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Dear Parents,

Welcome Back

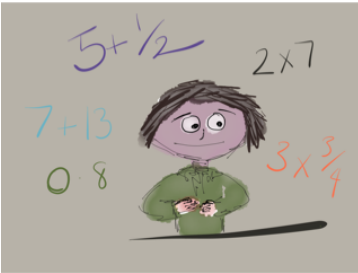
Welcome back to the Autumn term. It has been lovely to see the children settle so quickly into their new classes and immediately begin to work hard. The new reception children have enjoyed their half days and are quickly becoming members of our whole school community. Please remember that we have an open door policy and if you have any questions or concerns, you can speak to your child's teacher or to the school office or to a member of the leadership team either in person, by phone or by email.

Clubs

Clubs start on Monday **except Gym and Cheerleading which will start on Monday 19th**. Sports Xtra details have already been sent out. Michael Richardson club details to follow shortly. **Please note that Gardening Club is for Y3-6 but is now full.**

Targets

Here are our new school targets for the year. All children will be working on these targets and they will be displayed around the school. Please ask your children about them if they come home with a certificate or a sticker relating to these targets.



I'm making improvements in my Speedy maths



I always try to achieve my very best.



I show respect to others.



I challenge myself with new vocabulary.

Mrs Rogers

I am really sad to say that after seventeen years of dedicated work for the school, Mrs Rogers in the School Office will be leaving and her last day will Friday 16th September. We wish her all the best as she moves onto new things. I know how much some of you have valued her support and if anyone would like to contribute to her leaving collection, please send it into school in a named envelope via your child's teacher or Mrs Golding.

Contacting the Chair of Governors

If you wish to contact the Chair of the Board of Governors please use one of the following options:

By email chair@dsmpprimary.essex.sch.uk

By phone via the school office who will pass your request on and you will be called back

By post to the school office labelled Chair of Governors c/o Clerk to the Governors

Class Assemblies

These start again in Key Stage 2 on 30th September. If you would like to come to your child's assembly please come to school at 10.40am or 2.40pm and sign in at the school office. The assembly will last 15 minutes.

21st September 10.45am 6BH

28th September 10.45am 5LO

5th October 10.45am 4KE/RK

12th October 10.45am 3AM/NR

13th October 2.45pm 2LH

19th October 10.45am 6JM

20th October 2.45pm 2NT

PE Kit

Please make sure that your child has a PE kit in school as we do not have enough spare kit to lend everyone. All new PE t shirts that are purchased are now jade but white ones can still be worn if they are still in good condition.

Parking

For any new parents to the school, please make sure that you do not park, or drop off children on the yellow lines outside school. This is for the safety of our children. A parking permit application for Chequers Lane car park can be obtained from the school office. Please note the change of times – Monday to Friday 8.30am-9.15am and **3.00pm-3.45pm**.

Please do not use the driveway to pick up and drop off children. The YR and Y1 classrooms in particular should not be accessed from the driveway.

Y6 Parents - applications for school places for Y7

The application period for Year 7 secondary admissions for September 2017 is now open. Parents can apply online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions and information has been distributed to parents of Year 6 children about this.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2016.

Please find below too, links to the secondary admissions leaflet and secondary admissions booklet which contains all secondary school admission policies for 2017-18, as well as further details about the admissions process as a whole, including address changes, how applications are considered, home to school transport and the appeals process.

http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/Secondary_Admissions_Leaflet.pdf

http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/Secondary_Admissions_Brochure.pdf

Hairstyles/Coats

Please note that our policy on hairstyles is that long hair should be tied back (girls and boys) and that extreme hairstyles are not permitted. This includes very short/shaved razor cut hair, either all over or at the sides and any hair with lines and patterns cut into it. From Monday adults in school will be reminding all children to tie their hair back and will be asking them to go to the office for a hair tie if necessary. The fashion at the moment is for one side of the head shaved and the other long. This hairstyle is not acceptable for school. Children should have an appropriate school coat. Please make sure this is not a leather jacket.

Healthy Snacks

Please remember that we have a healthy snack policy and that children should not be eating chocolate biscuits or crisps at break time. Plain biscuits or a piece of fruit are ideal. Please make sure your child has a snack if you wish them to have something to eat as many children are going to their lunch box and taking some of their packed lunch outside which is leaving them with little to eat at lunchtime.

Online Safety

The two policemen John and John are delivering an online safety talk for parents at Great Easton school on Tuesday 27th September between 6 and 8pm. If you have not heard them speak it is really worthwhile. The school is providing a crèche. Please complete the sign-up sheet at the bottom of the letter if you would like places.

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths

I would like _____ places at the online safety session at Great Easton school on Tuesday 27th September from 6pm to 8pm.

I would need _____ place/s at the crèche.

Signed _____