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Dear Parents,

Mobile Phones

If you have a child in either year 5 or 6 who walks to school on their own and you wish them to have a mobile phone on them for safety reasons, please fill in a form from the office. If your child is being collected from school there is no reason for them to bring a phone with them. We would not expect children younger than years 5/6 to be walking to school on their own and therefore would not need to bring a phone with them. All phones must be switched off and handed in to the class teacher at the beginning of the day.

Crossroads Club

Crossroads Club is run by Dunmow Baptist Church for 4-11 year olds. It is held on Mondays after school and members of the church team (all DBS checked) collect the children from school and walk them to the chapel in Angel Lane. The children enjoy refreshments, games, Bible stories and arts and crafts. The club finishes at 4.45pm, when you will need to collect your child from the chapel.

We currently have a small number of spaces so book soon to avoid disappointment. For more details or to book a place please phone Heidi Knight on 01371 878018. The Club will begin this Monday, 19th September.

Playground Equipment, Scooters and Bikes

Please support us by making sure that your school age children and their younger siblings are not using the play equipment before school and that all bikes and scooters are wheeled once you are in the school playgrounds.

PTA News

We still need volunteers for Bouncy Fun on the 28th September. Please contact Sarah McCarthy on 07984258982 / sarahmccy@hotmail.co.uk if you can help supervise a bouncy castle for half an hour. Your help is much appreciated!

The annual PTA AGM is on Tuesday 20th September at 7pm in the staff room. Please do come along if you would like to understand more about what the PTA do, and would like to join or help out.

International Day

On Friday 23rd September, we will be celebrating International Day. Each class will be split so that they have the opportunity to work with different age children. They will then move around the school and experience some of the activities on offer. The teachers and learning support assistants plan activities involving different languages, food from different countries, dances, games etc. and it is a really enjoyable and rich learning experience. Year R will not be moving around the school but their teachers will be talking to them in class about it. Particular thanks go to Mrs Dodd who arranges and co-ordinates the whole day. Please note that the lunch will be as stated on the menu for 23/9.

Picking up YR children

Please make sure that you are not walking down the school drive when collecting your YR children. We want to make sure that parents and children are safe and not walking through the car park on the drive where cars are not expecting to see pedestrians. The route to these classrooms is round the back of the school past the play equipment.

Parking

Once again, may we please ask that you do not stop, even to pick up or drop off, on the yellow lines or zig zags at the front of school.

Speaking to teachers

If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please come to the school office and sign in. The office staff will then find the relevant person for you. The exception to this is our drop in session after school on a Wednesday when you are welcome to go straight into the classroom to look at work or speak to the teacher.

School Targets

These are this year's school targets which we will be focusing on as a school. Awards will be given out in assembly on Mondays to children who have achieved success in one of these areas;

- I am getting better at Speedy maths
- I always push myself to do the best I can
- I show respect
- I am challenging myself to learn new words

This week we would like to congratulate the following children;

For getting better at Speedy maths: Maxi Smith 6BH, Joel Baxter 5TH

For pushing themselves to do the best they can: Angelica Oracion 4KE/RK, Leon Maguire-Pike 3AM/NR, Archie Frew 2LH, Lily Gaunt 2NT, Ella Hawkins 3LW

For showing respect: Rebecca Haywood 5LO, Emilka Turek, 4RB, Bella Reyburn 1BR, William Muscroft 1SH

For challenging themselves to learn new words: Lizzie Lear 6JM

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 10.45 am 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

Yours sincerely,

Clare Griffiths