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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:

Freya Wilson 6TH, Abby Wilson 6BH, Finn Newman 5LO, Ella Jackson 5NR, Harry Scarfe 4RB, Angus Whelan 4CJ/AC, Lilya Pinkham 3SJ, Isabelle Horrix-O'Brien 3LW, Ruby Pham 2BR, Jayden Payne-Monroe 2NT, Edward Bourke 1LB, Violet Millar 1LB, Ruby Turner 1SH

Online Safety

Please find attached to this newsletter an update on online safety and the latest apps to watch out for.

Class Assemblies

Please note that there has been a change to two of the class assemblies – 5NR will now be on Wednesday 8th November at 10.45am and 6TH's assembly will take place on Wednesday 15th November at 10.45am.

Clubs

There will be no KS2 clubs next Thursday due to the disco.

Disco Y3-6

On Thursday 19th October there is a disco for Y3-6 children in school from 6.00pm – 7.30pm.

The children should be dropped off at 6.00pm and parents are asked to come into the school hall to collect the children at **7.30pm**. The price of the disco is £3 payable **on the night**. A selection of flashing jewellery is available to buy all at £1 each and drinks and crisps are also on sale (50p for a drink and a packet of crisps). All Y3 – 6 children are welcome. Please remind children that no mobile phones should be brought into school.

Dinner money

You are reminded that all school dinners should be paid for in advance and all account arrears must be cleared by half term. Should your account be more than £20 in debt the provision of a school meal may be withdrawn. Where possible please pay using Scopay (<https://www.scopay.com/login.html>). If you wish to pay for dinners for the next half term this amounts to £72 per child (excluding Christmas dinner).

Library

The library will be running a second hand book sale every lunchtime next week. There is a large selection of books for all ages including Classics and Picture books. The books will be 20p each or 6 for a £1. All monies should be in a named purse or envelope please with no more than £2 in total. All money raised goes to help buy resources for our wonderful library.

11+ Club – Y5

Mrs Wood will be running a free taster 11+ session next Wednesday (18th October) from 3.15pm – 4.15pm for any parents of Year 5 children who are considering signing their children up for 11+ club. This will be in Mr Jarvis/Mrs Clausen's classroom. Please sign up on the slip below. Then, if you decide you would like your child to attend, the sessions will start after half term.

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder that next Thursday (19th October) the flu vaccinations will be taking place. If you have not yet returned your form could you please send this to the Office as soon as possible?

Winter Clothes

As the weather cools down, please make sure that children have a **named** coat in school. After half term, all children will be reminded to take a coat out onto the playground with them. Please also remember that novelty hats and scarfs should not be worn, particularly the scarves that are attached to a hat and look like animal heads.

App

You will have received an e-mail this week launching our personalised school app. Please do take the time to download this as it will be the easiest and quickest way to receive information about news and events taking place in school.

Lost Property

We have a large pile of clothes in our lost property. All named clothes have been sent home this week. If you believe your child has lost an item of clothing, please do check the lost property boxes. All uniform, irrespective of where it is purchased, has an area for a name to be written on the label. Please ensure you take a moment to name ALL items of clothing that your child brings/wears to school. Any items that have not been collected by half term will be put in our clothes bank.

PTA – Quiz night

Attached is a form for the Quiz Night on Friday 10th November. Please do come along to this popular event! Forms and money needed to be handed in to the Office as soon as possible to bag your table. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah on dunmowstmarysprimarypta@hotmail.co.uk.

Secondary School Applications for September 2018 – Reminder for Year 6 Parents

As you may be aware, the statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2018) is 31st October 2017. Applications can be made online website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Catering Assistant to work in our lunch hall from 11.45am to 1.15pm Monday to Wednesday during term time. The role will pay £8.30 - £8.56 per hour depending on experience and the start date is 13th November 2017. The main duties will be supervising children and helping to set up and clear up the lunch hall. The ideal candidate will be patient, hard-working and enjoy a lively atmosphere and interacting with children on a daily basis.

Boot Camp

Scott Forbes Fitness are offering parents a free taster sessions on Thursday 19th October at 9am. The session will take place on the school field (weather permitting).

Big Draw Day

This year's Big Draw Day is on Saturday 14th October from 10am to 3pm. Children will have received a flyer this week which includes an art competition. In case you missed it, details are attached.

Please see below the events for next week.

Week commencing Monday 16th October	
Monday 1.15pm	Year 1 – Wind in the Willows river walk. Parents required to help.
Wednesday 10.45 am	Year 2 – Forest. Please provide children with warm clothes and wellies.
Wednesday 10.45am	3LW – class assembly
Thursday 2.30pm	Reception – parents are invited to join their children for a teddy bears picnic
Thursday – all day	Flu vaccinations
Thursday 2.45pm	2BR – class assembly
Thursday 6.00-7.30pm	Years 3-6 – school disco

Yours sincerely

Clare Griffiths

11+ Free taster Session Wednesday 18th October 3.15pm – 4.15pm

My Y5 child _____

Will be attending the taster session on Wednesday 16th October

Signed _____