

## Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents

### School Awards

This week the teachers gave awards to children who they had noticed were trying exceptionally hard in their work. These are the children who received awards in the assembly on Monday:

Alfie Hall 1SH, Olivia Adams 1LB, Sienna White 2NT, Elliott Rounce 2BR, Dylan Stuart 3LW, Samuel Wilson 3SJ, Issie Rogers 4CJ/AC, Leon Maguire-Pike 4RB, Lexie Cole 5NR, Elliot Willis 5LO, Ellis Joy 6BH, Melissa Caine 6TH

### Clubs

**Please note there will be no clubs on Tuesday after school due to the PTA Bouncy Fun event**

### Parent/Teacher Consultations

Due to unavoidable circumstances, Mrs Rogers (Y5) will not be available on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. She will be available, however, on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October if parents in 5NR require an appointment straight after school. Those parents who have requested a time slot for the Monday afternoon will be booked in on Monday 9<sup>th</sup>. If this is not convenient and you would like to book an alternative appointment for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October between 5.30pm and 8.30pm please contact the office by no later than Tuesday (26<sup>th</sup>).

All other appointment requests should have been handed in to the office by today. Appointment times will be sent out next week.

### Poetry competition

Next Thursday (28<sup>th</sup>) is National Poetry Day. Mr Harris is encouraging children to write a poem at home with three being chosen to win a prize. Others may be read out in assembly. Attached to this newsletter you will find a two letters (one for infants and one for juniors) as well as the frame the poem can be written in. Good luck!

### Mobile Phones

Please remember that only children in Y5 and Y6 who walk home on their own should have a mobile phone in school. If your child brings a mobile phone into school we do require a permission slip to be signed. These are available on the school website at <http://www.dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk/mobile-phone-permission-letter/>. No phone, even if it is turned off, should be kept in a school bag or pocket. All phones must be handed to the class teacher at the start of the day. Any child found in possession of a phone during the school day will have this confiscated until a parent comes to collect it.

### Class Assemblies

These start again on 27<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like to come to your child's assembly please come to school at 10.40am or 2.45pm and sign in at the school office. The assembly will last 15 minutes.

Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> September 10.45am	6BH		
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 10.45am	5LO		
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 10.45am	4RB	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October at 2.55pm	2NT
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 10.45am	3LW	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October 2.55pm	2BR
<i>Half term</i>			
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November at 10.45am	6TH	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2.55pm	1LB
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 10.45am	5NR	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2.55pm	1SH
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 10.45am	4CJ/AC		
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November 10.45am	3SJ		

Please note the slightly altered time of the Y1 and Y2 assemblies. This is so you can take your child home immediately after the assemblies.

### Uniform

It is really lovely to see the children looking so smart. Please remember that all polo shirts and cardigans/jumpers/sweatshirts should now have a logo. Old uniform can still be worn whilst it is being outgrown, but once it is replaced, it should conform to the uniform policy.

### Dogs by school gates

If you bring your dogs to school please make sure they are tied up well away from the gate so they are not in the way of parents and children as they walk out through the gates.

### Air Ambulance

Last Friday the school was a sea of red and gold as we raised awareness and money Essex and Herts Air Ambulance. We were delighted to be able to hand over £332 to representatives from the Air Ambulance who visited the school on Thursday to talk to the children about the invaluable work they do. Thank you for donating your money to this worthy cause.

### PTA

It was great to see some new reception parents at the coffee morning on Wednesday. We hope you enjoyed it and a huge thanks to those who signed up to help at future events.

Bouncy Fun will take place on Tuesday (26<sup>th</sup>), weather permitting, from 3.30pm until 5.30pm on the school field. There will be an array of different inflatables for the children to enjoy and the cafe will be open for refreshments. Wristbands for the event are £6 per child. We still need volunteers to help us run the event. If you can give up half an hour to supervise an inflatable, please contact Sarah McCarthy on 07984258982 or [dunmowstmarysprimarypta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dunmowstmarysprimarypta@hotmail.co.uk).

### Parents' Coffee and Chat

The team at St Mary's Church are offering a coffee morning for parents at school on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Griffiths