

## Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents

### School Awards

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

Mia Clayton 1SH, Lennon Roberts 1LB, Isla Short 2NT, Esme Hockley 2BR, Joe Williams 3LW, Ethan Trevillian 3SJ, Joseph Thompson 4CJ/AC, Lola Gibson 4RB, Cecily Vanderpere-Brown 5NR, Amber Tubb 5NR, Bella Ghosh 5LO, Izzy-Mae Murnane 6BH, Alfie Field 6BH, Daniel Thompson 6TH

### Harvest Service in St Mary's Church

On Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> October) Y1 – 6 will be going to the church to attend a Harvest Service. Parents are very welcome to come along, although please note that we are taking 12 classes so seating will be limited. We will start as soon as all the children are in church and I anticipate that this will be by 9.45am.

### Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are next Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> October) from 3.30pm – 6.30pm (with the exception of 5NR) and next Wednesday (4<sup>th</sup> October) from 5.30pm – 8.30pm. We are not putting the children's books out on this occasion but the teachers will have copies of the Maths and English Key Performance Indicators (the main skills the children have to master) for your child's year group and also suggestions of how you can support your child best at home. We will make every effort possible to keep to time and please support this by arriving on time for your appointment. Governors will be on site if any parents wish to discuss anything with them and I will also be available throughout both evenings.

The appointment times have been sent home today with the children. There are some time slots still available if you have not yet booked. Please contact the office to arrange a suitable time.

### Clubs

Choir will be cancelled on Monday due to parent consultations. However patchwork club and football will go ahead as normal. Clubs on Wednesday will continue as planned.

### National Poetry Day

Congratulations to all the children who entered our competition. We had a wonderful range of funny, thought provoking and insightful poems linked to the theme of Freedom. We really do have some talented children here. All the poems will be on display for parents to view outside the library. A special well done to Sadie France, Miley Coulter and Zavier Glynn who were awarded first, second and third prize. The winning poems are attached.

### Water Bottles

It is really helpful if older children (Y3 – 6) can bring a bottle of water to school so they don't have to leave the classroom to have a drink. Please remember that this should be water and not squash.

### Mobile Phones

Children who walk home alone are welcome to have a phone in school, as long as we have a permission slip from parents and they are handed into the class teacher at the beginning of the day. Children who are not

walking home, who do not have permission slips or who have phones in their bags will have to hand their phones in and we will ask an adult to come and collect the phone.

**Message for Y5 Parents**

The Year 5s have been embracing Indian culture and traditions over the last few weeks and would love to invite you in to share the wonderful, colourful country: India.

You are welcome to join us on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 2.15pm, where you will be transported via music, art and dance to a wonderful world of Hindu culture. Please sign in at the office by 2.15pm.

**Readers required**

We are so grateful to our volunteers who give up their time to listen to our children read on a weekly basis. We still have a few classes without a parent reader so if you are able to spare an hour a week over this academic year then please contact the office.

**Dressing up and cars**

Our Pastoral Care Team would like any dressing up clothes that you no longer use as our younger children really do enjoy playing with them. We also have two car mats but not very many cars to play with so if you have any small vehicles that are no longer used at home the school would make really good use of them.

**Class Assembly**

A reminder for Miss Oggleby's class that their class assembly is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>. Please arrive at 10.40am.

**Open Day**

Helena Romanes have an open morning on Saturday 30 September from 9.30am-1.00pm. Please visit <https://www.helena-romanes.essex.sch.uk/> for more information.

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths