

## Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents,

### School Target Awards

*For getting better at Speedy maths:* Alice Rogers 4RB, Jack Lattimore 4KE/RK, Abigail Gypps 3AM/NR, Mac Herd 2NT, Andre Madeira 1BR

*For pushing themselves to do the best they can:* Hannah Bepey 6JM, Lizzie Watson 6BH, Logan Axsel 5TH, Lewis Barnett 2LH

*For showing respect:* Matthew Sweet 5LO, Charlotte Plummer 1SH, George Nevill RLB

*For challenging themselves to learn new words:* Aiden Cooper 3LW

### Class Assemblies

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.

16<sup>th</sup> November 10.45am 3LW

17<sup>th</sup> November 2.45pm 1SH

23<sup>rd</sup> November 10.45am 6BH

30<sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am 5LO

7<sup>th</sup> December at 10.45am 4KE/RK

### Clubs next week

Clubs are cancelled on Monday due to parents evening (Basketball and Gym/Cheerleading). However, Sports Extra Football club will run as normal.

### PE Kit

Please make sure that your child has a pair of socks as part of their PE kit. This is especially important for girls who wear tights to school. Please send in a warm tracksuit for outdoor PE.

### Headlice

Headlice in School is an ongoing problem. Please be vigilant in checking your child's hair regularly and treat if necessary. Please ensure that long hair is always tied back. There is a factsheet available at the school office.

### 11+

We will be holding a meeting early in the spring term to inform parents and children about the 11+ exam that parents can enter their children for if they wish them to be considered for selective grammar schools. This meeting will be appropriate for parents in Y4 and Y5 who are considering this option or who would just like more information. The meeting will be on the 10<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm in the school hall. There is no need to let us know if you will be attending.

**Lost Property**

We have quite a lot of lost property again. Named items are always returned to children but if your child has lost anything and it is not named please do come and have a look through lost property which is by the school office.

**Mobile Phones**

Some of our older children bring phones to school if they walk on their own and their parents want to know when they have arrived safely. They know that these phones have to be turned off as soon as they come onto school premises. Please support us by not letting your children play on your phones before school in the morning as it hard for the children if they are not allowed their phones but they see others with them.

**Emergency School Closures**

If school needs to close due to bad weather the local radio stations will no longer be broadcasting school closures. Instead, lists of schools that are closed will be on the Essex website

<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

Closure notices will also be on our school website and parents will be informed by email or text.

**School Admissions**

Parents of children born during the period 1 September 2011 to 31 August 2012 can apply for primary school places between 9 November 2015 and 15 January 2016. Apply online at

[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

**Important dates for this half term**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November Parent Consultations 3.30 – 6.30

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November Parent Consultations 5.30 – 8.30

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December PTA Christmas Bazaar 3.30 – 5.30pm

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 YR/1/2 Christmas Performance

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2.00 YR/1/2 Christmas Performance

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 YR/1/2 Christmas Performance

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.45 Carol Concert at St Mary's Church

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Dinner

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7.00 Y3,4,5 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 and 7.00 Y3,4,5 Christmas Performance

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths