 10
2 x 3 = 6	5 x 3 = 15
2 x 4 = 8	5 x 4 = 20
2 x 5 = 10	5 x 5 = 25
2 x 6 = 12	5 x 6 = 30
2 x 7 = 14	5 x 7 = 35
2 x 8 = 16	5 x 8 = 40
2 x 9 = 18	5 x 9 = 45
2 x 10 = 20	5 x 10 = 50
2 x 11 = 22	5 x 11 = 55
2 x 12 = 24	5 x 12 = 60

A Date for your Diary - please keep free the afternoon of Thursday 15th March as we would like to invite you to an afternoon of topic based activities with your child. One adult per child only please and no younger siblings.

YEAR 1

The children have been given a colour photocopy of the sounds they are learning or revising in phonics. It would really help your child's spelling ability and reading fluency, if you could encourage them to practise saying the sounds, using the mat to spell words or identifying the sounds within words in their reading books. Thank you for your support.

DIARY DATES - Wednesday 18th April - Day trip to Weald Park
Wednesday 20th June - Activity Afternoon

Please put these dates in your diary in readiness to participate in our fun activities. More details to follow.



PLEASE FIND ATTACHED EITHER FOUNDATION STAGE, YEAR 1 OR YEAR 2 CURRICULUM SUMMARIES TO SEE WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE LEARNING THIS TERM

FOUNDATION STAGE

Literacy - This week the children will be returning to the phonics programme in school and will be focussing on digraphs- where two letters make one sound. They are also working on blending the sounds to make words - this is a key skill for progression in reading. In writing they will be practising these sounds and words too.

Mathematics - In maths the focus will be on reciting numbers to 20 and for some children we will be moving on to 100. The children will also look at counting numbers backwards from ten to zero. There are lots of songs and rhymes on YouTube that can help with these skills.

Topic - The children will start their topic about the Polar Regions and winter. They will be looking at and experimenting with ice and how it melts. In the next few weeks we will begin to use films to encourage writing and discussion. We will be starting with Frozen and will have sent you a ParentMail yesterday to ensure you are happy for your child to watch scenes from the film.



Dates for your diary - Please don't forget to sign for the mystery guest spot. The new appointment system is in the office so don't be shy; this has been such a valuable experience for the children. You can come and talk to the three foundation stage classes on a Wednesday about your work, hobby or read a favourite picture book.

ALL YEAR GROUPS

All P.E. Bags must be in school on Monday 8th January with full P.E. kit including tracksuit and trainers (with velcro if possible). Please label all items clearly.

Could you please make sure all girls have a pair of socks in their PE bags for outdoor games.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2018

<u>Date & Time</u>		<u>Event</u>		<u>Details</u>	
17 Jan	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 9 Assembly	Class 9	Parents of Class 9
24 Jan	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 5 Assembly	Class 5	Parents of Class 5
31 Jan	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 3 Assembly	Class 3	Parents of Class 3
1 Feb	Thurs	3.20pm – 3.35pm	Book Look	All Years	Parents/Carers All Years
2 Feb	Fri	8.45am – 9.30am	Drop Off, Drop In	All Years	Parents/Carers All Years
6 Feb	Tue	4p.m to 6.30p.m	Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings - you will only attend one evening either 6 th or 8 th Feb.	All Years	NO CHILDREN
8 Feb	Thurs	4p.m to 6.30p.m	Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings - you will only attend one evening either 6 th or 8 th Feb.	All Years	NO CHILDREN
9 Feb	Fri	During School Day	St. Bernadette House Celebration	St. Bernadette House	For children in St. Bernadette House. Children can wear 'Blue' ribbon.
SPRING HALF TERM - Mon 12th Feb to Fri 16th Feb (inclusive)					
19 Feb	Mon	Open at 8.45a.m.	Children Return to School	All Years	ALL YEARS
21 Feb	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 8 Assembly	Class 8	Parents of Class 8
28 Feb	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 6 Assembly	Class 6	Parents of Class 6
1 Mar	Thurs	3.20pm – 3.35pm	Book Look	All Years	Parents/Carers All Years
2 Mar	Fri	8.45am – 9.30am	Drop Off, Drop In	All Years	Parents/Carers All Years
5 Mar	Mon	During School Day	School Photographer	All Years	ALL YEARS
7 Mar	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 2 Assembly	Class 2	Parents of Class 2
14 Mar	Wed	2.55p.m	Class 7 Assembly	Class 7	Parents of Class 7
15 Mar	Thurs	Afternoon TBA	Year 2 Afternoon Activities	All Year 2	One parent/carer for each child only
26 Mar	Mon	9.30a.m (prompt)	Easter Assembly - Palm Sunday	Classes 1,2 & 3	Parents of Classes 1,2 & 3. Children DO NOT finish early.
27 Mar	Tue	9.30a.m (prompt)	Easter Assembly - Maundy Thursday	Classes 4 & 9	Parents of Classes 4 & 9. Children DO NOT finish early.
28 Mar	Wed	9.30a.m (prompt)	Easter Assembly - Good Friday	Classes 5 & 7	Parents of Classes 5 & 7. Children DO NOT finish early.
29 Mar	Thurs	9.30am (prompt)	Easter Assembly - Easter Sunday	Classes 6 & 8	Parents of Classes 6 & 8. Children DO NOT finish early.
29 Mar	Thurs	10.45a.m	Easter Bonnet Parade & Easter Raffle	All Years	Children will need an Easter Bonnet from home. For Children ONLY. SCHOOL CLOSSES AT NORMAL TIME 3.20p.m

EASTER HOLIDAYS - Fri 30 Mar to Mon 16th Apr (inclusive)