

## Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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July 7<sup>th</sup> 2017

Dear Parents,

### Staffing for 2017/18

We have some staff changes to tell you about.

Mrs Manley is taking early retirement and Mrs King and Mrs Evans will no longer be doing their class based roles but will still be in school often on a supply basis. Mr Jones will still be in school but won't be teaching class music.

Mrs Hague has a post in a new school which is a promotion, Mrs Furze and Miss Mangham are going on maternity leave and Miss Brown is going travelling. Mrs Golding will be leaving to take a different career path. We wish them all the best for the coming year.

If any parents would like to contribute to leaving collections for any of the above people, please send contributions into the office in a named envelope.

We are very pleased to report that we will be fully staffed for September, despite the current teacher recruitment issues which you may have heard about in the news. We have recruited a new Assistant Headteacher - Mr Chris Jarvis as Mr Harris decided he wanted to focus on his passion for being in the classroom and working with the children. Mr Jarvis will teach part time alongside Mrs Ann Clausen who you may remember as she worked in Y4 last year.

Miss Sarah James and Miss Natalie Dews will also start in September as will Mrs Donna Anderson who will be teaching PE and organizing sporting events and competitions.

### Classes for Sept 2017

YR

Mrs Burton and Miss Dews

Y1

Miss Birchall

Miss Hancock

Y2

Mrs Thapa (Miss Roger's class)

Miss Rogers (Miss Hancock's class)

Y3

Miss Wilson (Mrs Hague's class)

Miss James (Mrs Thapa's class)

Y4

Mr Jarvis and Mrs Clausen (Miss Wilson's class)

Miss Bussell (Miss Mangham and Mrs Roger's class)

Y5

Miss Oggelsby (Mrs Evans and Mrs King's class)

Mrs Rogers (Miss Bussell's class)

Y6

Mr Harris (Mr Heath's class)

Mr Heath (Miss Oggelsby's class)

**All of the new teachers will be present at the open evening on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July.**

The children will have a session meeting their new teachers next Friday morning.

### **Report Feedback afternoon**

Reports are being sent home today. If you have anything you wish to discuss about your child's report please come to the report feedback afternoon on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July. The teachers will be in their classrooms from 3.30 until 5.00pm. Alternatively, you may wish to fill in the report feedback form at the bottom of this letter.

### **Open evening**

Open evening is next Thursday from 6.00 to 8.00pm. Please come if you wish to see the work your child has done this year and to meet your child's next teacher. Staff new to school will also be here. We will be stopping promptly at 8.00 so please allow enough time to look round if you come later on in the evening. Governors will be available in the school hall if you wish to speak to a governor.

### **Children's Safety**

There has been a reported incident in Dunmow of children being approached by a person in a white van asking inappropriate questions. Please remind your children not to go up to vehicles and speak to people.

### **Clubs**

Please note there will be no Bug Club next Tuesday due to a staff meeting. There will be no Clubs on Thursday due to Open Evening. The last day for all clubs is next Friday 14<sup>th</sup>. There are no clubs during the last week of term.

### **Leavers' Service**

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July Y3-6 will be attending a leavers' service at St Mary's Church. As always, parents are welcome to attend. The service will start when we are all safely there which should be around 9.40am.

### **YR Catch-up Swimming Session**

There will be a catch-up session for YR next Friday afternoon, 14<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Crazy Hair Day**

Our Pupil Voice have decided that they would like to hold one more charity fundraising day before the end of term. So on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> we are holding a Crazy Hair Day in aid of their two chosen charities; Dogs Trust and Solving Kids' Cancer who are running an appeal on behalf of Jacob Jones, a 4 year old living in Braintree. Children will need to wear school uniform but can wear their hair in any style they choose. Please note that Year 6 and will not be able to apply hair dye until after their morning swimming session. Year R will not be able to wear hair dye as they have swimming in the afternoon. We are suggesting a donation of £1 per pupil, however, it is of course entirely discretionary. I am attaching the letter we received from Solving Kids' Cancer in case it is of further interest. We are really proud of our children who are always driven to help others in positions less fortunate than themselves.

### **Y6 Show**

The Y6 are performing their end of year show on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm. Each family will be allocated 2 tickets for the Tuesday and 2 tickets for the Wednesday. These will be given out next week. If you do not need any of these tickets please return them to the school office so people can ask for spares.

**Dates for your diary – also available on the school website**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July Report Feedback evening 3.30 – 5.00pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July Open Evening 6.00 – 8.00pm

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July Leavers' Service in Church Y3 – 6

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2pm Y6 End of Year Show

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 7pm Y6 End of Year Show

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July Y6 Leavers' BBQ and disco 5 – 7pm

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths



**Dunmow St Mary's**

**Report Feedback Form**

**I wish to make the following comments about my child's report/progress this year.**

**Name of child:**

**Class:**

**Comments:**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_