

## Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Dear Parents,

### Class Assemblies

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 10.45am	5LO	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2.45pm	1BR
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 10.45am	4KE/RK	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2.45pm	1SH
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March at 10.45am	3AM/NR		
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March at 10.45am	6JM		

### Essex Highways Update – New Law on Child Car Seats

On Wednesday 1 March 2017 the new laws concerning car child seats will be in force. Therefore, the Safer Essex Roads Partnership is holding a road safety awareness day which includes free child seat checking. The event will be in Chelmsford on Wednesday 8 March 2017, by the Good Egg Guide, in the Asda car park, CM2 6RE. Parents can arrive any time between 11am and 4pm to have their child seats checked and get advice about the new laws. Statistics show that 75% of child car seats are fitted incorrectly, so this service is being offered free to the community on this day. For further information, please contact David Raven, Road Safety Technician on [david.raven@essexhighways.org](mailto:david.raven@essexhighways.org). Alternatively, visit the [Safer Essex Roads Partnership](#) website.

### Swimming Sessions

We are really pleased to confirm that our swimming sessions will start again after Easter for all year groups. As many of you are aware the school is in a fortunate position of being able to offer an enhanced programme of swimming provision due to having our own pool on site.

The swimming sessions for each year group run for 6 weeks with children receiving two lessons per week. We are delighted that Nicole Clarkson our experienced and qualified swimming instructor is joining us once again as she already knows many of the children well and is able to assist them in making real progress through these lessons.

**Years 1,3,4 and 5 will swim after Easter.** Timetable will follow.

Children will of course need a swimming costume (for girls this needs to be a one piece and for boys fitted swimming trunks), a towel and a hat must be worn for hygiene reasons. Hats can be purchased from the school office for £2.50 . Please note that earrings have to be taken out for swimming lessons so any recently pierced ears will preclude your child from lessons.

As you are aware swimming is heavily subsidised by the school and the parental contribution is key to our ability to provide this opportunity which is so popular with our children. We have really appreciated the strong support shown by parents in recent years and would ask that you continue to demonstrate this by paying the contribution for your child/ren this year as soon as possible.

Please see the reply slip below.

### School Photos

On Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March the photographer from Tempest will be in school. The children will have individual photos taken and also photos with their siblings. Please make sure that children have their correct uniform on this day.

### Parent Consultations

*Please see the separate letter which has been sent out alongside this newsletter.*

### DSM Book Day

The countdown is on. Preparations are underway. DSM book day is approaching fast. What you need to know. **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March** we are inviting children to dress up as their favourite book character and bring in their favourite book. Any donations towards Book Aid International are gratefully received. On the same day we have a **Travelling Book Fair** at school where children can spend their World Book Day vouchers. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March **Ali Sparks the author** is visiting the school to share her love of writing and reading with the children. Children can get her books signed on the day and the book fair will be well stocked with her titles.

Please follow this link for great costume ideas <https://blog.oxfordowl.co.uk/world-book-day-costume-ideas/> and this link for the range of books available at the book fair. [www.travellingbooks.co.uk](http://www.travellingbooks.co.uk)

More detailed information will follow from Mrs Wood next week.

### DSM - Before and After School Club

We are delighted that Olivers Lodge have taken over the running of our before and after school club from February half-term. A well established company they provide childcare of the highest standard in numerous settings within Essex . They offer parents peace of mind that their children are being cared for in a safe and fun environment.

Anybody interested in finding out more details should contact Hannah on 01799540709 or via the email [hannah@olivers-lodge.co.uk](mailto:hannah@olivers-lodge.co.uk).

### Pyjama Day

We are so proud of all our children for raising an incredible **£446.30** in support of the Cancer Research UK - Children and Teens and Children with Cancer UK. Through Pupil Voice the children have spent time thinking about what charities they would like to raise money for this year and how they would like to do this. By far the most popular event was a pyjama day and it was wonderful to see all the children fully engage with this. Well done too to the Year 6 children who organised and baked for an enormously successful cake day. We are really excited to see what events the children decide to run next.

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths

**Swimming Y1,3,4 and 5**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Swimming lessons starting week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> AprilI enclose £18 towards the cost of the 12 lessons I am unable to contribute £18 towards the cost of the lessons 

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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**Dear Parents**

## **Parent/Teacher Consultations**

In order to give parents and teachers an opportunity to meet to discuss children's work and progress we shall soon be holding parent consultations. The teachers will be holding ten minute consultations on;  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March between 3.30 and 6.30 pm and Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March between 5.30 and 8.30 pm**

Please return the attached form to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher. Some of the children are taught in groups, either on a daily or weekly basis. Progress in these groups should be discussed with your child's class teacher. **Please fill out one form for each child.**

## **Groups and sets**

For maths groups and sets where children are taught by class teachers other than their own teacher, we have ensured that your child's class teacher has the information you need about your child's progress within the group.

The children's work will be outside the classrooms so please allow time before or after the appointment to look through the books if you wish to do so.

**Please return the form by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March and fill out separate slips for each child. Appointments will be sent home on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.** Please choose either a late or an early appointment on the Monday or the Wednesday and we will then allocate you a specific time.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Griffiths

**Parent Consultations – Spring term 2017**

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Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

I/We should like to make an appointment to speak to my/our child's teacher on;

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March between 3.30 and 6.30 pm**

Early/Late

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March between 5.30 and 8.30pm**

Early/Late

(Please delete where applicable or leave blank if you have no preference)

I/We also have a child/children in \_\_\_\_\_ class

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ parent/carer

\_\_\_\_\_

**Please leave this section blank for the teacher to fill in and return.**

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Time of appointment \_\_\_\_\_

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

**We look forward to seeing you**