

Dunmow St Mary's Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to the Autumn term. It has been lovely to see the children settle so quickly into their new classes and immediately begin to work hard. The new reception children have enjoyed their half days and are quickly becoming members of our whole school community. Please remember that we have an open door policy and if you have any questions or concerns you can speak to your child's teacher, to the school office or to a member of the leadership team either in person, by phone or by e-mail.

Clubs

Clubs start on Monday. If your child is attending Multi-skills or Football they will need to bring in the money for the half term. This will need to be given directly to Michael Richardson or handed into the school office.

PE Competitions

We would like to invite parents who are interested in discussing school sports teams, competitions and how teams are selected to meet our new PE teacher (Mrs Donna Anderson) next Wednesday 13th at 2.30pm. This will be an opportunity for you to give your views as she starts to formulate new policies and practices. If you would like to come please return the slip below to school.

Contacting the Chair of Governors

If you wish to contact the Chair of the Board of Governors (Mrs Jane Eacott) please use one of the following options:

By e-mail: chair@dsmprimary.essex.sch.uk
 By phone: via the school office who will pass your request on and you will be called back
 By post: to the school office labelled Chair of Governors c/o Clerk to the Governors

Charity fundraising event

Next Friday, 15th September, we are inviting the children (years 1 to 5) to participate in a non-uniform fundraising day in aid of Essex Air Ambulance. The children will be asked to wear red or gold and bring in a donation to show their support for this local worthy cause.

Class Assemblies

These start again on 27th September. 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.

Wednesday 27 th September 10.45am	6BH		
Wednesday 4 th October 10.45am	5LO		
Wednesday 11 th October 10.45am	4RB	Thursday 12 th October at 2.50pm	2NT
Wednesday 18 th October 10.45am	3LW	Thursday 19 th October 2.50pm	2BR
<i>Half term</i>			
Wednesday 8 th November at 10.45am	6TH	Thursday 9 th November 2.45pm	1BI
Wednesday 15 th November 10.45am	5NR	Thursday 16 th November 2.45pm	1SH
Wednesday 22 nd November 10.45am	4CI/AC		
Wednesday 29 th November 10.45am	3SJ		

PE Kit

Please make sure that your child has a PE kit in school as we do not have enough spare kit to lend everyone.

Parking

For any new parents to the school, please make sure that you do not park, or drop off children on the yellow lines outside school. This is for the safety of our children. All parents are reminded that the school is situated within a residential area and parked vehicles should not impede access to residents' homes or cause an obstruction on the busy roads.

Y6 Parents - applications for school places for Y7

The application period for Year 7 secondary admissions for September 2018 is now open. Parents can apply online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2017.

Please find below too, links to the secondary admissions leaflet and secondary admissions booklet which contains all secondary school admission policies for 2018-19, as well as further details about the admissions process as a whole, including address changes, how applications are considered, home to school transport and the appeals process.

http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/Secondary_Admissions_Leaflet.pdf

http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Admissions/Documents/Secondary_Admissions_Brochure.pdf

Hairstyles/Coats

Please note that our policy on hairstyles is that long hair should be tied back (girls and boys) and that extreme hairstyles are not permitted. This includes very short/shaved razor cut hair, either all over or at the sides and any hair with lines and patterns cut into it. From Monday adults in school will be reminding all children to tie their hair back and will be asking them to go to the office for a hair tie if necessary. The fashion at the moment is for one side of the head shaved and the other long. This hairstyle is not acceptable for school.

Children should have an appropriate school coat. Please make sure this is not a leather jacket.

Healthy Snacks

Please remember that we have a healthy snack policy and that children should not be eating chocolate biscuits or crisps at break time. Plain biscuits or a piece of fruit are ideal. Please make sure your child has a snack if you wish them to have something to eat as many children are going to their lunch box and taking some of their packed lunch outside which is leaving them with little to eat at lunchtime.

Menu

By popular demand there will be an additional option on the menu from Monday of a jacket potato with either tuna, cheese or ham. Mrs Tyrell looks forward to serving the children with either of the options.

Uniform

Thank you to parents for purchasing the new uniform. The children look smart and there is a real sense of unity in school. We understand, of course, that some older uniform is still being worn but look forward to seeing everyone in the new items in due course.

Job vacancy

The school has a vacancy for a part-time Midday Assistant. Application packs are available from the school office. Please see attached for more information.

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths

PE Meeting - Wednesday 13th September - 2 30 pm

I would like to attend the PE meeting next Wednesday at 2.30pm

Name _____

Year group/s of child/ren _____

Signed _____